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✧ Missions

- Couperin gathers and analyses the information needs of its members.
- Couperin evaluates, negotiates and organizes the purchase of electronic resources for the benefit of its members.
- Couperin constructs and develops a nationwide network of expertise and interaction for the acquisition and promotion of electronic resources.
- Couperin works on improving contractual relations with publishers.
- Couperin encourages the establishment of systems for non-commercial dissemination of IST.
- Couperin contributes to national, European and international collaboration in the area of information and electronic publishing.

✧ A dynamic network of volunteers

- 240 institutions members
- 110 resources negotiated per year by 80 negotiators
- 70 scientific and technical information professionals divided in working groups

✧ A key player that

- elaborates a nationwide IST policy in a structured and concerted framework
  - Participation in working groups (BSN) conducted by the Ministry of Education and Research
- invents documents infrastructures of the future
  - ISTEX project
- builds management tools for libraries
  - MESURE project and working group on usage indicators (GTI)
- develops usage statistics tools
  - ezPAARSE project and AnalogIST network
- promotes open access to the results of publicly funded research
  - participant in European projects OpenAIRE and FOSTER, working group on open access (GTAO)
- works on favouring the emergence of ebooks offers adapted to higher education
  - working group on ebooks (CeB)
- strengthens international cooperation
  - participation in ICOLC, SELL, IFLA, LIBER, SPARC
- analyses resources content
  - electronic resources analysis working groups
- raises the awareness of librarians and policy makers on key subjects
  - conferences organisation