

# Supporting publication strategy at Leiden University: The role of the library

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Within its Academia in Motion programme, Leiden University is adopting a Strategic Publication Framework

- Threefold goal
- Four key values
- Three competing criteria

Implementation:  
7 Faculties comprising 30+ Institutes will develop their own publication strategies based on the Framework

➔ The university library supports the implementation process. How?

## Strategic Publication Framework

### Goals

1. To strengthen alignment of our publication practices with **open science principles**
2. To support the transition we are making to **new recognition and reward practices**
3. To make sure the **limited budgets** to finance our publishing activities are **optimally spent**

### Values

Depending on the nature of our research and the **audiences**, we may publish our research in a variety of **different ways** - as an article in a peer-reviewed journal, as a preprint, as a book, as a policy report, as a blog post, etc.

We publish our research and the underlying materials, as **openly** as possible, without unnecessary delays. We foster **open dialogues** by sharing preliminary results and by supporting open peer review and open feedback. We do not give away the **ownership** of our publications.

We publish our research in ways that are sustainable - we value **quality over**

Fit-for-purpose	Open
Sustainable	Equitable

**quantity** and recognize and reward all contributions to publishing activities. We support publishing models that are **financially sustainable** for all stakeholders involved.

We have a responsibility to contribute to sustainable publishing models that promote **global equity** in scientific

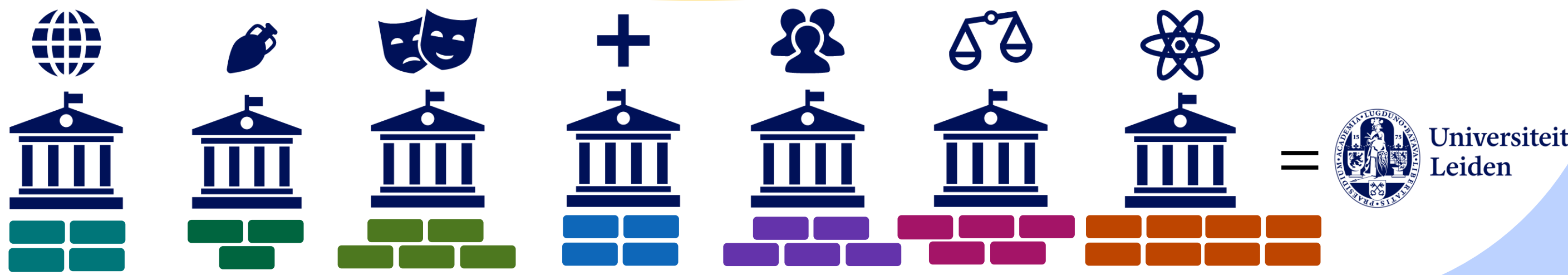
publishing. To optimize the **exchange of scientific knowledge**, everyone in the world should ideally have equal opportunities to access and share scientific knowledge.

### Criteria

**Cost-effectiveness:**  
We publish our research in a cost-effective way.

**Openness & Timeliness:**  
We publish our research in an open and timely way.

**Audience & Quality:**  
We publish our research in a way that enables us to reach the relevant audiences, and to show that our research meets the quality standards expected by these audiences.



## Kick-off meeting



**Practical Guidelines for implementation** provide scope for the strategy: an extensive questionnaire addresses topics that each Institute/Faculty must cover



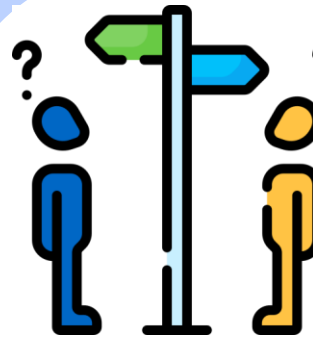
### Knowledge transfer sessions

and/or **information sheets** provide background on specific issues: e.g. preprints, Diamond OA, ...

## Field-specific implementation



Extensive qualitative and quantitative **analysis reports** on recent publication practices, based on Leiden's CRIS system, UKB, and international open data support Institutes/Faculties



### Practice-based dilemmas

illustrate the possible tensions between criteria, and function as conversation starters within Institutes/Faculties

## Development: writing process



### Feedback on draft version(s)

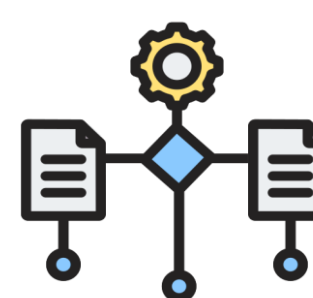
ensure compliance with the Guidelines. Also harmonises strategies between Institutes and across Faculties



### The Library chairs the Advisory Council

where Faculty representatives share experiences and exchange perspectives

## Draft version(s)



### Compilation of definitive versions

to **distill shared practices** and collective requirements for future policy

## Definitive version



What instruments can we develop to grow our toolkit? Let us know!

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