



How SPARC Europe is helping create a stronger, more resilient and more sustainable OS ecosystem



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Our vision

“Our vision is that open access to European education and research is the default: For the Higher Education community, research, education, industry, and for society.”

Strategy 2021-2024

<https://sparceurope.org/who-we-are/about-us/our-strategy/>

1. Strengthen OA, OS and OE policy in Europe and align where possible



CoNOSC

The Council for National Open Science Coordination

CoNOSC Member Countries



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26 countries
42 members

Observers:
European Commission,
EUA and Science Europe

<https://conosc.org>

CoNOSC

The Council for National Open Science Coordination

“CoNOSC brings together national OS leaders to engage in an international dialogue and to share good practice for a stronger and more unified, workable Open Science policy framework”

We help to fill in the gaps in national open science coordination through information, connection and collaboration

We provide valuable insights on OS policy matters through the dialogue with our members and other open science partners

CoNOSC Themes for 2023

- CoARA's principles in practice - moving beyond declarations
- Rights Retention and Secondary Publishing Rights
- Building publishing capacities, incl the ORE case
- Read and publish agreements, the current state of affairs and the future, and how to move beyond transformative agreements / arrangements
- Equity (inclusive and equitable OS/dialogues with other regions)
- OS Monitoring

European Union policy

European Council Conclusions

ERA Forum: Member of the university stakeholder group

ERA Actions: OS and Copyright, main priorities (current and new)

OA Books

Policy Alignment of Open Access Monographs in the European Research Area (PALOMERA) 2023 & 2024

Niels Stern PI, OPERAS coordination

- Research, e.g. >460 policies & survey, Knowledgebase, Recommendations
- Engagement



2. Strive to enable more equity in Open



Knowledge Rights 21

<https://www.knowledgerights21.org/>

About KR21

- Fair access to eBooks
- Protect exceptions against contract or technology bypasses
- Support research & education
- Better access to research publications
- Protect author's rights

Knowledge
Rights
21

21st Century Access to
Culture, Learning & Research

About us:

Knowledge Rights 21 is a Stichting IFLA Foundation Programme, supported by the Arcadia Foundation, in partnership with IFLA, LIBER and SPARC Europe. Find us at www.knowledgerights21.org

Key Missions:

- Facilitating **fair access to e-books** for users of public, national, educational, and research libraries;
- **Protecting** users' rights under copyright legislation **from contract override and technological protection measures** that undermine statutory exceptions to copyright;
- Promoting the case for the introduction of open and flexible copyright norms in Europe to **aid research, teaching, and learning**;
- Advocating for a legislated scholarly publication / **secondary publishing right** in laws;
- Accelerating the uptake of **author rights retention** activities and open licensing in Europe.

KR21 Project Retain

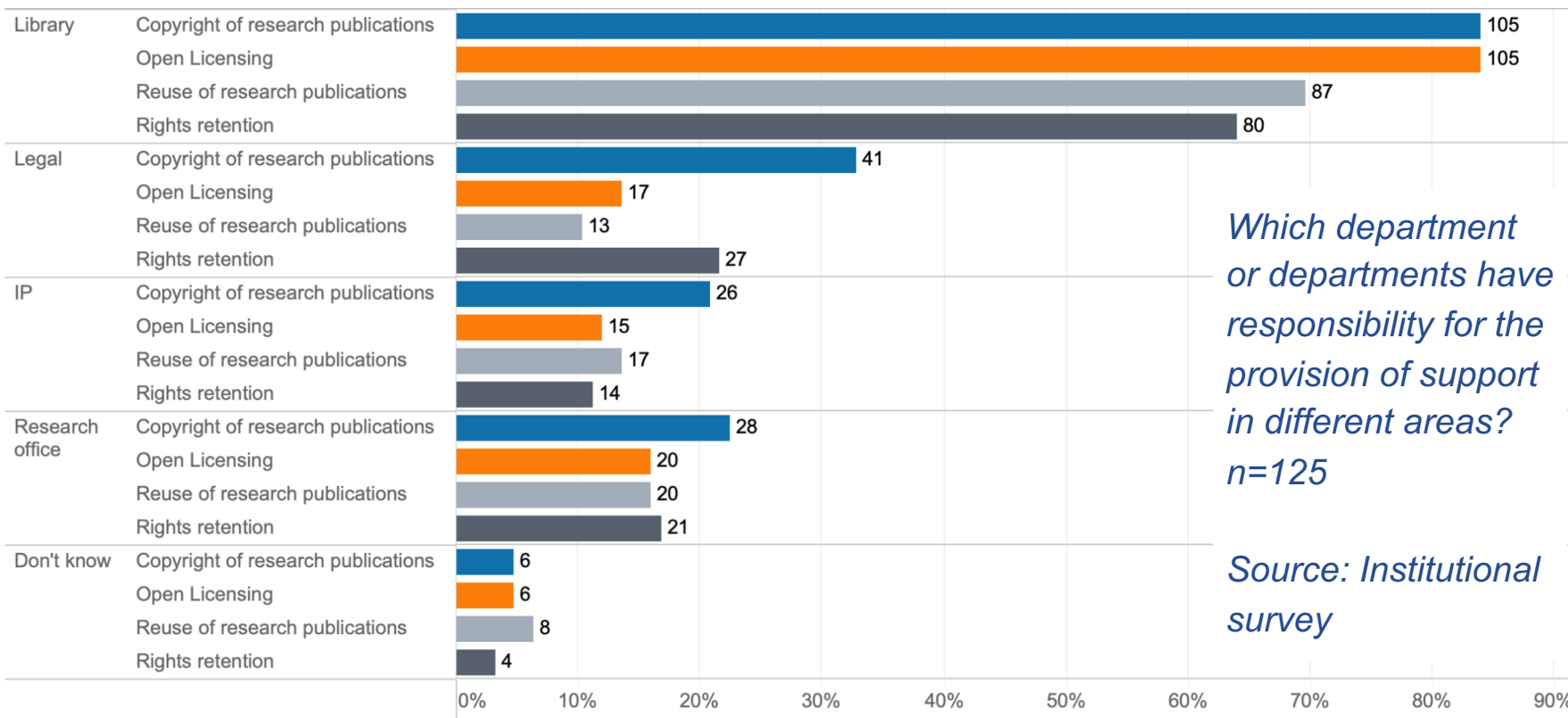
<https://sparceurope.org/project-retain>

1 year project

Reform the way institutions and authors manage their publishing rights and funders and publishers develop their policies

- Simplify rights retention procedures, encourage the adoption of open licences, and better empower authors
- Evaluating the copyright and open licensing policies, with a focus on how to support author needs
- Advocacy campaign and materials

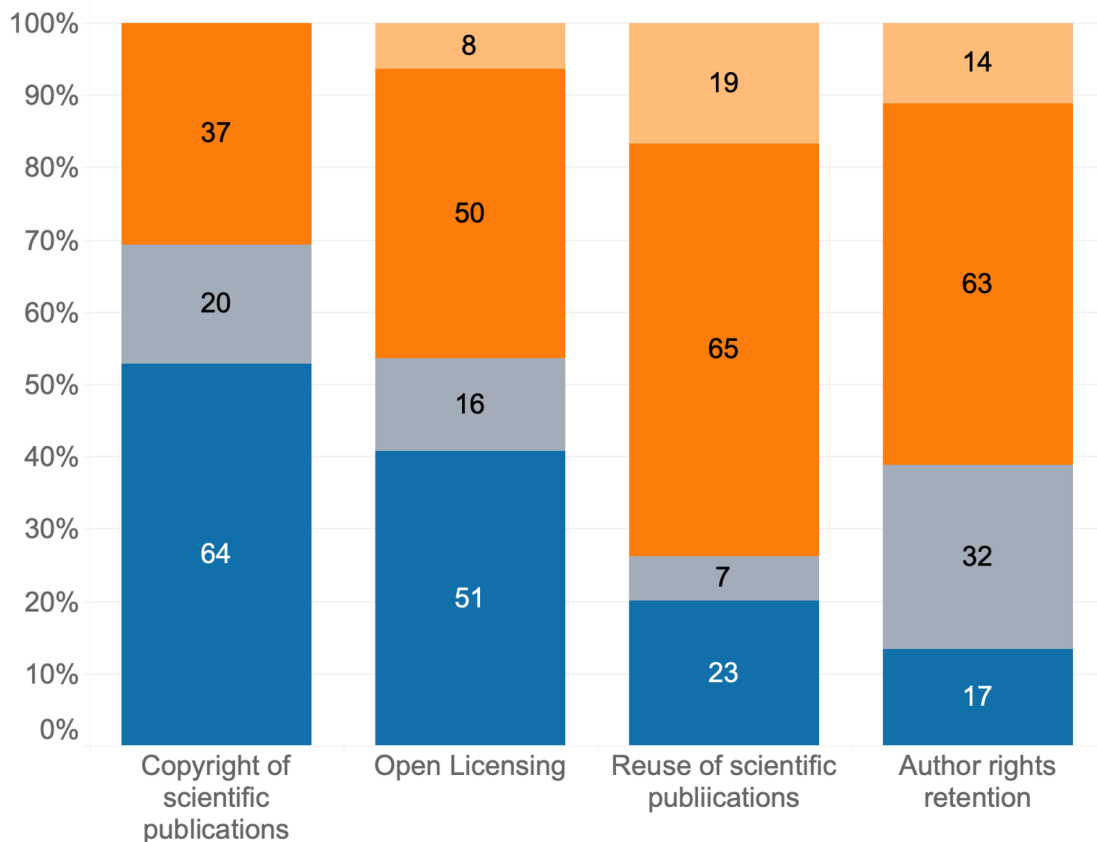
Responsibility for support



*Which department or departments have responsibility for the provision of support in different areas?
n=125*

Source: Institutional survey

Policies in place



*Does your organisation have a policy or policies which cover the following areas?
n=131*

Source: Institutional survey

- Don't know
- No
- In development
- Yes

KR21 Project Retain

- Report
- Engagement plan
- Advocacy actions/tools
 - 2 webinars > 100-200
 - Twitter campaign
#RetainyourRights
 - Checklists
 - Glossary
 - Retain helper



Downloads: > 3,000
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KR21 Project Retain Campaign

SPARC* Europe

Knowledge Rights 21
21st Century Access to Culture, Learning & Research

RETAIN YOUR RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
OCT-NOV 2023

INFOGRAPHIC CHECKLISTS
<https://bit.ly/projectretain>

X/TWITTER
4-18 OCTOBER 2023
#RetainYourRights

WEBINAR
19 OCTOBER 2023
3.30-5 PM CEST

& MORE

Retain Your Rights!
Researchers & institutions, you are the original copyright holders: make sure that you have the right to publish OA

SPARC* Europe

Europe has seen a significant growth in activity to implement policies which retain research publishing rights for researchers and the institutions themselves over the last decade. However, research institutions, researchers, funders of research and policymakers, as well as publishers, must boost the uptake of rights retention and open licensing policies to enable researchers to share their work openly and in Open Access (OA).

TAKE ACTION!

	Institutions	researchers	publishers	national OS policymakers
ADVANCE YOUR OWN OR YOUR INSTITUTION'S COPYRIGHT TO TAKE CONTROL OVER YOUR WORK NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.	☑	☐	☐	☐
ADVOCATE FOR AND CHOOSE THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE LICENSE TO PUBLISH UP RESEARCH, NAMELY CC BY.	☑	☑	☐	☐
ENSURE SUFFICIENT RIGHTS ARE RETAINED FOR FUTURE OPEN ACCESS.	☑	☑	☐	☐
ENGAGE WITH PUBLISHERS TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGES RELATED TO AUTHOR RIGHTS RETENTION, COPYRIGHT TRANSFER AND OPEN ACCESS.	☑	☑	☐	☐
MANAGE, CYCLE, AND SHOWCASE GOOD PRACTICES REFER TO YOUR PEERS AND BOLD YOUR POLICIES ON THEIR EXPERIENCE.	☑	☑	☐	☐

DOES YOUR INSTITUTION HAVE A POLICY WHICH COVERS THE FOLLOWING AREAS?

3 RESEARCH & SCIENTIFIC POLICYMAKING STAKEHOLDER GROUPS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- 1 INSTITUTIONS
- 2 FUNDERS
- 3 PUBLISHERS

CC BY
Using a CC BY licence facilitates broader access and reuse of research results in research and teaching increasing its impact and global reach.

"An institutional rights retention policy can be defined as follows: An **expressed** position setting out the practice of retaining **sufficient rights** for academic works produced by an institutions' researchers to make the work **openly accessible and reusable immediately**"

CHALLENGES
Many publishers continue to ask for a transfer of copyright or an exclusive publishing licence and impose embargoes. This does not comply with many funder and institutional requirements nowadays.
There is a lack of awareness of the disadvantages of signing away publishing rights and why it is important to retain them. It is not always clear what opportunities open licensing brings.

OUTDATED COPYRIGHT POLICIES AND PROCESSES MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR RESEARCHERS TO PUBLISH IMMEDIATE OPEN ACCESS AND RETAIN RIGHTS TO THEIR WORK

Given that some publishers are willing to allow authors to retain all necessary rights and proactively support the requirements of different rights retention policies, there is reason to believe that further dialogue and open discussion of concerns will lead to greater support and change over time"

Project Retain Report, see the full report here: <https://zenodo.org/record/8084051>
www.knowledgerights21.org

Guidance from lessons learnt

- 5 steps to implement an institutional rights retention policy <https://zenodo.org/records/8427530>
- 6 steps to retain your rights <https://zenodo.org/records/8428057>
- 4 steps to implement a national rights retention policy <https://zenodo.org/records/8428284>



What institutions and libraries can do

- Build your own knowledge-base and understanding
- Source legal support: locally, nationally and internationally
- Raise awareness of rights retention & open licensing policy & practice
- Provide support to authors and editors of local journals
- Initiate policymaking and/or support the process
 - Institutional to support all local authors, and local journals
 - Negotiate with publishers (as libraries or as consortia)
- Monitor the imp. of related policies in institutions

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Joint survey: COAR, OpenAIRE, LIBER and SE

- Report out Dec 23
- Exploring next steps
 - Advocating for repositories in Europe
 - Sharing good practices
 - Exploring the creation and coordination of national networks



Help us strengthen the
European Repository Network

Participate in our survey
February 9 - March 10, 2023

COAR Confederation of Open Access Repositories

LIBER

SPARC* Europe

OpenAIRE

3. Promote diversity in publishing Open research and education



DIAMAS Project

<https://diamasproject.eu/>



Capacity-building for institutional open access publishing across Europe (CSA) 36m

Developing institutional OA publishing models to advance scholarly communications (DIAMAS)

PIs: Pierre Mounier and Johan Rooryck

1 Sept 2022 – 31 Aug 2025

DIAMAS Project

WP5 leader:

Exploring & supporting the sustainability of IPSPs

- Research into the sustainability of IPSPs
- National overviews with institutional publishing policy contexts and funding practice
- Identify areas of potential collaboration
- National OS overviews
- Development of a sustainability self-assessment workflow
- Develop a suite of IPSP sustainability resources

WP7 Engagement lead

A Global Federation for Diamond OA & A European Capacity Hub



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SOSTENIBILIDAD
USABILITY
QUALITÉ

23-27
OCT 2023
TOLUCA, MEXICO

WHO WE ARE

The Open Access Books Network (OABN) brings together a community of people interested in all aspects of Open Access books.

- publishers
- librarians
- policymakers
- infrastructure providers
- researchers
- and anyone interested in OA books

Coordinated by members of [OAPEN](#), [OPERAS](#), [ScholarLed](#) and [SPARC Europe](#), OABN is free to join and open to all.

WHAT WE DO

We share ideas and best practices.
We learn from one another.
We make the community's voice count.

Topics include: funding for OA books; launching a scholar-led OA press; OA policy workshops; library support for OA books; tracking OA books usage; and MORE!

THE OPEN ACCESS BOOKS NETWORK

OABOOKSNETWORK.ORG



GROWING A COMMUNITY

OABN IN NUMBERS

- 30+ events
- 40+ blog posts
- 340+ mailing list members
- 440+ HC group members
- 1400+ Twitter followers

JOIN US!

1. Visit oabooksnetwork.org
2. Explore our resources
3. Come to an event

... and more!



UNESCO RECOMMENDATION on OER

ACTION AREAS

- 1 Building capacity of stakeholders to create, access, re-use, adapt and redistribute OER
- 2 Developing supportive policy
- 3 Encouraging effective, inclusive and equitable access to quality OER
- 4 Nurturing the creation of sustainability models for OER
- 5 Promoting and reinforcing international cooperation

European Network of
Open Education
Librarians
(**ENOEL**)



The ENOEL was founded in 2018.
Thanks to the work funded by
the Hewlett Foundation, we
count **103** members in
28 EU countries.

- ▣ ENOEL we work **together**.
- ▣ ENOEL we **share**.
- ▣ ENOEL we **collaborate**.

A range of activities

- Annual surveys: 2023 survey out now:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QWTFZ5B>
- OE Policy report: Insights into developments in European Open Education institutional policymaking
<https://zenodo.org/records/8358597>
- OE Champions:
<https://openscholarchampions.eu/>
- OE podcasts
- Open Textbook Webinar Series
- Open Science meets Open Education WG



Open Education Benefits

ENOEL members created tools (Twitter cards, slides, leaflets) to be reused, adopted, adapted by the large audience (not only librarians) to advocate for open and to disseminate the UNESCO OER Recommendation.

OE Benefits

16 languages



Benefits of Open Education for students



Ensure enduring access: Students will be able to access resources even after they have completed their course.

Support inclusion: OER can be adapted to reflect students' profiles and scenarios, addressing inclusion needs at different levels.

Promote diversification of learning: OER are accessible from every place at any time, repeatedly (and don't underestimate the value of repetition!), and from a variety of devices and formats.

Promote lifelong learning: OER are available to everyone of all ages, anytime anyone wants to learn something or go back to something to refresh the memory of it.

Save costs: High price tags may lead students to use older versions of certain publications; with OER this is not an issue.

Albanian
Dutch
English
French
German
Greek
Italian
Latvian
Macedonian
Montenegrin
Polish
Russian
Serbian
Spanish
Turkish
Ukrainian

1,200 downloads

<https://zenodo.org/record/5906818>

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5. Help sustain the Open infrastructure/service ecosystem



SCOSS : scoss.org

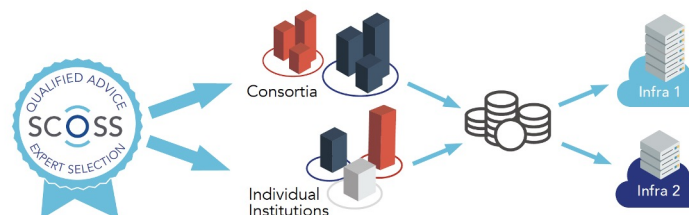


What we do

Community-led and governed
A consolidated voice that vets OS not for profit infra before recommending it for funding to help infra on unstable footing

- **Assess funding needs**
- **Alert funding needs to the community**
- **Provide more transparency on costs**
- **Increases efficiency for investors**
- **! Strongly encourage good governance !**

SCOSS endorses infrastructure for investment



SCOSS

Pledges to date

> 5,78m euros

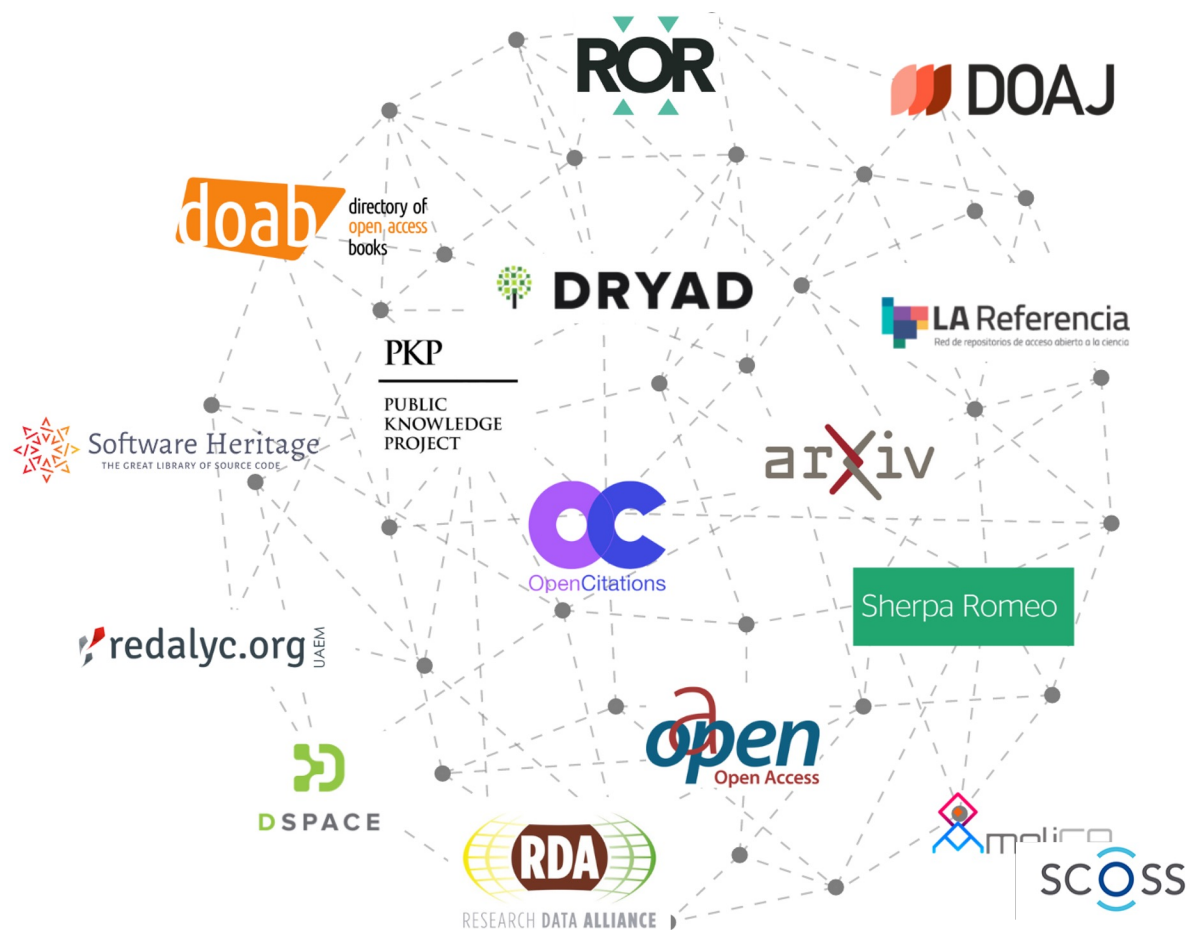
338 institutions

24 countries





Some countries **consistently
funding SCOSS** infras
e.g. Australia/NZ, Canada, France
and Switzerland



The SCOSS family



2nd funding cycle

 <p>directory of open access books</p> <p>https://doabooks.org</p>	<p>&</p>  <p>Open Access Publishing in European Networks</p> <p>https://oapen.org</p>	<p>Target € 505,000</p> <p>100% of target reached</p>
 <p>OpenCitations</p>	<p>https://opencitations.net/</p>	<p>Target € 1.530,198</p> <p>63% of target reached</p>
 <p>PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE PROJECT</p>	<p>https://pkp.sfu.ca/</p>	<p>Target € 734,647</p> <p>56% of target reached</p>

3rd funding cycle



<https://arXiv.org>

Target € 710,250

49% of target reached



<https://www.amelica.org>

Target € 1.197,994

23% of target reached



DSPACE

<https://duraspace.org/dspace/>

Target € 663.074

30% of target reached



4th funding cycle



<https://datadryad.org/stash>

Target € 889,061

9% of target reached



<https://www.lareferencia.info/en/>

Target € 268,200

37% of target reached



<https://ror.org/>

Target € 989,460

27% of target reached

5th funding cycle



RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/>

Target € 853,000

0% of target reached



Software Heritage

THE GREAT LIBRARY OF SOURCE CODE

<https://www.softwareheritage.org>

Target € 900,000

0% of target reached

The SCOSS Bazaar

- What do I need
- What can I offer you?

Collaboration,
building capacity,
reducing costs, innovation

LA Referencia



SCOSS map (in progress) - technical connections





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