

# Empowering Communities: Shaping Open Scholarly Publishing in Europe and Beyond

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# Programme

Overview of the event

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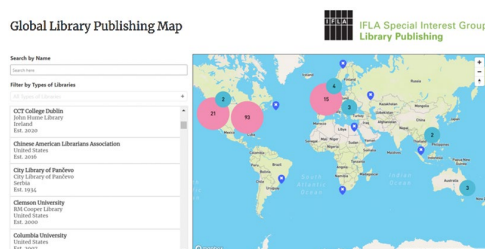
# IFLA LIBPUB



The IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group (SIG) was officially organized in 2018 to advance the field of Library Publishing, which is part of a broader range of scholarly communication activities driven and managed by all types of libraries. LIBPUB has begun its transition to become an IFLA Section

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# PALOMERA

## Policy Alignment of Open Access Monographs in the European Research Area

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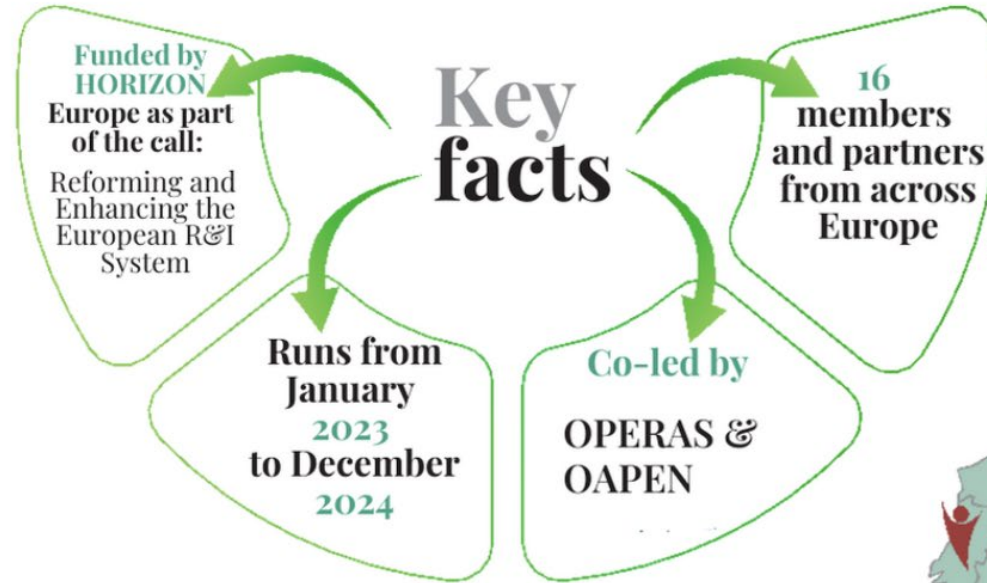


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# Objective

In a nutshell, PALOMERA seeks to understand why so few open access funder policies include books, and to provide evidence-based and actionable recommendations to change this.



## Members

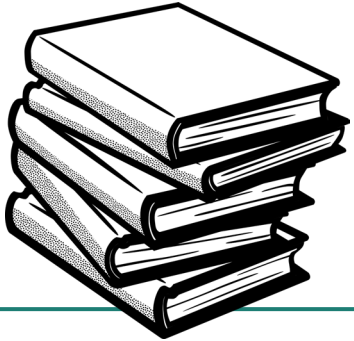
- OPERAS (Coordinator) - Belgium
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- JISC - United Kingdom
- Open Book Publishers - United Kingdom

# Specific Objectives (SO)



**SO1**

**Investigate**

Qualitative and  
quantitative  
data

**SO2**

**Analyse**

PESTLE analysis



**SO3**

**Engage**

Validation events  
Communication  
activities

**SO4**

**Support**

Recommendations &  
Resources



**SO5**

**Bridge**

International  
engagement

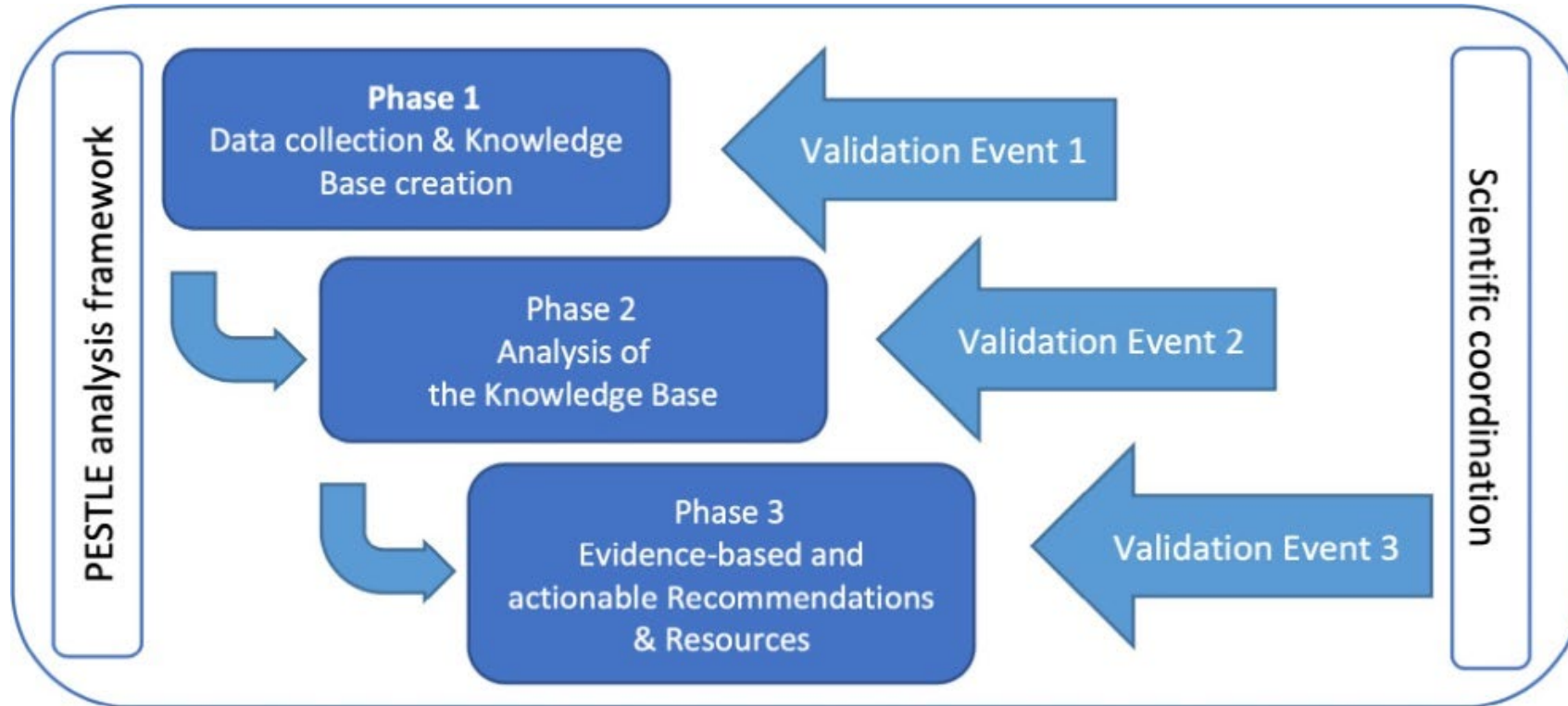


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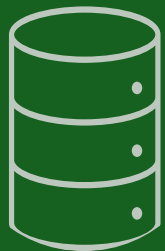
# Methodology



The  
PALOMERA  
validation  
methodology



# Key results



Knowledge Base



Research



Recommendations



Policy  
Development  
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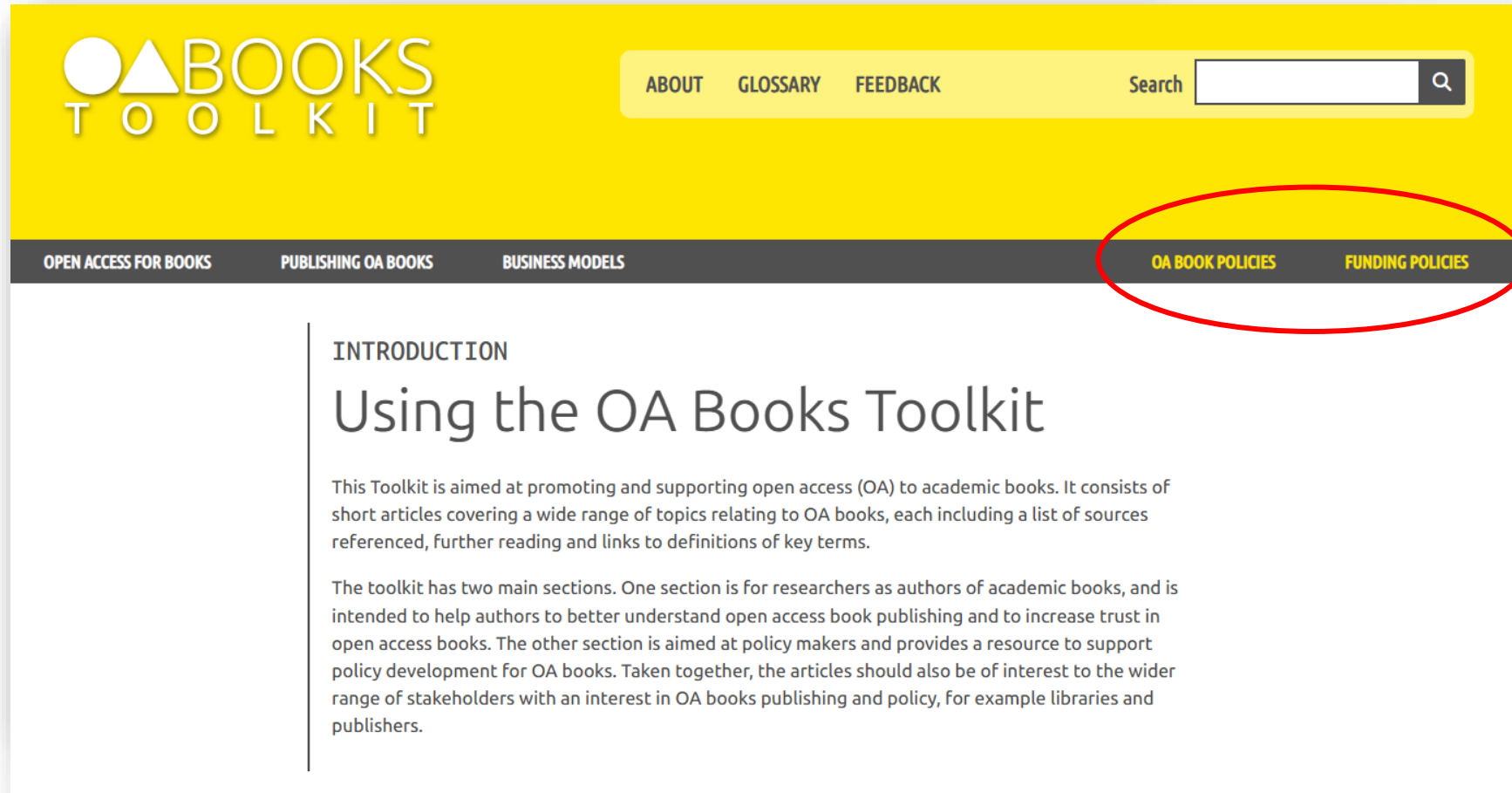


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# Knowledge Base



Knowledge Base



The screenshot shows the homepage of the OA Books Toolkit. The header is yellow and contains the logo 'OA BOOKS TOOLKIT' on the left, navigation links 'ABOUT', 'GLOSSARY', and 'FEEDBACK' in the center, and a search bar on the right. Below the header is a dark grey navigation bar with five menu items: 'OPEN ACCESS FOR BOOKS', 'PUBLISHING OA BOOKS', 'BUSINESS MODELS', 'OA BOOK POLICIES', and 'FUNDING POLICIES'. The 'OA BOOK POLICIES' and 'FUNDING POLICIES' items are circled in red. The main content area is white and features the title 'Using the OA Books Toolkit' under the heading 'INTRODUCTION'. Below the title is a paragraph of text describing the toolkit's purpose and a second paragraph detailing its two main sections.

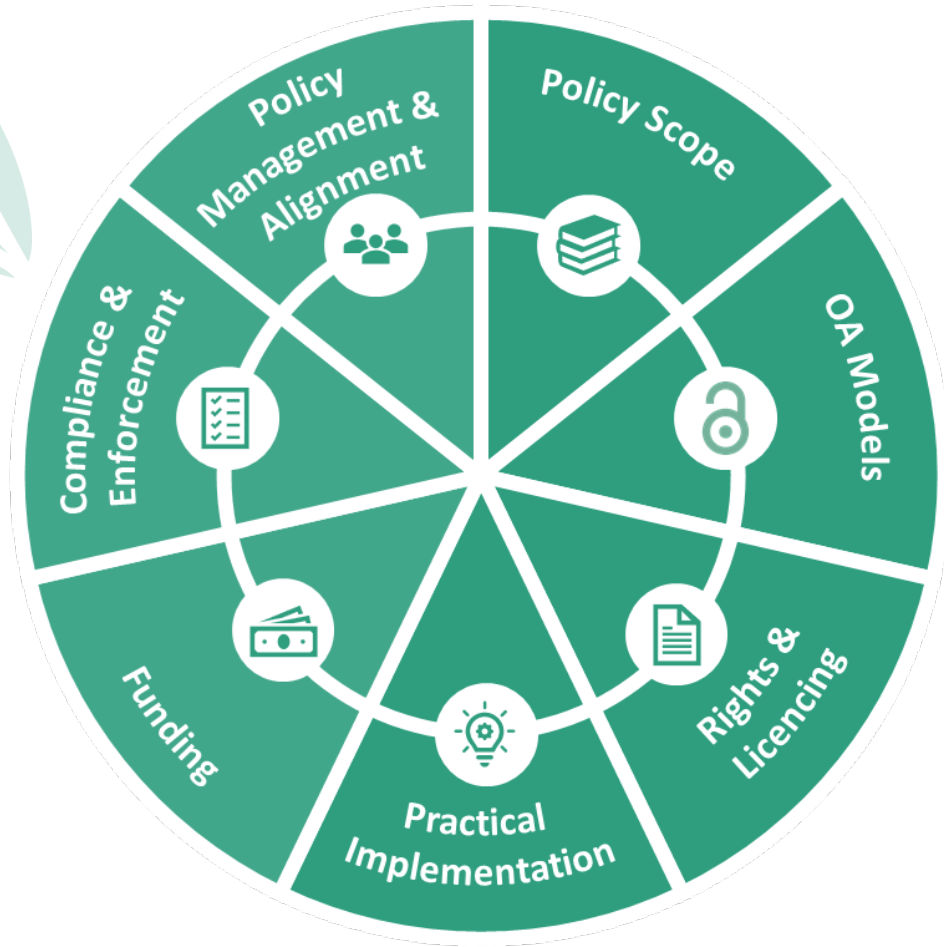
## INTRODUCTION

# Using the OA Books Toolkit

This Toolkit is aimed at promoting and supporting open access (OA) to academic books. It consists of short articles covering a wide range of topics relating to OA books, each including a list of sources referenced, further reading and links to definitions of key terms.


The toolkit has two main sections. One section is for researchers as authors of academic books, and is intended to help authors to better understand open access book publishing and to increase trust in open access books. The other section is aimed at policy makers and provides a resource to support policy development for OA books. Taken together, the articles should also be of interest to the wider range of stakeholders with an interest in OA books publishing and policy, for example libraries and publishers.

# Research



Report on Analysis Findings

# Recommendations



## COMMON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS, RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATIONS, AND POLICYMAKERS

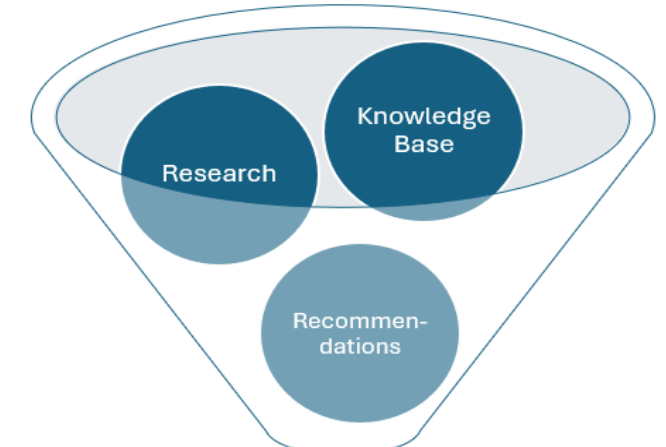
- 1 Consider appropriate reward and recognition mechanisms for OA books
- 2 Provide appropriate funding mechanisms for OA books
- 3 Put in place mechanisms that monitor OA book policies
- 4 Develop awareness about rights and licences
- 5 Contribute to improving the infrastructure for OA books

# Policy Development Tool



**Concept only**

Policy Element	Description
<b>Policy Scope</b>	
<b>Scope: Types of Books</b>	The scope of book-related content covered by the policy, including book chapters, monographs, edited volumes, and other types of scholarly publications.
<b>Scope: Authors</b>	Who the policy applies to, defining who is subject to its requirements regarding open access publication. Example: institution-wide, or department- or discipline-specific.
<b>OA Models</b>	
<b>OA Models</b>	Specific OA model(s) that the policy prescribes or encourages, such as Gold OA (OA through publisher, often involving a fee), Green OA (self-archiving in a repository), or Diamond OA (OA through publisher without any fees).
<b>Rights and Licensing</b>	
<b>Licensing</b>	The type of open licences recommended or required for OA publications under the policy. Example: CC BY, CC BY-NC, CC BY-ND, CC BY-NC-ND
<b>Grant of Rights/Copyright Retention</b>	Provisions to ensure that the author retains the rights to publish OA, such as recommending a non-exclusive publishing agreement.



OA Book Policy Compass



# Funder Forum

Countries represented in the Funder Forum meetings



Report on the Policy Development Tool  
and the Funder Forum



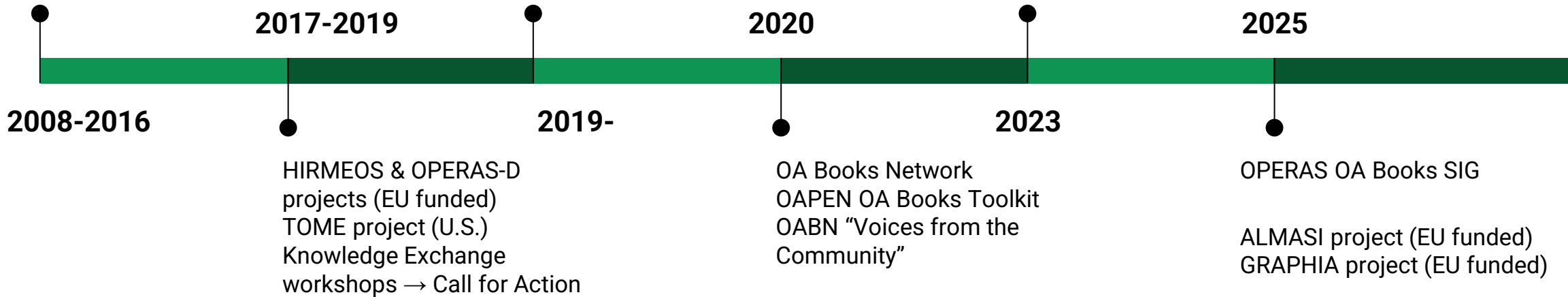
# Before and Beyond PALOMERA

## Examples of OA book projects

OAPEN Library  
Directory of Open Access Books  
Knowledge Exchange Study on  
OA monographs.

COPIM projects (Funded by  
Research England and Arcadia)  
ERC-OAPEN projects  
OAEBU Data Trust project

**PALOMERA project**  
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# Questions?

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# The CRAFT-OA Consortium

- Jan 2023 to Dec 2025
- 23 institutions from 14 European countries
- Several Partners with long standing experience on open information infrastructures and open science
- Several partners with responsibility for Open Access publication services
- Several partners with technical responsibility for publishing platforms



# Open Access

*Open access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.*

- Peter Suber: [Open Access](#)

## Primary Open Access

(aka **Gold** Open Access)

entire publishing channel is OA from start, either financed with author facing or library facing charges OR with investments into publishing infrastructure



## Parallel Open Access

(aka **Green** Open Access)

original publishing channel is non-OA, rights situation allows authors to publish free version with/out embargo elsewhere. Financed via investment into infrastructures or additional fees



# Diamond Open Access

*‘Diamond’ Open Access is a scholarly communication model whereby research outputs are openly available without charging fees to either authors or readers. Importantly, it is a model that is driven by scholarly communities, meaning that they are in the lead and have ownership of the content-related elements of scholarly communication.*

Pierre Mounier & Johan Rooryck: Towards a federated global community of Diamond Open Access



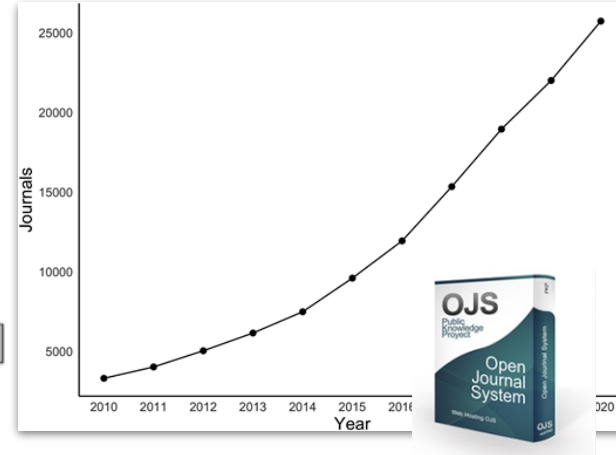
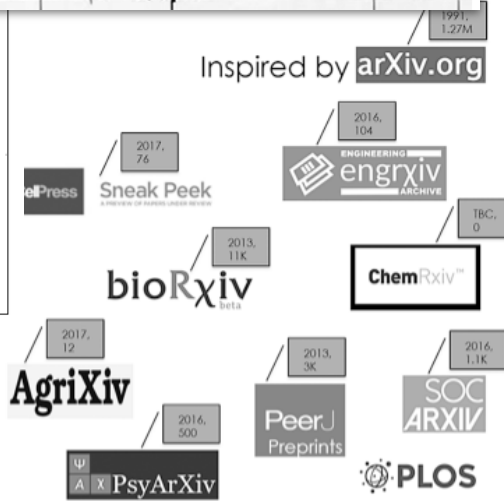
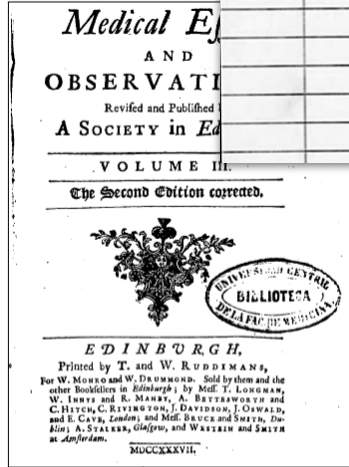
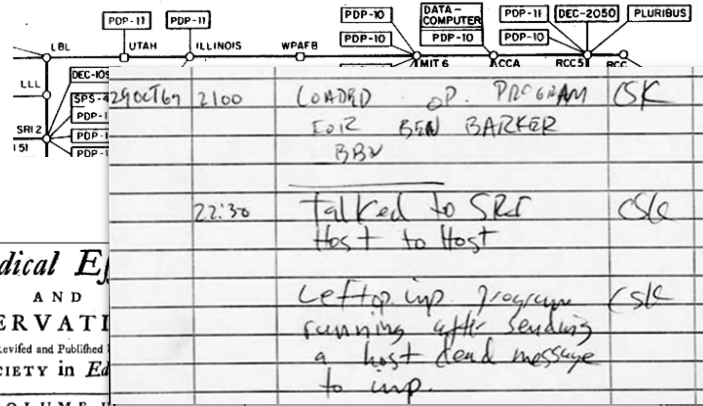
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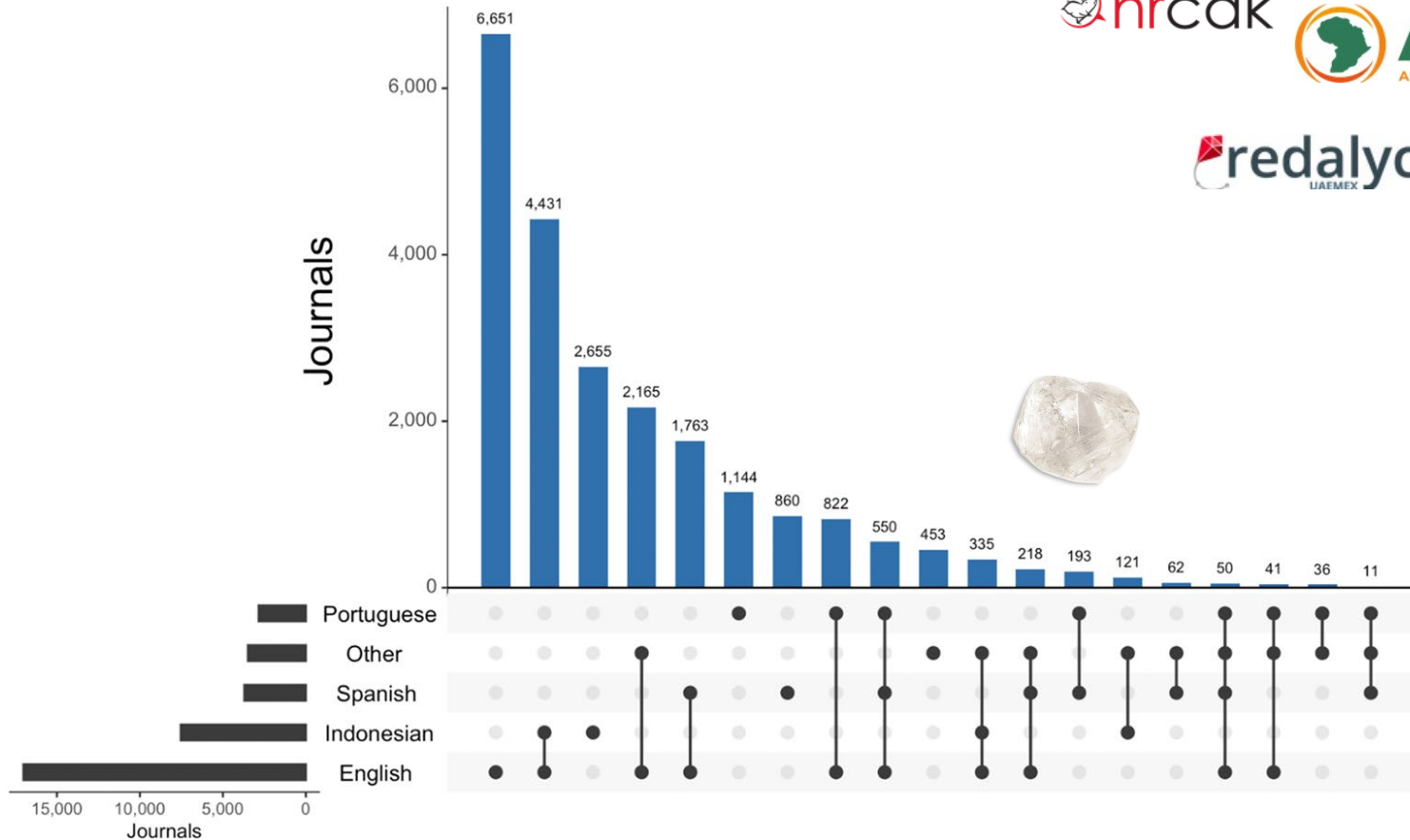
*... also known as platinum open access, non-commercial open access, or open access commons, this model gained prominence in the 2000s and 2010s but has roots in earlier forms of publishing, such as subsidised university presses and community-led initiatives.*



(From UNESCO consultation on Diamond OA)

ARPANET LOGICAL MAP, MARCH 1977





Saurabh Khanna, Jon Ball, Juan Pablo Alperin, John Willinsky; Recalibrating the scope of scholarly publishing: A modest step in a vast decolonization process. *Quantitative Science Studies* 2022; 3 (4): 912–930. doi: [https://doi.org/10.1162/qss\\_a\\_00228](https://doi.org/10.1162/qss_a_00228)

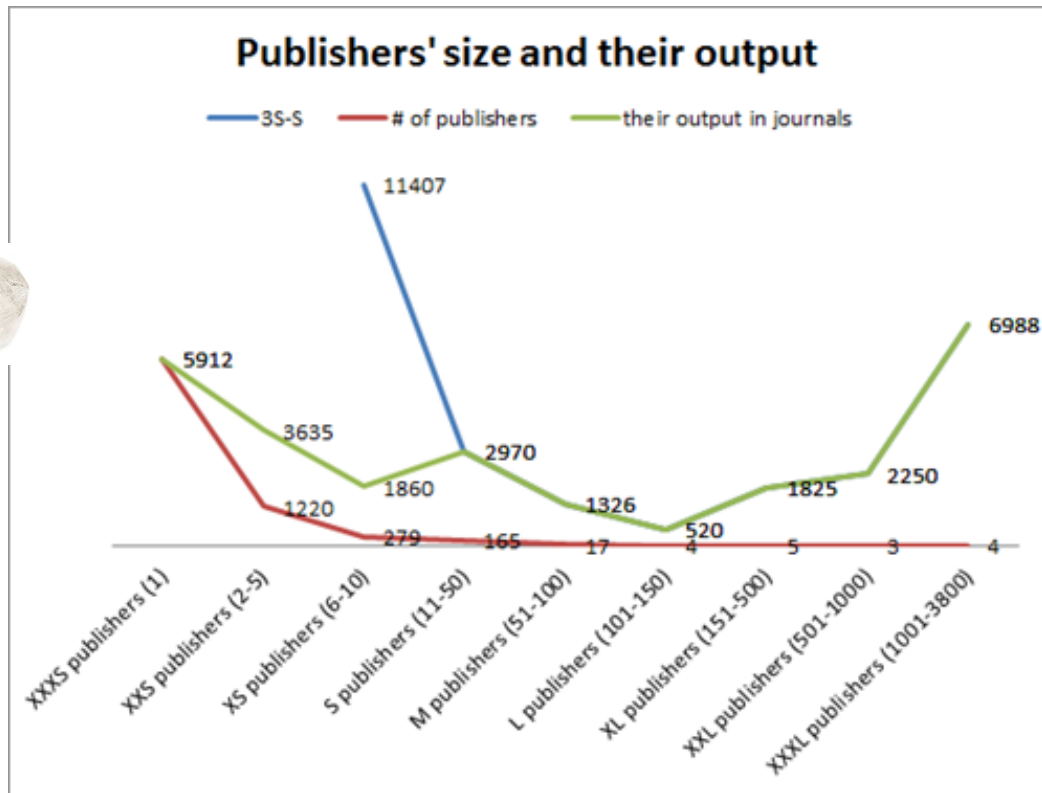


# Present

- Institutional and Diamond Open Access happens primarily in the sphere of 3XS–M publishers

Market dominance of large publishers, disproportionate budget expenditure of libraries in the XXL sphere

The output of the "small" publishers, which are usually not the focus of attention, is surprisingly high overall  
65% of DOAJ entries are high-quality OA Journals without fees



Data estimation, based on <https://doi.org/10.1093/scipol/scaa081> Mikael Laakso, Anna-Maija Multas, European scholarly journals from small- and mid-size publishers (2023)

# Diamond Open Access gains momentum



Open Access surpasses subscription publication globally for the first time

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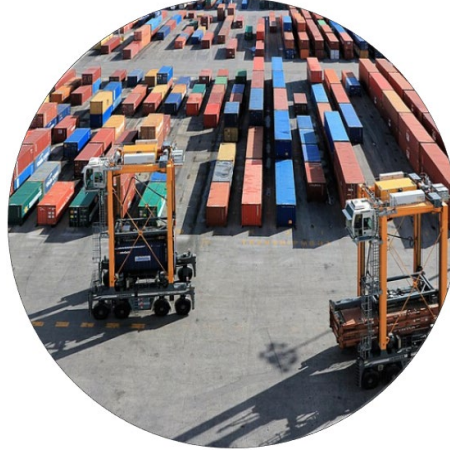


Article Processing Charge Hyperinflation  
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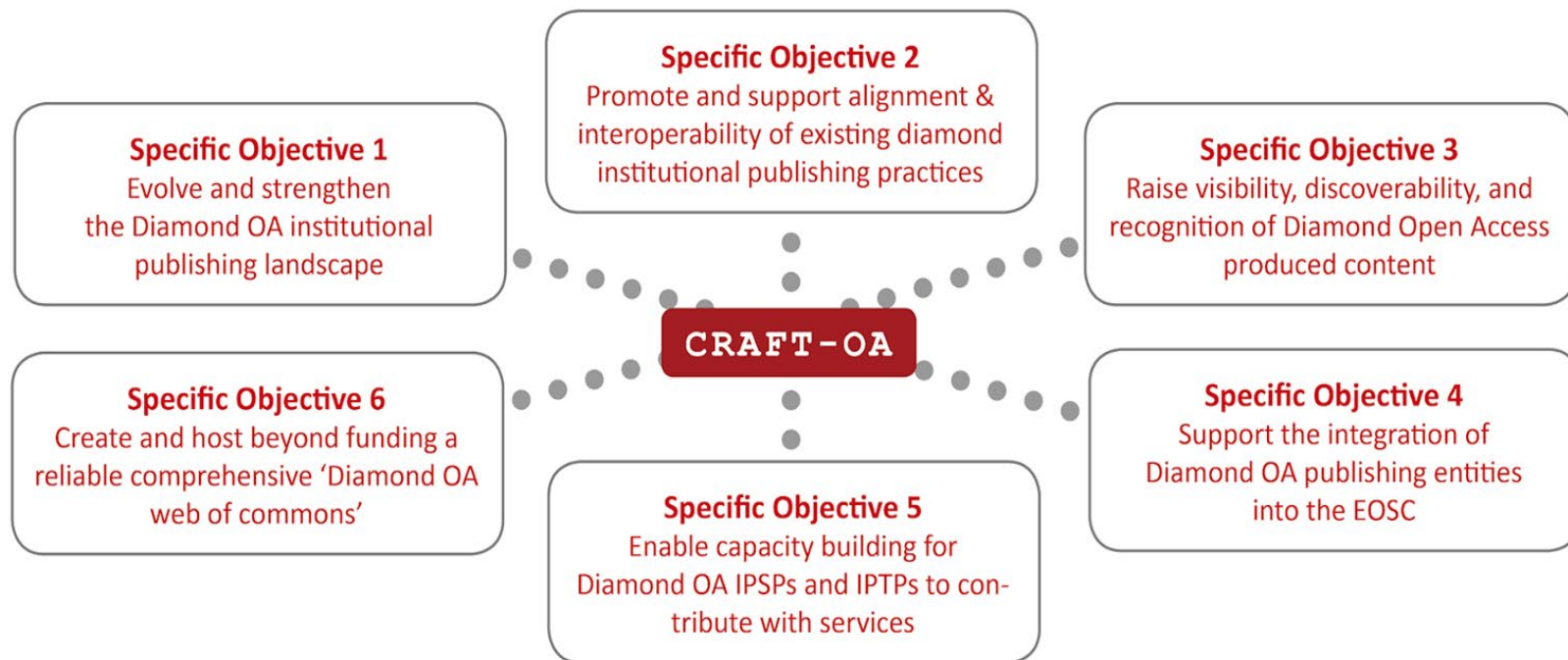
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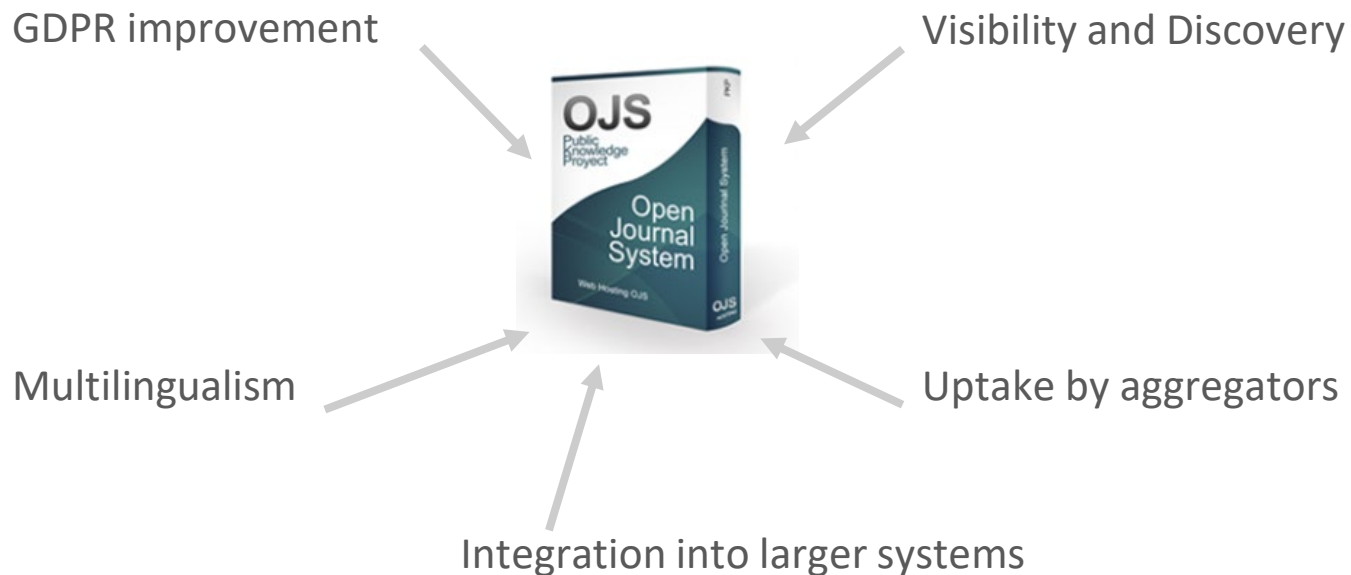
- 2021 The OA Diamond Journals Study
- 2022 Action Plan for Diamond Open Access
- 2022 Funding of DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA
- 2023 European Council conclusions on high-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing
- 2023 1st Global Diamond OA Summit, Mexico
- 2024 2nd Global Diamond OA Summit, ZA
- 2025 Launch of European Diamond Capacity Hub



# Main objectives of projects CRAFT-OA and DIAMAS



# Improvement to Diamond OA journal technology



# The Diamond Discovery Hub

- Provides detailed and verified information for aggregators
- Collects and stores diamond journals' metadata
- Ensures the (meta)data quality, richness, and interoperability
- Displays structured information on journal ownership, governance, mission
- Identifies the largest possible set of diamond journals
- Uses community-approved criteria of Diamond Open Access



**DIAMOND**  
Discovery Hub

# Diamond Open Access Criteria (beyond zero APC)

1. Persistent identification
2. Scholarly journal
3. Open Access with open licenses
4. No fees
5. Open to all authors
6. Community-owned



# Diamond Open Access Criteria (beyond zero APC)

1. Persistent identification -> *PIDs as a proxy for unambiguous identification and findability, for professional publishing practices*
2. Scholarly journal -> *recognised and acknowledged in its field, exercising usual quality control measures such as peer review*
3. Open Access with open licenses -> *immediate and full open access; no embargoes or hybrid models, no R&P agreements, clear reuse policies*
4. No fees -> *no author facing charges or unit-based library facing charges, operation is financed via commitment for the publishing infrastructure as such*
5. Open to all authors -> *as a proxy for recognised scholarly publishing practice and measure to control for hidden fees*
6. Community-owned -> *distinguish publication channels within sovereignty and accountability of science itself; recognise community control and institutional effort*





# DIAMAS

Developing Institutional Open Access  
Publishing Models to Advance  
Scholarly Communication

## Empowering Communities: Shaping Open Scholarly Publishing in Europe and Beyond



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Pierre Mounier (EHES/OPERAS)



The DIAMAS project has received funding from the  
European Union's HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ERA-01 grant



# DIAMAS Overview

- ❖ **Duration:** 36 months
- ❖ **Commenced:** September 2022
- ❖ **Funder:** Horizon Europe
- ❖ **Budget:** €2.5m
- ❖ **Participants:** 23 public service scholarly organizations from 12 ERA countries





1

## Understanding the landscape of IPSPs in the ERA



Mapping current landscape of IPSP



Mapping of existing quality standards



Benchmarking of current IPSP

2

## Improving coordination, quality, and sustainability of IPSPs

Consultations with IPSP: co-creation of best practices, toolkits, guidelines,



3

## Formulating policy & strategy recommendations: dissemination, engagement & impact

Engagement with institutional leaders and managers



Dissemination



IPSP = Diamond Publishers and Service Providers



# Project Objectives

- Provide the research community with an **aligned, high-quality, and sustainable OA scholarly communication ecosystem**, capable of implementing Diamond OA as a standard publication practice across Europe.
- **Create a community, supporting services, and non-technical infrastructure for Diamond publishers and service providers** that adopt common standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- **Common standards, guidelines, and best practices** will be co-created, adopted and disseminated across the community.



- In 3 years DIAMAS lays the foundation for a **Diamond OA Publishing Capacity Hub** that helps the community with tools, guidelines, governance, and funding.
- The Diamond OA Capacity Hub will largely be a **virtual distributed capacity network** of collaborating services that are coordinated via a central portal.
- Technical infrastructure support is being added via CRAFT-OA, coordinated by University of Göttingen.

# Project Outputs

1. Landscape Report
1. Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS)
1. Capacity Hub / EDCH



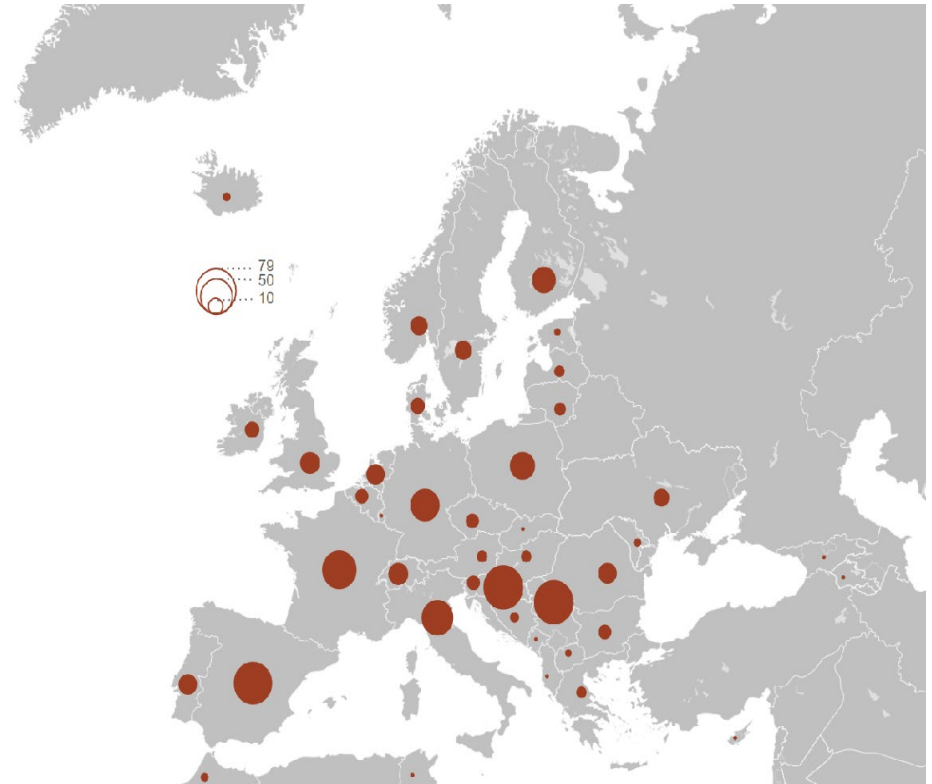
# Landscape Report



# The DIAMAS Landscape Report: What did we get?

685 responses we could use

- An uneven geographical distribution
  - But most countries adequately represented
- Our numbers indicate that a major part of Diamond publishers and Service providers are represented
  - But the smallest ones underrepresented
- $\frac{3}{4}$  publishers,  $\frac{1}{4}$  service providers
- 90% publish journals
  - Most publish relatively few journals, <5





## Findings about Publishers

- The typical Diamond publisher is small and often isolated
- Needs better, more reliable, and more long-term financing
- 70% are willing to cooperate to save costs
- Needs support for aligning best practices and achieve sustainability
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science and good publishing practices

## The national level is very important

- The number of Diamond journals in a country has a strong correlation with a national organisation serving these journals and their Diamond publishers:
  - OpenEdition (France, 521 journals)
  - FECYT (Spain, 600 journals)
  - TSV (Finland, 200 journals)
  - HRCAK (Croatia, 500 journals)



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**DOAS**  
DIAMOND Open Access Standard

**DOAS:**  
The Diamond  
Open Access  
Standard

# DOAS

## Quality is a public good

- ✓ Based on 7 core components outlined in the Action Plan for Diamond Open Access, revised and refined by the DIAMAS project team.
- ✓ Focused on journals.
- ✓ A comprehensive approach to maintaining high standards in scholarly publishing.

- Funding
- Legal ownership, mission, and governance
- Open Science
- Editorial management, editorial quality, and research integrity
- Technical service efficiency
- Visibility, communication, marketing, and impact
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB), multilingualism, and gender equity 

# How to use DOAS

## DOAS

- ✓ 117 ITEMS:
  - 63 REQUIRED items ensuring fundamental practices
  - 53 DESIRED items offering additional recommendations
- ✓ Essential compliance and aspirational goals for Diamond OA scholarly publishers

- Serves as *the Diamond OA Standard for scholarly publishers*
- Represents a *measure of quality* and a point of reference for comparison
- Helps to ensure *quality and transparency* in governance, processes, and workflows of journals' publishing activities
- Outlines *required and desired* items for compliance
- Emphasises clarity and transparency, prioritising *openness in information dissemination*



# Self- assessment tool





# DOAS

## Deployment

Supported by a  
**Self-assessment  
tool**

- To **self-evaluate** scholarly publishers' adherence to DOAS
- To identify **strengths and weakness**
- Providing **graphic support** and access to resources for improving compliance

# Self-assessment tool for Diamond OA

Intuitive & efficient tool for scholarly  
publishers to manage and self-  
evaluate compliance with the DOAS

<https://diamas.fecyt.es/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUwVbcFAI>

## HOW DO YOU PERFORM YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT?

### REGISTER 1

To take the self-assessment test you must be registered on the platform. To register, press the top "ENTER" button and then click on "REGISTER NOW" to create your account.



### 2 LOGIN

To enter, click on the top button "ENTER" and enter your username and password, if you are not registered, click on "REGISTER NOW" and create your account.



### CHOOSE MODULE 3

The platform has two modules to complete the self-assessment test, DOAS and Sustainability. You can complete one or both tests.



### AUTOEVALUATE

When you select one of the modules, a quiz will appear. Answer the questions until you complete it. When you're done, click the "FINISH" button to finish the test and send it to your email.



### 4

### RECEIVE THE REPORT 5

When you finish the test, you will receive a full report with the results in your email. Remember, you can take it again or complete the next test, for this, you must go back to step 1.





# Toolsuite

The next step for Diamond publishers and service providers  
after self-assessment





# Toolsuite: the result of a truly collaborative effort

- **Under the lead of JISC** - Graham Stone
- **With a true team of authors, contributors and reviewers:** Clara Armengou, DOAJ; Karla Avanço, OPERAS (reviewer); Judith Barnsby, DOAJ; Lynne Bowker, Université Laval; Drahomira Cupar, FFZG; Mikael Laakso, TSV; Ignasi Labastida, Universidad de Barcelona; Isabella Meinecke, University of Hamburg (reviewer); Iva Melinščak Zlodi, FFZG; Danijel Mofardin, UniZD; Virginia de Pablo, FECYT; Elio Pellin, University of Bern (reviewer); Janne Pölönen, TSV; Vanessa Proudman, SPARC Europe; Claire Redhead, OASPA; Laura Rincón, Universidad de Barcelona (reviewer); Johan Rooryck, cOAlition S; Pilar Rico, FECYT; Milica Ševkušić, EIFL; Cenyu Shen, DOAJ; Irakleitos Souyioultzoglou, OPERAS; Jadranka Stojanovski, UniZD; Tobias Steiner, Thoth (reviewer); Graham Stone, Jisc.
- Delving upon a breadth of **200 existing resources in 11 languages** suggested by the contributors and the community
- Immediately **translated in Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese** by the partners (and more to come)

- **What is it ?**
  - → A suite of articles providing high level introductions to the Diamond model and its different dimensions
- **How is it structured?**
  - → Alongside the 7 components of the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) and the self-assessment tool:
    - Funding
    - Ownership and governance
    - Open Science Practices
    - Editorial quality, editorial management and research integrity
    - Technical Services Efficiency
    - Visibility, indexation, communication, marketing and impact
    - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB), Gender and Multilingualism
- **How does it work? :**
  - → It will be available on a dedicated website that integrates the **guidelines** as well



Resources  
&  
Guidelines

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## Gender Diversity



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[Home](#) - Gender Diversity

### Abstract

In scholarly publishing, men are overrepresented as research subjects, authors, reviewers, editors, and executives. Steps to increase gender diversity can include actively recruiting more women and gender minorities to serve as reviewers, editors, and publishing executives, adopting policies to support gender-related reporting and double- or triple-anonymous reviewing, and offering guidance to reduce unconscious bias.

### Main Text

### Last Updated

2024-11-04

### Tags

[GENDER BIAS](#)  
[GENDER DISCRIMINATION](#)  
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Another way in which gender disparity can manifest itself in scholarly publishing is when fewer women are awarded leadership or executive roles within publishers (Li & Zhao, 2023). Finally, gender disparity may co-occur with or be exacerbated by other forms of discrimination, creating a problem of intersectionality. For instance, gender disparities may be even more pronounced in certain regions (e.g., low-income countries) (Morgan et al., 2019). To combat such problems, Diamond OA publishers can raise awareness about unconscious bias and offer training or guidance to their staff, editors, editorial boards, peer reviewers, and authors. Diamond OA publishers leaders can also engage in self-reflection and take direct action to address gender disparities within their own organisations.

## Related Toolsuite Articles

- [Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging \(EDIB\)](#)

## Related Guidelines and Training Materials

- [Gender diversity](#)

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# Public launch of the European Diamond Capacity Hub and the ALMASI Project

**Date:** 14 January, 14:00 CET to 15 January, 18:00 CET

**Location:** MUNCYT (Museo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología),  
Calle Pintor Murillo, 15 – Alcobendas – MADRID



The European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) will hold its public launch on the 15 January 2025 in Madrid, Spain. The event will be hosted by the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology ([FECYT](#)) and it will take place at the Museo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (MUNCYT). At the event, key features of the EDCH will be presented, along with a range of opportunities for active participation and collaboration.

The EDCH aims to strengthen the Diamond OA community in Europe by supporting European institutional, national and disciplinary capacity centres and Diamond publishers and service providers in their mission of Diamond OA scholarly publishing. The EDCH will provide these Diamond stakeholders with coordination, sustainability, training modules, technical tools, and services at scale. The EDCH thus answers the need for capacity building in the Diamond OA community that was expressed in the [Action Plan for Diamond Open Access](#).

The EDCH takes its place alongside other regional Diamond OA capacity hubs worldwide, like [Redalyc-Amelica](#) or [AJOL](#), and hopes to inspire other regions to support the idea of a [global framework for Diamond OA](#) that UNESCO is currently exploring through a consultation process.

There has been a marked increase in political support for Diamond Open Access. The Council of the European Union [Conclusions](#) of May 2023 reflect a consensus between EU Member States to move towards 'high-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy, and equitable scholarly publishing', while the Council [Conclusions](#) of June 2022 connected open science with research assessment reform. The [UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science](#) of November 2021 reflects a similar consensus at the global level.

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