



DIAMAS

Developing Institutional Open Access
Publishing Models to Advance
Scholarly Communication

Toolsuite and Guidelines

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The European Diamond Capacity Hub

- DIAMAS lays the foundation for the **European Diamond OA Capacity Hub (EDCH)** that helps the community with tools, guidelines, governance, and funding.
- The scope of the EDCH is to support exchange of information, alignment of practices, sharing of resources, streamlining of operations.
- The EDCH will largely be a **virtual distributed network of collaborating services**
- The EDCH will be supported by **6 Task Forces**

European Diamond Capacity Hub -Services

 <p>DIAMOND OA Standard</p>	<p>Quality alignment and self-assessment of Diamond OA publishers and service providers. A benchmark for Diamond OA publishing.</p>	 <p>DIAMOND Discovery Hub</p>	<p>The authoritative list of Diamond OA journals that satisfy the 6 operational criteria of Diamond OA.</p>
 <p>Training Platform</p>	<p>Training modules and curricula for editorial and technical support staff. Learning Management System with self-paced courses and evaluation.</p>	 <p>Resources & Guidelines</p>	<p>A living toolsuite bringing together articles and descriptions of best practices on how to run a Diamond OA journal.</p>
 <p>Registry & Forum</p>	<p>Community management: a Forum for Diamond OA communities of practice and collaboration. A Registry of organisations involved in Diamond OA.</p>	 <p>Publishing Tools</p>	<p>Digital resources, interoperability tools, publishing software enhancements and add-ons.</p>



Toolsuite



- **What is it ?**

- A suite of resources and guidelines providing introductions and advice on the Diamond model and its different dimensions

- **What is the scope of the toolsuite?**

- To inform Diamond OA Publishers and Service Providers about the 7 components of the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) and support their implementation:

- 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? :**

- The toolsuite is hosted on an online platform: <https://toolsuite.diamas.org/>

Toolsuite: the result of a truly collaborative effort

- **Under the lead of Jisc** - Graham Stone
- **Guidelines developed under the coordination of DOAJ** - Clara Armengou
- **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.

- The development of the Toolsuite began in 2023 in parallel to the writing of the first iteration of the DOAS.
- A call was launched to gather materials that were organised into a catalogue of **200 resources in 11 languages** suggested by the contributors and the community.
- Lead authors and co-authors were assigned to each of the main articles and the guidelines.
- To ensure consistency, authors used a common template: introduction, main text, references and further reading, glossary terms and keywords, links to other articles and training.

- It was decided to split some of the core components into more than one section in the Toolsuite. This resulted in **15 main articles** and **18 guidelines**
- Drafts of the articles and the guidelines were reviewed internally, and by an Editorial Board of experts (Ellio Pellin, Laura Rincón, Tobias Steiner).
- The toolsuite has been **translated into Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese** by project partners (and more languages to come).
- Content is available under a CC-BY licence on an open-source platform

Introduction to Diamond OA and the DOAS

Articles: high level descriptions of the DOAS elements and signposts to relevant resources

Guidelines: practical guidance and 'how-to' workflows

Sustainability resources: tools, case studies, and templates to support sustainability

FAQs: common questions about DOAS and its implementation

Glossary: short definitions of terms and concepts

Useful links: access to other toolkits, the self-assessment tool, and (soon) training resources



DIAMOND OA Standard

— DISCOVER

Diamond Open Access

Diamond Open Access (OA) refers to a scholarly model of publication where publishers, journals, and platforms do not charge fees to either authors or readers.

The Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) is based on essential and testable criteria across seven key components of scholarly publishing to ensure equitable, transparent, and high-quality practices.

- [What is Diamond OA?](#)
- [Introduction to DOAS](#)

— Read more

— ACCESS

Resources & Guidelines

This section contains a variety of tools and resources to support publishers who are considering moving towards Diamond OA publishing

- [Toolsuite Articles](#)
- [Guidelines](#)
- [Sustainability Resources](#)
- [Self assessment tool](#)
- [Frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#)
- [Glossary](#)
- [Useful links](#)

— Read more



Resources & Guidelines

Funding	Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue streams • Diamond OA policies
Ownership & governance	Ownership & governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing community-led governance in publishing services • Copyright, authors' rights policy
Open Science practices	Open Science practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of open licences in open access publishing • Research data sharing policy • Preprints • Self-archiving policy • Handling negative research results • Availability of research protocols, methods and software
Editorial quality, management and research integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial quality • Editorial management • Research integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic editorial information that should be displayed • GDPR and personal data
Technical service efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical service efficiency • Software and interoperability • Metadata • Preservation and content formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing a platform • Metadata formats and export, identifiers, CRediT tags, bibliographic references, JATS XML or equivalent
Visibility, indexation, communication, marketing and impact	Visibility, indexation, communication, marketing and impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing, communication and visibility • Usage and metrics
Equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging (EDIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity, diversity, and inclusion • Gender diversity • Accessible/inclusive website, content and metadata • Multilingualism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender diversity • Multilingualism

Ownership and governance

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Abstract

Diamond OA publishing is driven and owned by scholarly communities. This article outlines how that can be achieved in line with the Diamond OA Standard (DOAS) (Consortium of the DIAMAS project, 2024). Diamond OA Publishers must be (part of) a not-for-profit academic or scholarly organisation, and have legal ownership of journal and book titles. Publisher governance structures, interactions with service providers (SPs), and relations to its journals and books should be clearly indicated on the publisher's web page.

Main Text

Ownership

This article provides an outline of how scholar-driven ownership and governance of Diamond OA publishing can be achieved in line with the Diamond OA Standard (DOAS, Consortium of the DIAMAS project, 2024). Diamond OA Publishers must be (part of) a not-for-profit academic or scholarly organisation. These include

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Related Toolsuite Articles

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

Related Guidelines and Training Materials

- [Implementing community-led governance in publishing services](#)
- [Copyright, authors' rights policy](#)

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A suite of resources for publishers, service providers and funders to support the sustainability of institutional publishing

- **Talking points:** Making the case to fund Diamond Open Access
- **Optimise your expenses:** Guide for Diamond OA publishers
- **Nonprofit Business Model** Canvas
- The **centrality of the workforce** for Diamond OA: Contractual, in-kind and voluntary work
- Research **funders committing** to Diamond OA: A DIAMAS case study report
- Institutional publishers and service providers: **Sustainability research report**
- **National overviews** on sustaining institutional publishing in Europe
- **Literature** on Diamond OA publications and infrastructure business models
- **Beyond 'no fee':** why Diamond OA is much more than a business model

- **Conceptual core:** the toolsuite is structured alongside the 7 components of the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS)
- **Community:** A series of webinars dedicated to collect feedback on the toolsuite and other EDCH components is in planning
- **Call for action:** Translations are already available in Spanish, Croatian, and Portuguese. We welcome and encourage translations in more languages!



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