

ONLINE CROSS-BORDER UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION SERVICES ROMD00388 – CBOL

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ABSTRACT

Online Cross-Border University Library for Equitable Access to High-Quality Educational Resources (CBOL) represents a regional digital innovation pioneering the creation of a shared academic infrastructure between Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

As the first transnational digital library platform in the region, CBOL ensures equitable access to scientific publications, educational materials, and research outputs, fostering academic cooperation, open science, and knowledge exchange across borders.

Developed through the partnership between the “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați (Romania, Lead Partner) and the “Ion Creangă” State Pedagogical University of Chișinău (Republic of Moldova), the initiative integrates advanced technologies for digitalization, secure access, metadata structuring, and open dissemination. The platform includes modern IT infrastructure, user authentication, and a multilingual interface (Romanian, English, and Russian), ensuring inclusiveness and accessibility for students, researchers, and educators.

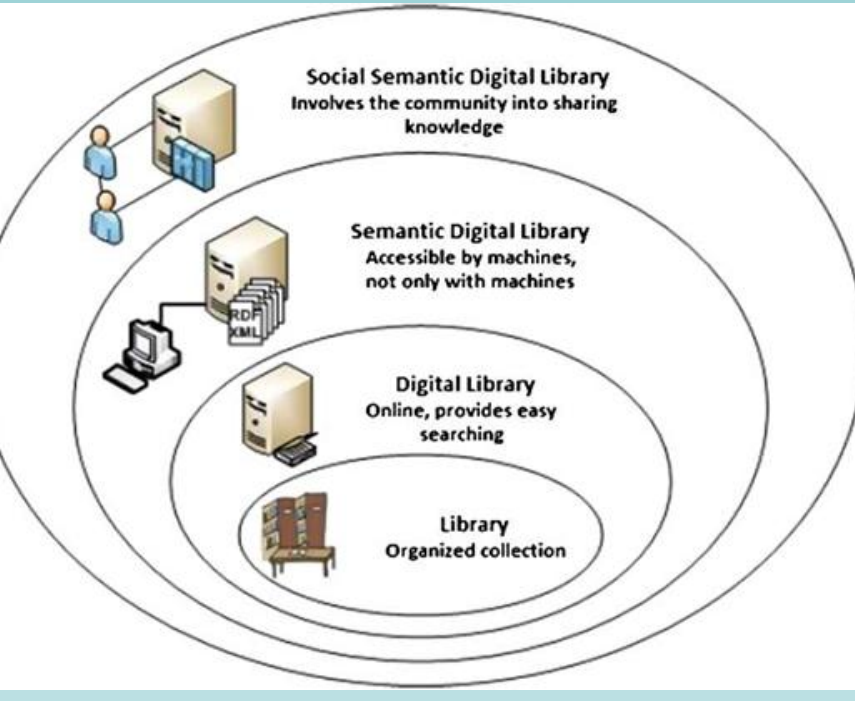
The project is funded by the European Union through the INTERREG NEXT Romania–Republic of Moldova Programme, under code ROMD 00388, with a total budget of €298,333.54 and partner co-financing of €33,148.18. By providing free and global access to academic resources, CBOL bridges the digital divide between the two countries, strengthens the cross-border educational ecosystem, and enhances the visibility of regional research within the European Higher Education Area.

This innovation demonstrates how digital transformation in higher education contributes to sustainable development, cultural connectivity, and the modernization of knowledge infrastructures.

Moreover, the CBOL model provides a replicable and scalable framework for other European cross-border regions seeking to improve the accessibility and interoperability of digital academic resources.

KEYWORDS

digital library, open access, cross-border cooperation, education, digitalization, knowledge sharing



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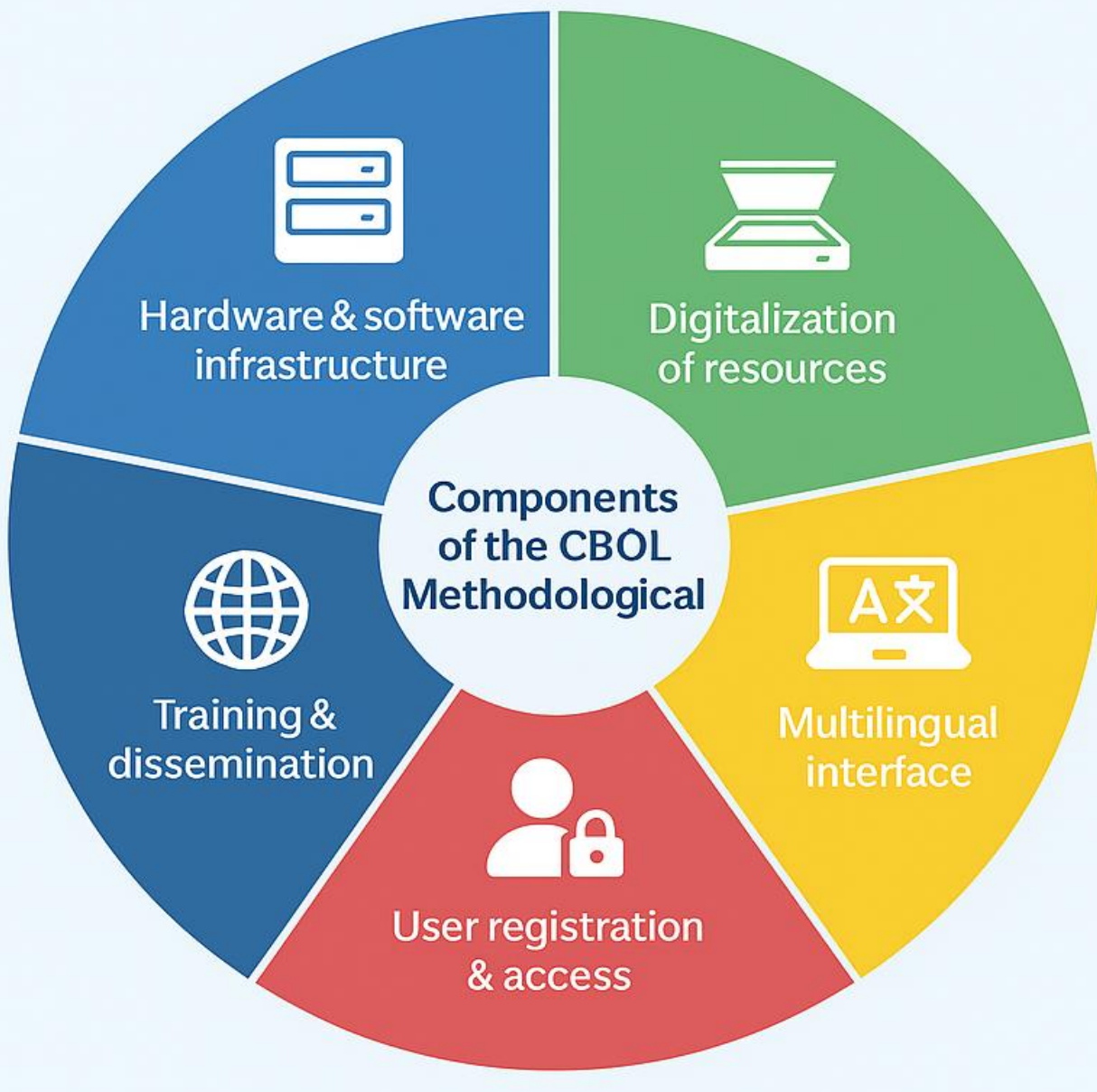
ROMD00388 – CBOL CBOL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Online Cross-Border University Library for Equitable Access to High-Quality Education Services” (ROMD 0338–CBOL)

- **CONTEXT**
First academic initiative in Romania and the Republic of Moldova for digitalization of university scientific and educational resources
- **OBJECTIVE**
To provide open and equitable access to high-quality educational materials for students, researchers, and educators
- **PARTNERS**
“Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați (Romania) and “Ion Creangă” State Pedagogical University of Chișinău (Republic of Moldova) Connected through a shared online digital library.
- **FUNDING**
Financed by the INTERREG NEXT Romania–Republic of Moldova Programme
- **IMPACT**
 - Strengthens academic cooperation
 - Supports innovation in education
 - Enhances regional scientific visibility

MATERIAL AND METHODS

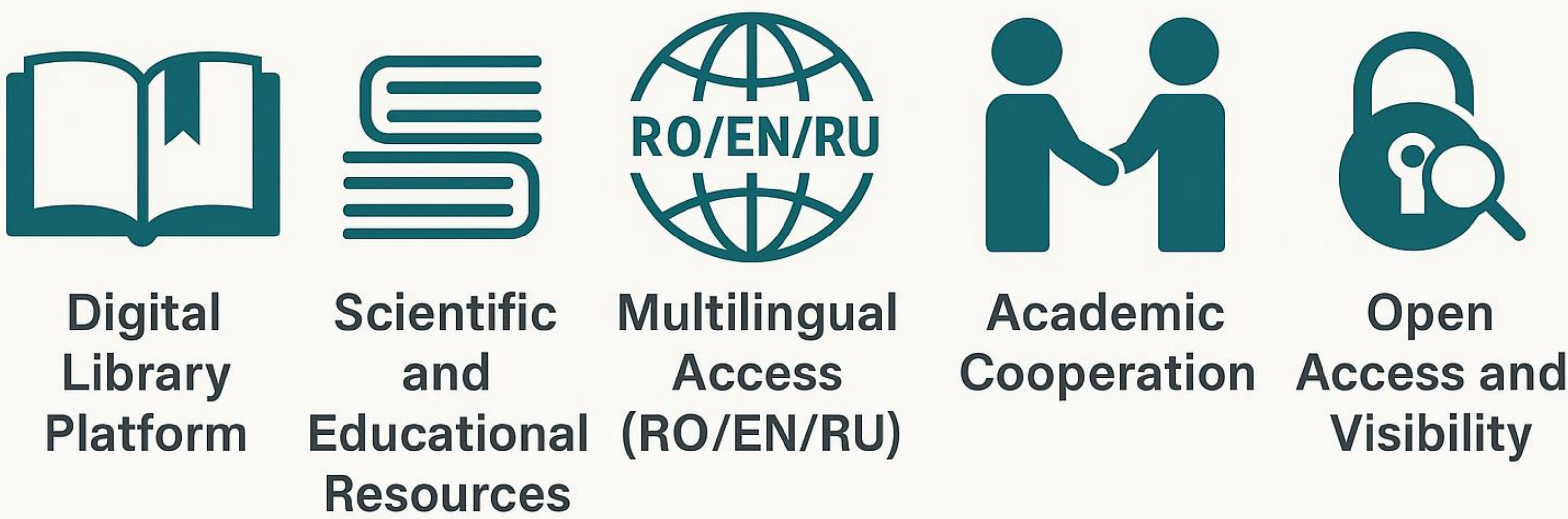
Components of the CBOL Methodological Approach



RESULTS

CONCLUSIONS

Key Results of the CBOL Project



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The CBOL project supports educational equity, innovation, and digital inclusion. It builds a sustainable model for transnational cooperation and resource sharing between academic institutions.

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CONCLUSIONS

