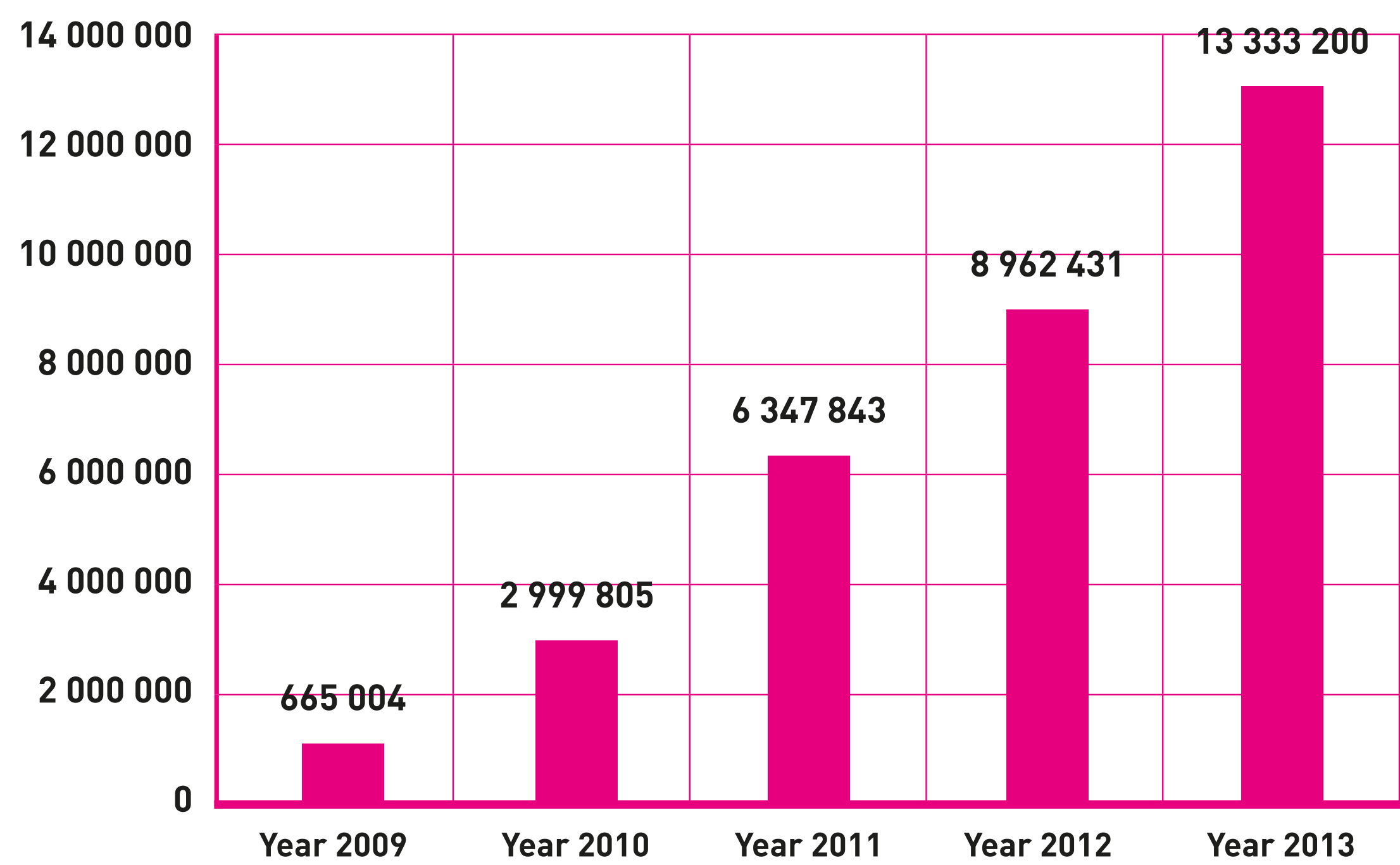


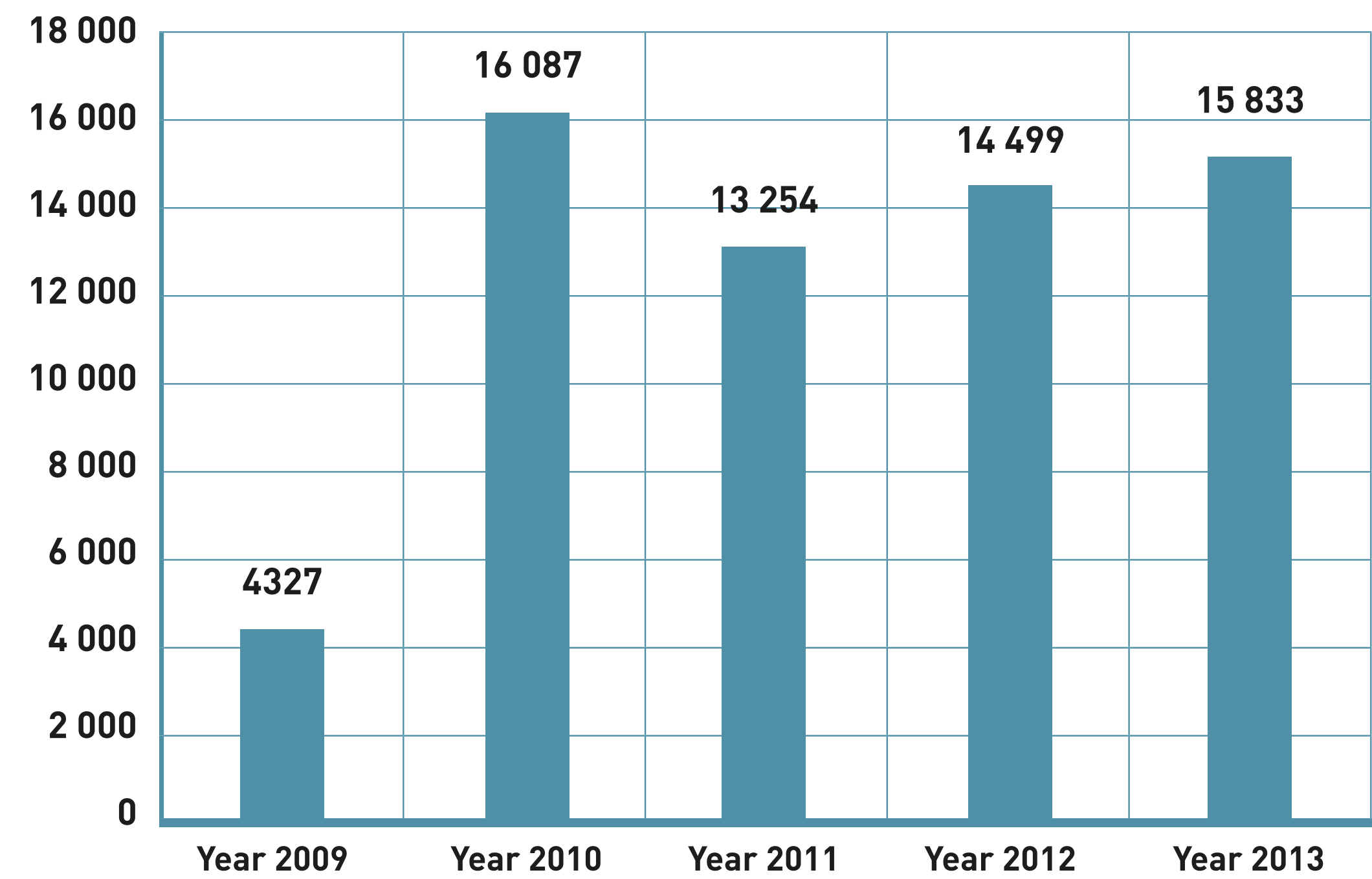
# Open Repository Theseus

## - Success Story of 24 Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences

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In 2009, Finland's 24 Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) launched an open repository for theses and research publications. A joint project of UASs to build a common repository helped us tackle both technical and copyright issues. At the moment, Theseus has over 70,000 Bachelor's and Master's theses uploaded into the repository which makes it biggest open repository in Finland on full text.

The essential goal of the project was to make a user-friendly one-stop shop for all UAS research. Soon after the introduction of the repository, the objective proved to be a success.

#### What's behind the success?

- Same policies and one user interface for all 24 UASs
- The shared will to upload theses according to same principles enables the creation of a joint repository
- Quality of process guaranteed with common instructions for self-uploading of theses and for libraries
- One sign-in system Shibboleth and an option to choose Creative Commons licenses helps to curate the user rights

- Efficiency and reduced costs created by one UAS user support and co-operation as a group with the National Library of Finland
- Google optimization increases visibility on the Internet
- Easy to search for research of all 24 UASs from one interface benefits students, lecturers, and anyone interested in Finnish UASs

#### Future developments

2014 - 2016 new upload system, streaming music and videos, promoting self-archiving of research articles.

#### Benchmarks

- 2007 Rectors' Conference of Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences, Arene ry, agreed to build a joint open repository - All UASes were obliged to upload their theses online from 2009 onwards.
- 2008 Theseus started as a national UAS Open Access project in co-operation with National Library of Finland and DSpace was chosen as an application

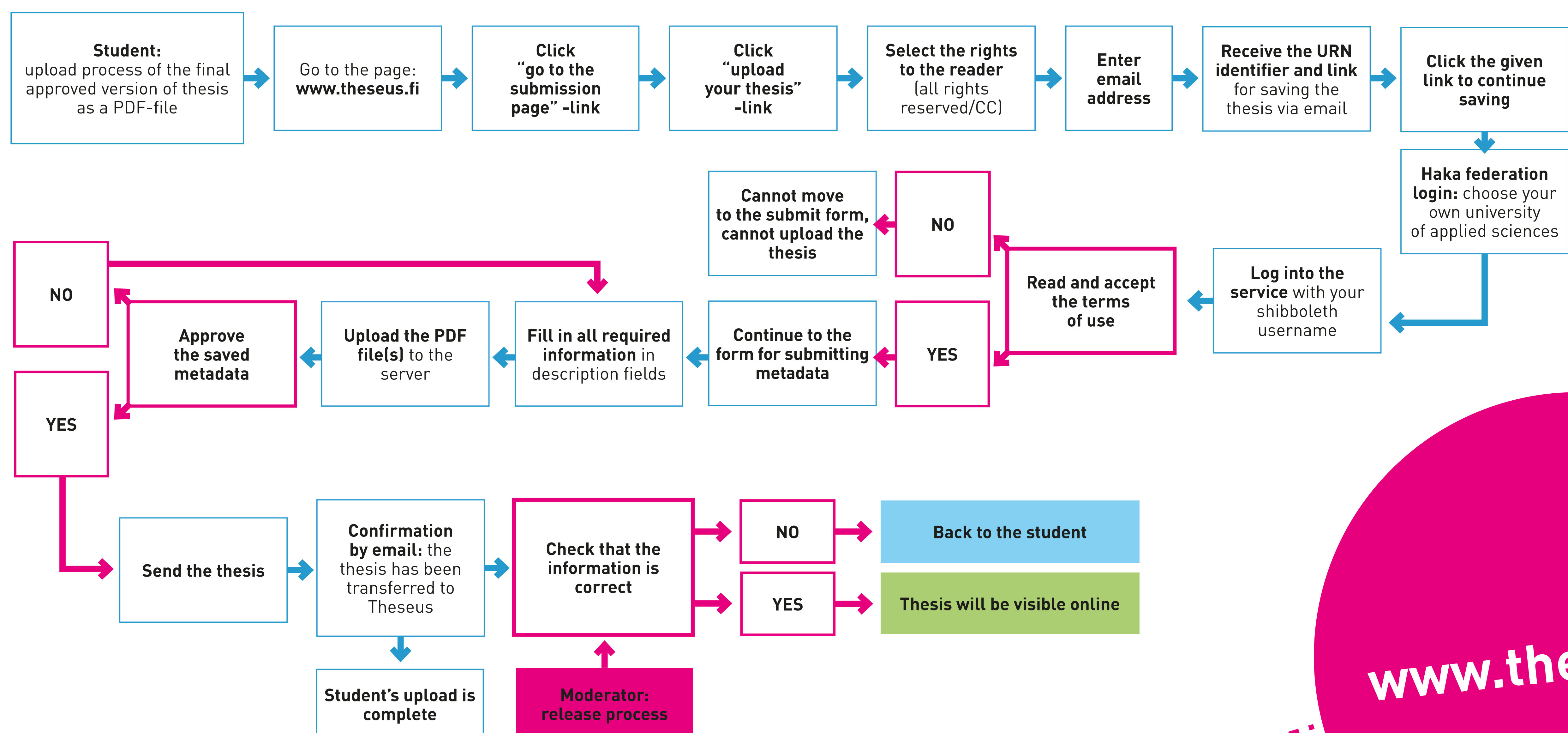
- 2008 Creative Commons licenses were added to Theseus upload process
- 2009 Shibboleth logging in system
- 2010 The user support group for technical assistance and further development started immediately after the pilot project
- 2013 New graphical user interface

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