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TYPE OF PUBLICATION AND FORMATS ①

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READERSHIP STATISTICS AND MEASURES OF IMPACT ①

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ①



Advantages

Researchers:

- find in a single access point a structured list of services available for the different stages of the publishing process (including dissemination and communication)
- → are guided towards best practices, in accordance with OA principles
- can choose different search modes (common scenarios, detailed research, free search)

Service providers:

- make their service known, described taking into account primarily researchers' needs
- → are included in a European database, which can be updated according to the development of the service



Issues

- → need for an additional modelling effort (with a more granular approach), perhaps a reorganization of the database/catalogue of services itself, starting with a more targeted survey work
- → challenging variety of tools / of finalities / of users
- → difficulty in dealing with Operas members, which sometimes find it hard to describe their services precisely, and lack an overview of the landscape
- ongoing changes in the publishing workflow, transitional nature of the scholarly publishing environment, especially in the SSH (autonomous self-built workflow of the expert user, workflow supported by an institutional publisher, workflow supported by a publisher for a fee)