Making open access book funding work fairly

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Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs

Funded by Research England and Arcadia

An international partnership building open, community-owned systems and infrastructures to support open access book publishing

The project team includes libraries, OA book publishers, researchers, and infrastructure providers.

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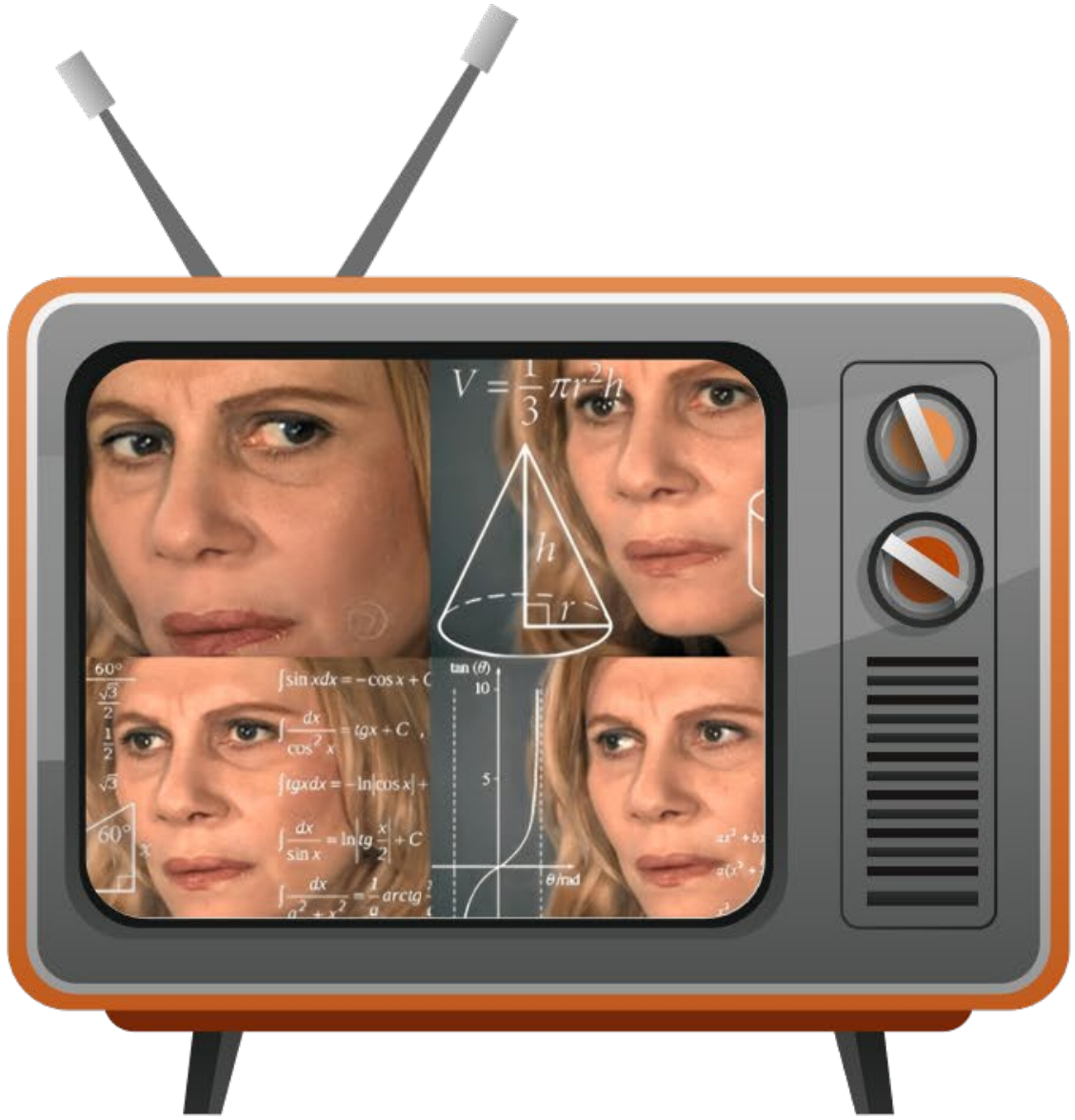

Mandates & Policies

Council of the EU "The EU is ready to agree that immediate open access ...reporting publicly funded research should become the norm, without authors having to pay fees, and that the bloc should support non-profit scholarly publishing models."

UKRI "From 1 January 2024, UK Research and Innovation's new open access policy will apply to monographs, book chapters and edited collections"

cOAlition S "Our commitment is to make progress towards full open access for academic books as soon as possible"

White House Nelson Memo stopped short of a monograph policy - but does it indicate a direction of travel? Also imminent NEH announcement?

Opening the Future in a nutshell

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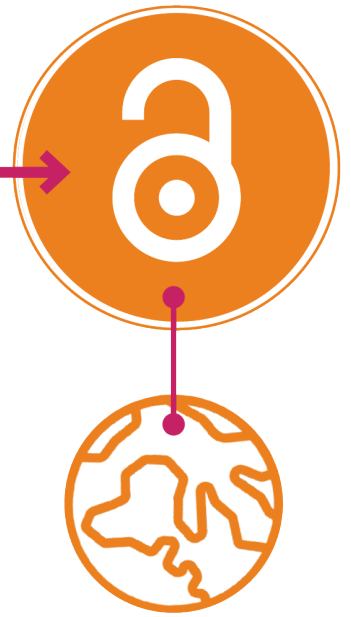
Publisher makes backlist package of *non*-OA books available to library patrons

Perpetual access granted after three years membership

Publisher uses subscription money to publish new OA books



Frontlist books are published OA, as soon as money accrues, from first in the pipeline

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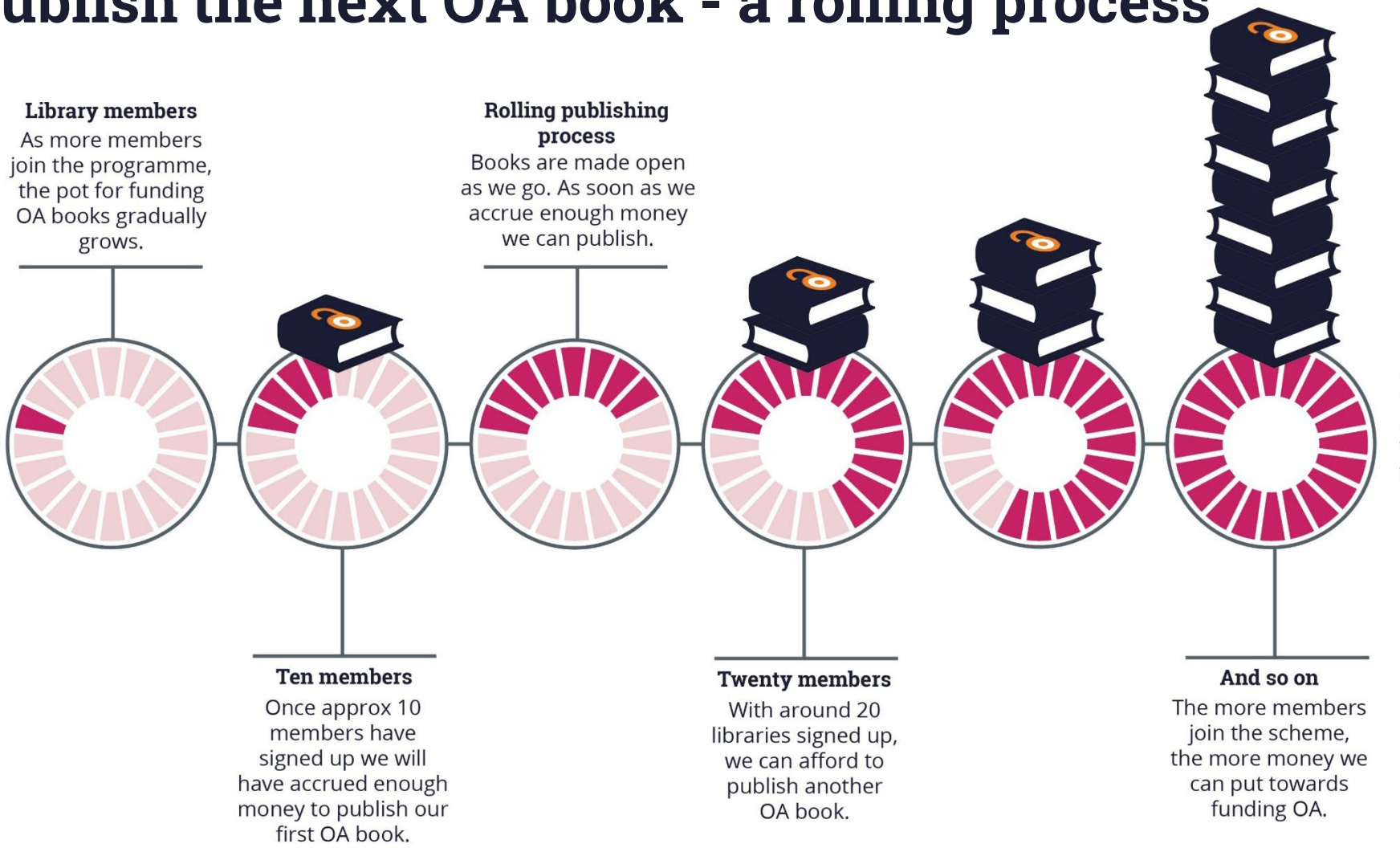
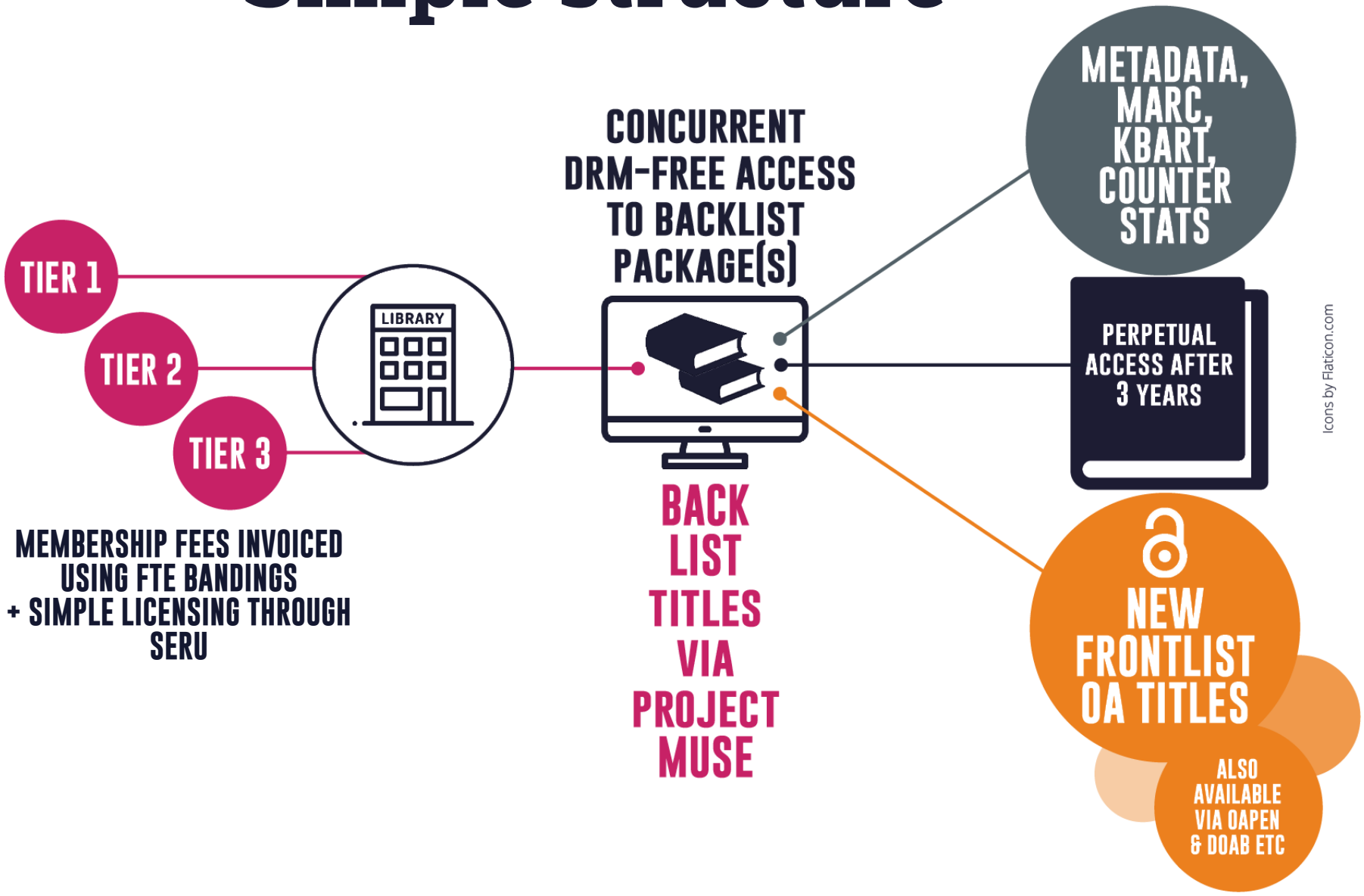
As we accrue enough funds from subscriptions we can publish the next OA book - a rolling process



Note: the OA modelling here is based on a membership of medium-size band pricing. Appraising the cost per book/per library is only possible once we've had time to accrue members.

Simple structure



Features of Opening the Future

- No author-facing payments (BPCs)
- Inclusive and equitable
- Libraries can use existing funds – OA or acquisitions budgets
- Dynamic scaling – no inbuilt threshold, frontlist books immediately open
- No external funding or grants needed – backlist only
- Scalable – entire frontlist or series level
- Integrates with existing workflows

Central European University Press

Publishing excellent research on Central and Eastern Europe

Now publishing nearly 40 titles a year

Aiming to have a fully OA monograph frontlist

30
years old

600+
backlist titles

Our backlist packages

- History package (50 books)
- Political Science (50 books)
- Editors' Choice (50 books)
- Library Selection (50 books)
- East Meets West (50 books) *NEW – with special relevance to Ukraine and Russia*
- OA Supporters package

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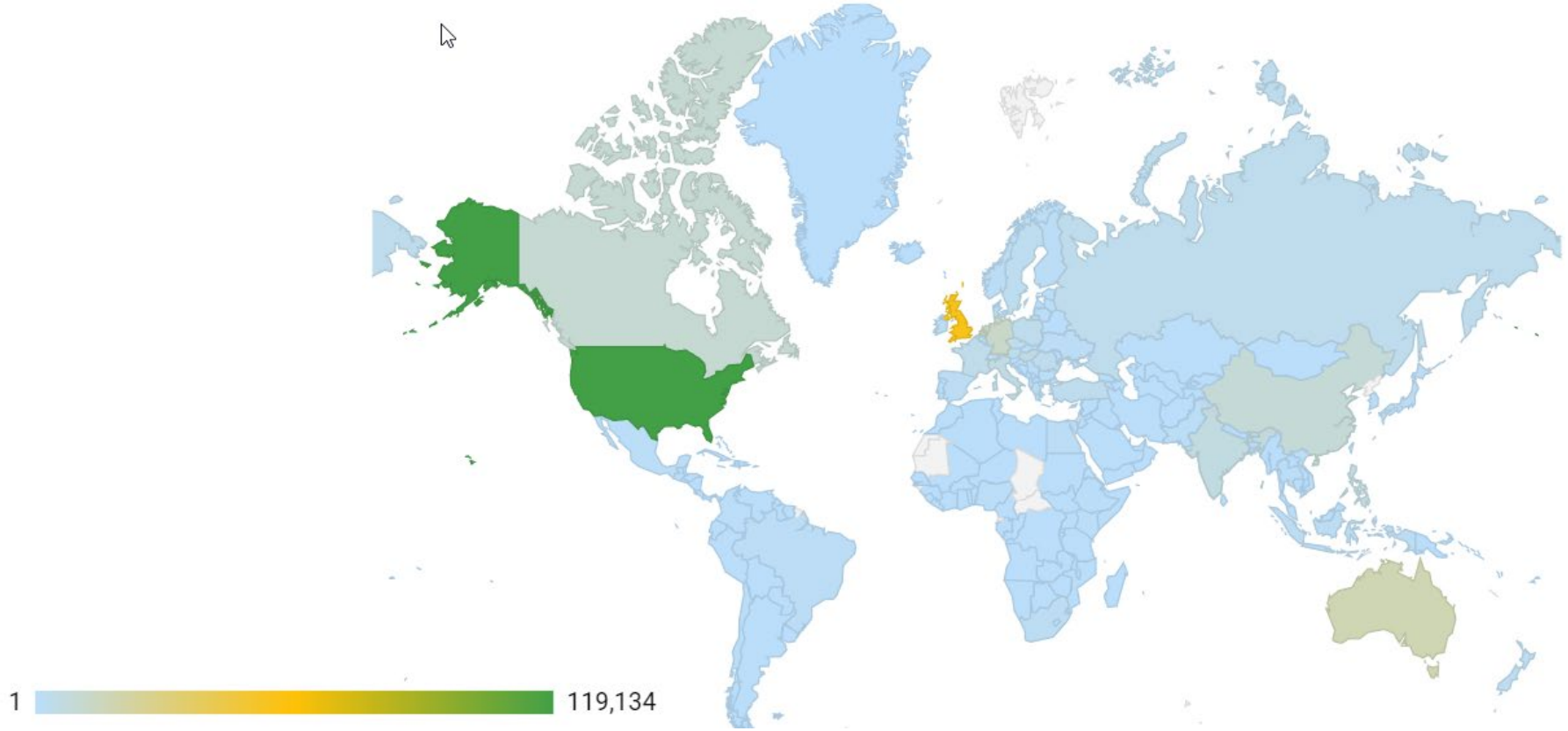

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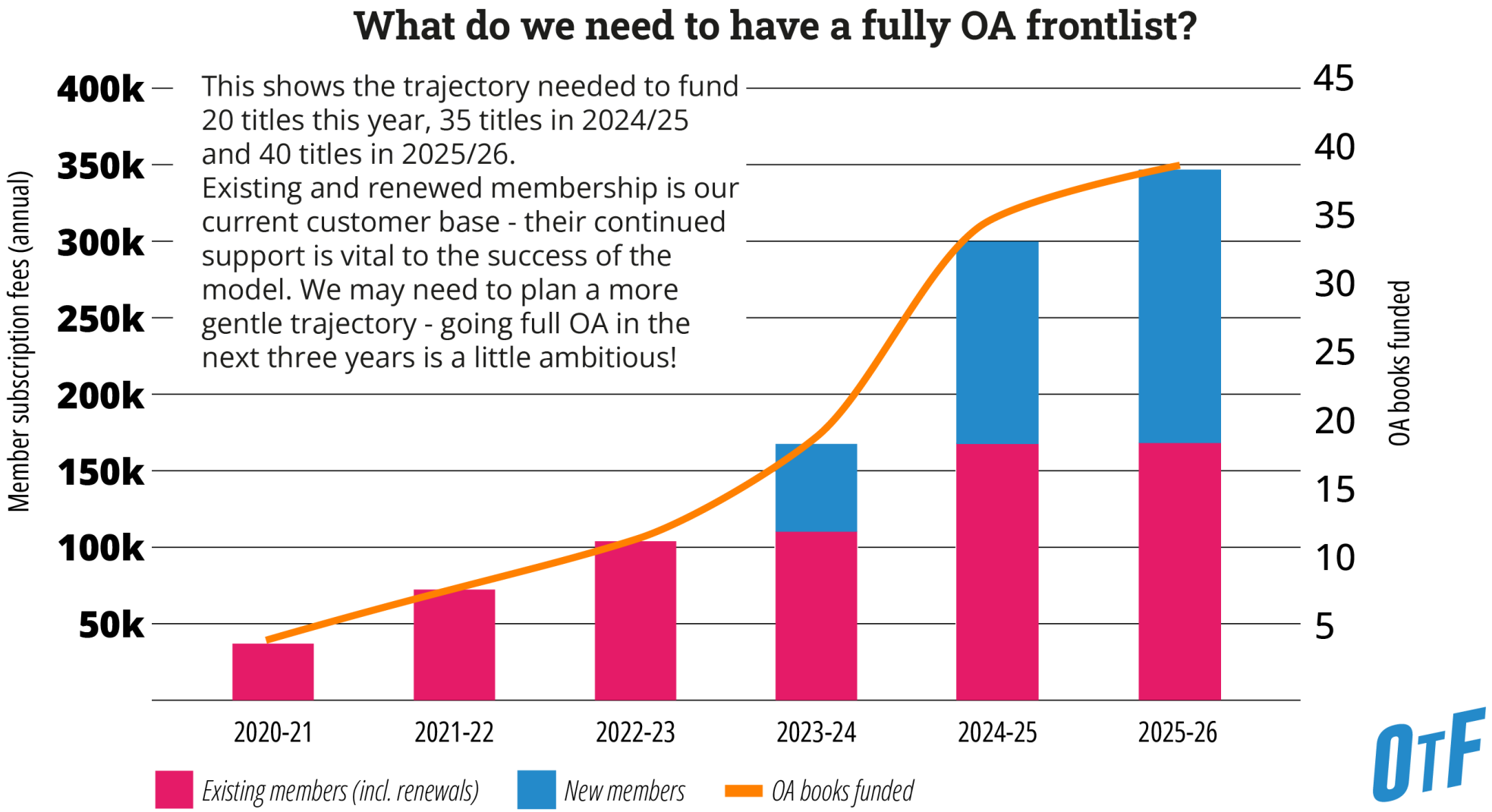
What do we need to have a fully OA frontlist?
This shows the trajectory needed to fund 20 titles this year, 35 titles in 2024/25 and 40 titles in 2025/26.
Existing and renewed membership is our current customer base - their continued support is vital to the success of the model. We may need to plan a more gentle trajectory - going full OA in the next three years is a little ambitious!
Member subscription fees (annual)
400k
350k
300k
250k
200k
150k
100k
50k
OA books funded
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Existing members (incl. renewals)
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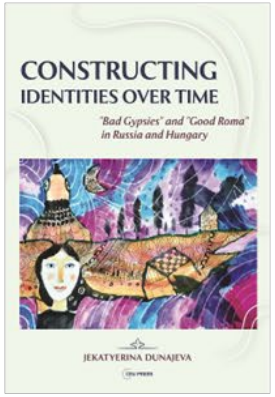
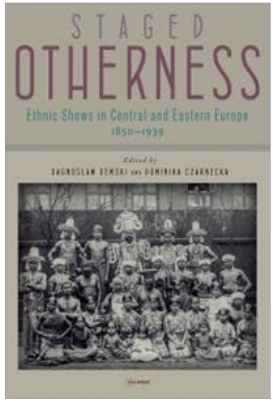
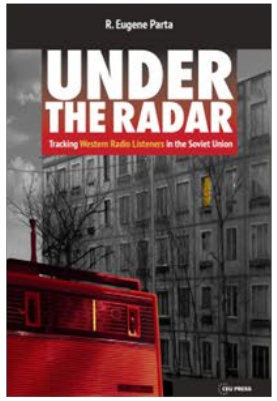
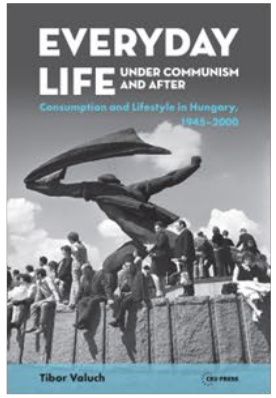
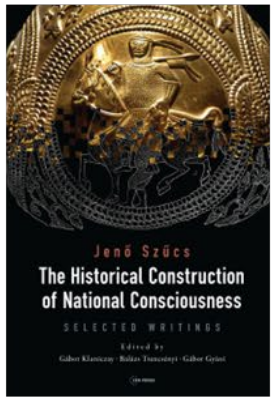
Some frontlist titles funded by Opening the Future

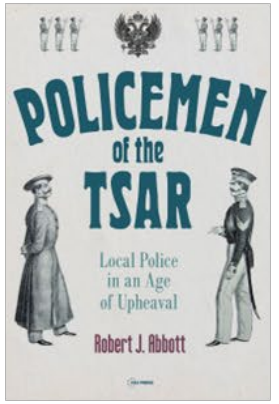


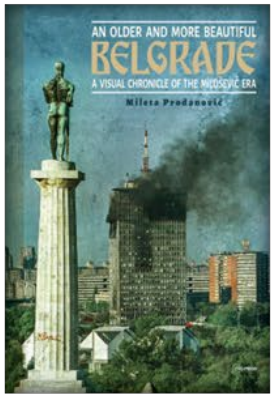


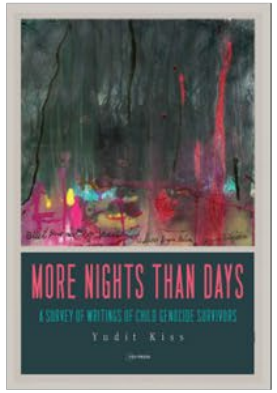


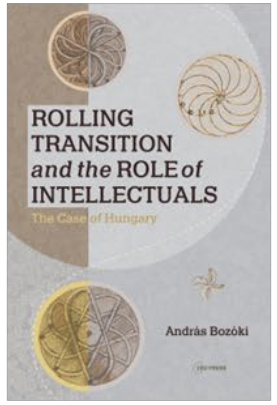


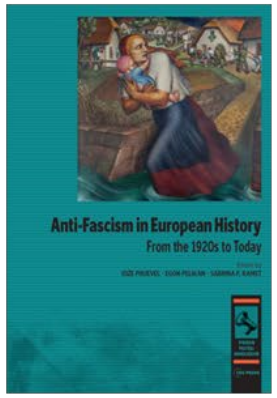


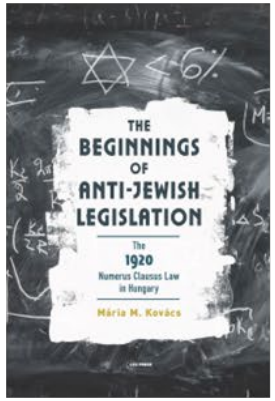


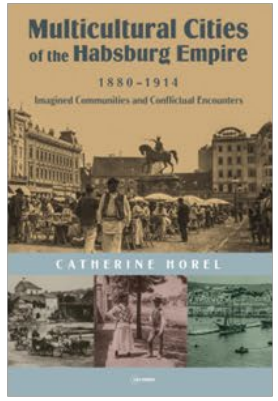


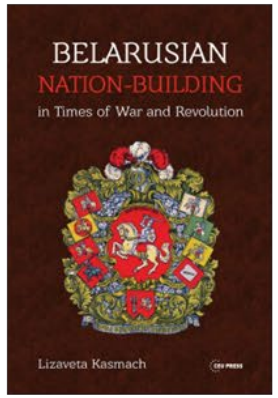


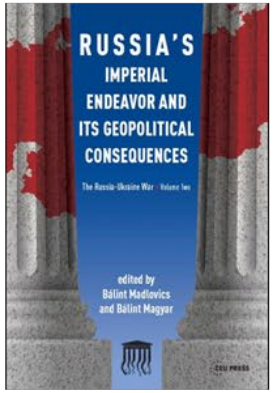


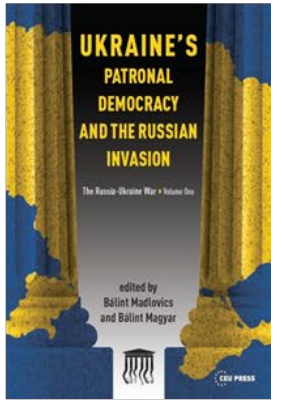












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Value for money

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to 50 titles and simultaneously
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