

OpenCitations an infrastructure for open bibliographical metadata

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# OpenCitations

https://opencitations.net/







#### Overview

OpenCitations (<a href="http://opencitations.net">http://opencitations.net</a>) is an <a href="mailto:independent infrastructure organization">independent infrastructure organization</a>

- dedicated to open scholarship and the publication of open bibliographic and citation data by the use of Semantic Web technologies
- engaged in advocacy for open citations and open bibliographic metadata, particularly via I4OC (<a href="https://i4oc.org">https://i4oc.org</a>) and I4OA (<a href="https://i4oa.org">https://i4oa.org</a>)

#### It provides:

- a data model: the <u>OpenCitations Data Model</u> (based on the <u>SPAR Ontologies</u>, recently included in FAIRSharing.org)
- bibliographic and citation data (CC0): <u>OpenCitations Indexes</u>
- software: in our <u>GitHub repository</u>, released with open source licenses
- online services: <u>REST APIs</u>, <u>SPARQL endpoints</u>, <u>dumps</u> and <u>interfaces</u>







#### **Citations**

Citation: conceptual directional link from a citing entity to a cited entity



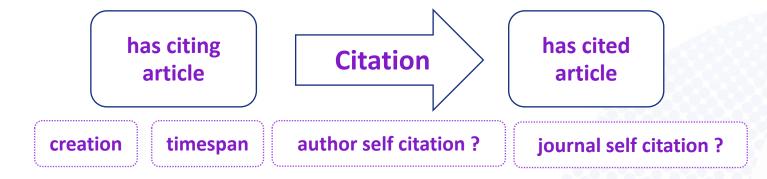
- data of a particular citation must include: (1) the representation of such a conceptual directional link; (2) basic metadata of the citing entity and the cited entity
- citation data should be structured, separable, and open
- citations in OpenCitations are hosted as Linked Open Data, defined using the <u>OpenCitations Data Model</u> (OCDM)





#### Citations in OpenCitations

Citations are defined as **First-Class Data Entities** (following OCDM)



#### **Advantages**:

- all the information regarding each citation is available in one place.
- citations become easier to describe, distinguish, count and process.

Citations are identified with the <u>Open Citation Identifier (OCI)</u>, a globally unique persistent identifier (PID) for the identification of open bibliographic citations stored in a specific database or in other kinds of storages.





# **OpenCitations Indexes**

OpenCitations Indexes have crossed the significant threshold of one billion citations and the last release (August 2022) contains

1,363,718,366 citation links

75,030,924 bibliographic resources

OpenCitations provides citation data via: REST APIs, SPARQL endpoints, dumps and interfaces







#### **COCI** and **CROCI**

#### COCI, the OpenCitations Index of Crossref open DOI-to-DOI citations

 an RDF dataset containing data of all the citations that are specified by the open references to DOI-identified works present in Crossref.

#### **CROCI, the Crowdsourced Open Citations Index**

 individuals (identified by ORCiD) may deposit citation information that they have a legal right to submit, and within which these submitted citation data will be published under a CCO public domain waiver

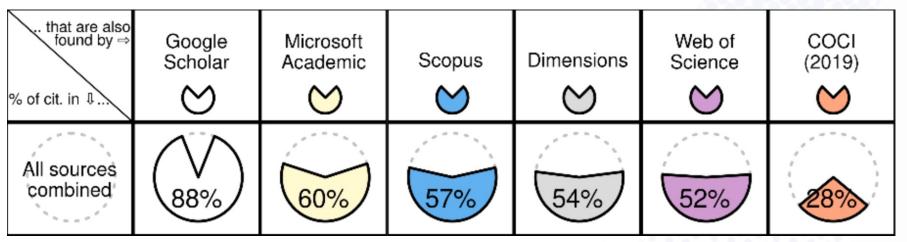


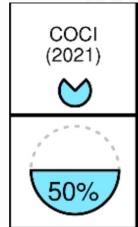




# Citation coverage

A recent independent comparison has shown that the coverage of COCI is approaching parity with those of the expensive subscription citations indexes Web of Science and Scopus





https://opencitations.hypotheses.org/1420

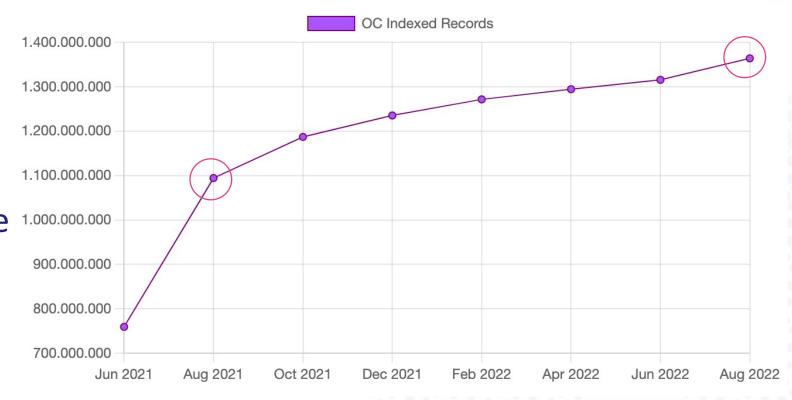






# Statistics regarding the indexed citations

The number of records (citations) indexed in the COCI dataset of OpenCitations throughout the time









# Integration with Other Services



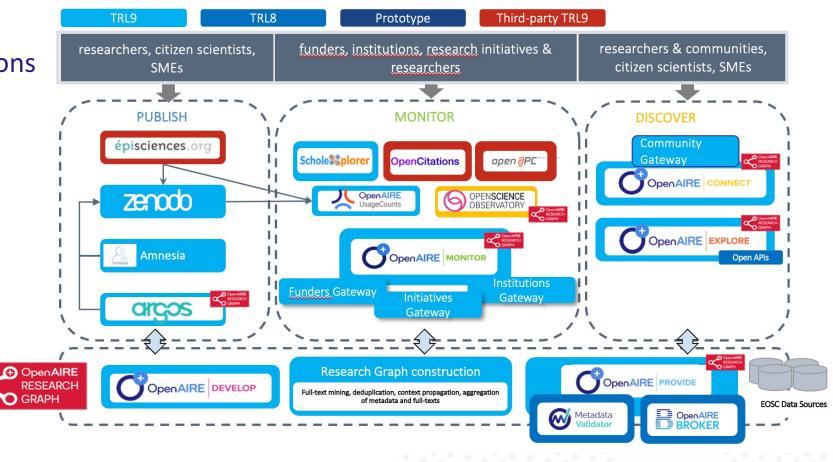




#### Integration with Nexus services

#### **Research Graph**

- Ingestion of OpenCitations data (bibliographic and citation data) to the Research Graph
- Software developed for enabling ingestion to/from OpenCitations (integration with EpiSciences is still in progress)



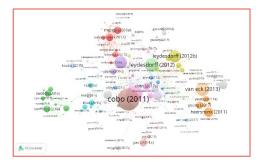


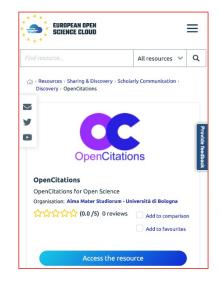




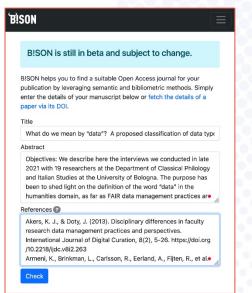
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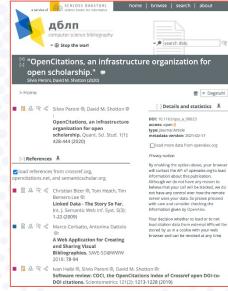
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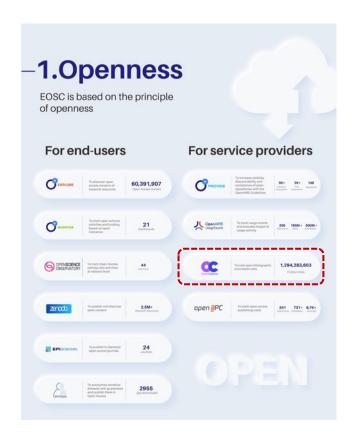


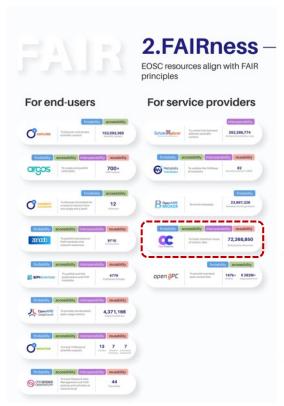
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# OpenCitations in EOSC





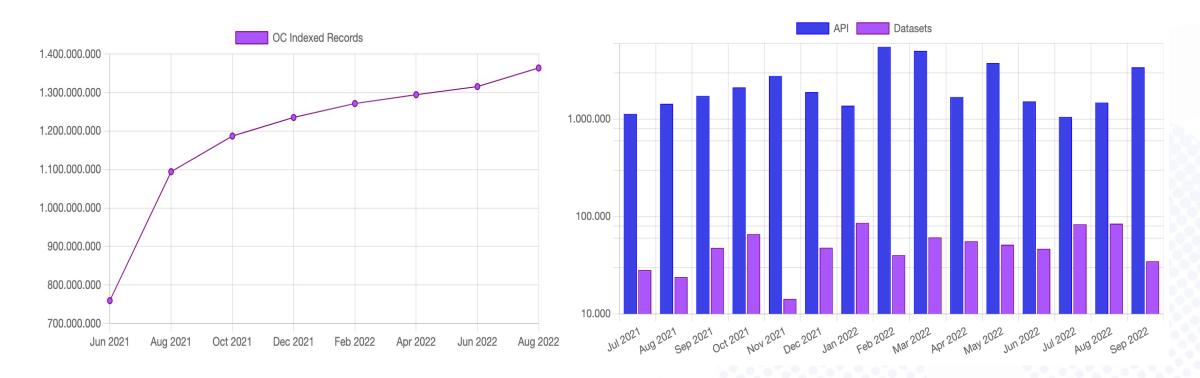








# Usage KPIs



- On September 2022, 12 different Tokens made API requests with an average of 1414 calls per token
- Currently we have registered 36 different tokens







# Future Steps

Learn more about current/future activities of OpenCitations on its public roadmap at <a href="https://opencitations.hypotheses.org/1519">https://opencitations.hypotheses.org/1519</a>







# **OpenCitations Meta**

Enables to store in house bibliographic metadata for the citing and cited publications involved in all our indexed citations

#### Advantages:

- Index citations involving entities lacking DOIs
- Improving the performance of some API operations
- Enables text search (e.g. in titles)









#### COCI, NOCI and DOCI

A new release of COCI based on the October dump of Crossref

A coverage expansion with the integration of new citation indexes of open citations, based on the holdings of DataCite (DOCI) and the NIH Open Citation Collection (NOCI)

TODO – SOME NUMBERS FROM ARIANNA









# OpenCitations badge

A badge widget to be integrated in any webpage by simply adding a precise HTML tag. The hosting service can decide what kind of information to display (mainly number of citations)



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# Querying Data

https://opencitations.net/querying







# SPARQL endpoints

OpenCitations mantains a SPARQL endpoint for all its datasets. When such a SPARQL endpoint is accessed with a browser, it shows an editor GUI generated with YASGUI

Requires technical background on semantic web technologies and SPARQL language

#### **OpenCitations Indexes SPARQL endpoint**





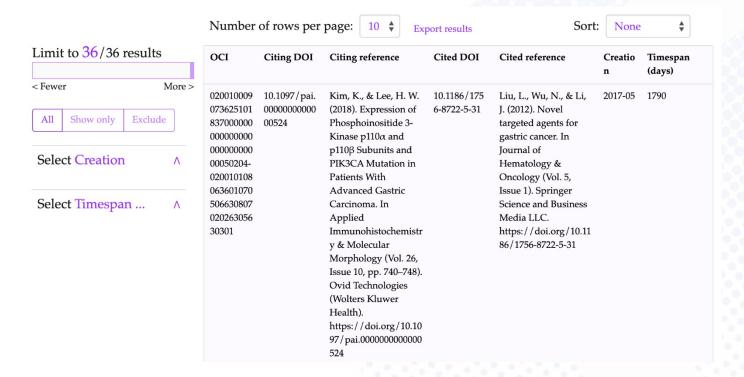


#### Search Interfaces

User-friendly text search interfaces that can be used to search data in all the OpenCitations datasets and filter the outcoming results.

Developed using OSCAR, The OpenCitations RDF Search Application

(<a href="https://github.com/ope">https://github.com/ope</a>
<a href="ncitations/oscar">ncitations/oscar</a>)









#### **REST APIs**

Data in any of the OpenCitations datasets can be retrieved by using an HTTP REST API. This solution represents a convenient access to the data included in the OpenCitations datasets for Web developers and users who are not necessarily experts in Semantic Web technologies.

Implemented by means of RAMOSE, the Restful API Manager Over SPARQL Endpoints

(<a href="https://github.com/openc">https://github.com/openc</a> itations/ramose)

The unifying REST API for all the OpenCitations Indexes

DESCRIPTION

**PARAMETERS** 

**OPERATIONS** 

/references/(doi)

/citations/{doi}

/citation/{oci}
/metadata/{dois}

/citation-count/{doi}

/reference-count/(doi)

HOME

# THE UNIFYING REST API FOR ALL THE OPENCITATIONS INDEXES

VERSION: Version 1.1.0 (2020-03-25)

API URL: https://w3id.org/oc/index/api/v1
CONTACT: contact@opencitations.net

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4.0 International License, while the REST API itself has been created using <u>RAMOSE</u>, the <u>Restful API Manager Over SPARQL Endpoints</u> created by <u>Silvio Peroni</u>, which is licensed with an <u>ISC license</u>.

#### DESCRIPTION

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This document describe the REST API for accessing the data stored in all the OpenCitations Indexes hosted by OpenCitations. This API implements operations to retrieve the citation data for all the references to other works appearing in a particular bibliographic entity, or the citation data for all the references appearing in other works to a particular bibliographic entity, given the DOI of a bibliographic entity, or to retrieve citation data about a particular citation identified by means of its Open Citation Identifier (OCI).





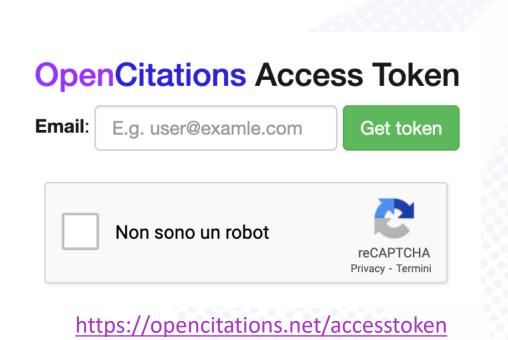


# OpenCitations access token

Before accessing our services, we encourage getting the OpenCitations Access Token.

An opaque string that anonymously identifies a unique user of the OpenCitations' APIs.

Its usage is not compulsory; however, it will help OpenCitations incredibly, by enabling us to monitor the number of the unique users accessing our data and services.











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