

Publishing Models to Advance Scholarly Communication

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Resources and Guidelines for Diamond OA Publishing

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DIAMAS Project

https://diamasproject.eu/

Results:

- Research reports
- Publications
- Datasets
- Diamond Open Access Standard
- Self-assessment tools
- Resources and guidelines
- Registry of publishers and service providers
- Forum
- Training materials
- Policy documents
- and more



Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS)

Self-assessment tool for Diamond OA



- Quality framework
- Quality standard as public good
- Transparent and equitable quality criteria
- A technical guide + a benchmarking tool for publishers
- Brochure
- Guide for journals
- Early adopters: translations, implementations and plans at National Capacity Centres and institutions



1572 REGISTERED USERS

DOAS
SELF-ASSESSMENTS
IN PROGRESS

DOAS
SELF-ASSESSMENTS
COMPLETED

SUSTAINABILITY
SELF-ASSESSMENTS
IN PROGRESS

SUSTAINABILITY
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Toolsuite

https://toolsuite.diamas.org

- Short, high-level articles introducing DOAS core components
- Includes glossaries, keywords, and FAQs
- Available in English, Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese:
 https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14001341
- New translations planned (French to be added soon)



Guidelines

https://toolsuite.diamas.org/quidelines

- 18 articles with practical advice for aligning publishing practices with DOAS criteria
- Available in English, Spanish, Croatian, Portuguese: (https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13786093

Research integrity

Toolsuite articles

Abstract

Research Integrity (RI) involves conducting ethical research to the highest standards. Core principles include reliability, honesty, care, and transparency. RI varies culturally and disciplinarily. Transparent practices include Open Access, proper data management, and adherence to ethical standards. Institutional responsibility, especially for Institutional Publishers and Service Providers (IPSPs), is vital in promoting a culture of RI, providing training, and establishing policies to prevent and address research misconduct.

Main Text

Research integrity (RI) is the commitment to conducting research ethically and in accordance with the highest standards of professionalism and rigour, as defined by organisations like Science Europe (2015). It involves upholding core values and principles that guide the responsible conduct of individuals involved in scientific research, including those who perform, finance, or evaluate it, as well as the institutions that publish and disseminate research.

Adhering to principles, values, professional ethics, and standards ensures the quality of research by promoting honest, accurate, efficient, and objective reporting in publication and dissemination channels. This commitment enhances the reputation of science and fosters public trust, contributing significantly to societal advancements.

Fundamental principles of RI, outlined by organisations such as ALLEA (2023) and the Universities UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity (2023), include reliability and rigour in research performance, honesty in all aspects of research, care, respect, and fairness in interactions with various stakeholders, accountability throughout the research process, and transparency and openness in reporting methods and findings.

These values may vary across cultural, historical, national, political, and economic contexts. Other accepted principles encompass accuracy, efficiency, objectivity, impartiality, independence, openness, good research stewardship, and responsibility for future researchers.

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Tags

OPEN ACCESS
OPEN SCIENCE
RESEARCH DATA
RESEARCH INTEGRITY
TRANSPARENCY

Related Toolsuite Articles



- Editorial management
- Editorial quality
- Open science practices

Related Guidelines

Research integrity

Related Training Materials

· Research integrity

Linking to other resources



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Copyright, authors' rights policy

Abstract

These guidelines provide a brief overview of basic concepts related to copyright. In addition, best practices in defining and displaying copyright policies for editors and publishers are described and explained.

Main Text

What is copyright or authors' rights?

Different legal systems around the world use different words and legal provisions for the concept of moral and economic rights that authors have over the works they have created. Despite this variety, there are various basic commonalities that can be identified related to copyright (or authors' rights) in scholarly publishing. While copyright is regulated by the copyright acts of each country, some international agreements are in place (such as The Berne Convention, or the WIPO Copyright Treaty) that create a minimal common ground allowing for the same procedures to be applied globally.

For publishers and editors in the scholarly publishing domain, it is important to understand the basics of copyright in order to be able to formulate appropriate copyright policies for their publications. These guidelines, however, are general in nature, and cannot account for all individual legal contexts. For all further clarifications, publishing services are advised to engage with a legal expert in their jurisdiction.

Copyright is a subset of intellectual property rights. It refers to the rights of creators of literary, scholarly, and artistic works. It is important to mention that the copyright only protects the rights over expressions, but not over ideas, procedures, methods or concepts. Another important thing about copyright is that there needs to be no act of registering copyright in order for a work to be protected. The copyright automatically exists from the moment of the creation of the work.

Guidelines

Related toolsuite articles



Linking to other

resources

· Ownership and Governance

Related Guidelines



- · Diamond OA Policies Use of open licences in Open Access publishing
- Self- archiving policy

Related Training Materials



- Copyright and licences
- Open Policies

References

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- Creative Commons https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/cclicenses/
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- SPARC. An Introduction to Copyright Resources for Authors. https://sparcopen.org/our-work/authorrights/introduction-to-copyright-resources/

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Advocacy Resources

Talking points: Making the case to fund Diamond Open Access

These talking points list a range of reasons for institutions, funders, donors and sponsors to invest in Diamond Open Access publishing.

The centrality of the workforce for Diamond Open Access: Contractual, in-kind and voluntary work

This short article explains how significant the workforce is to sustaining Diamond Open Access publishing and what challenges these workers face.

Financial sustainability resources

Tools

Consider your options: explore the different funding or revenue streams for Diamond Open Access

This list provides an overview of different funding mechanisms that Diamond Open Access publishers and service providers can use to acquire financial or other resources needed for their OA diamond operations or development.

How to define your Diamond Open Access business case: a six-step guide

Guidance on how to make the case for supporting your Diamond Open Access publication, project, service or infrastructure.

Nonprofit Business Model Canvas

This guide explains the use of the Nonprofit Business Model Canvas as a strategic management tool and provides a planning template.

Optimise your operations: Guide for Diamond Open Access publishers

This guide is designed to help Diamond Open Access publishers manage their expenses and save resources. It walks them through the typical costs involved in running a Diamond Open Access publishing project, with questions that encourage them to think about their current practices and explore ways to optimise costs.

Diamond Open Access sustainability check

This online tool is for Diamond Open Access publishers and Diamond Open Access service providers to gain insights into their financial health to help plan for a more sustainable future. Note the tool consists of two parallel instances: DOAS and the Sustainability Check that can be completed sequentially, if desired.

Research, the evidence base

Research funders committing to Diamond Open Access: A DIAMAS case study report

This report provides a set of insights into why and how research funders are trying to support Diamond Open Access publishing. It provides case studies examining different funders and their motivations and funding mechanisms, and what this means for their work.

Understanding the financial sustainability of institutional publishers and service providers in Europe

Available as both a <u>full report</u> and a <u>brief summary of key findings</u>, this research investigates what financial sustainability means for institutional publishing in Europe and the workforce involved in it. The analysis draws on four types of data: a literature review of economic and financial aspects of institutional publishing, 2 quantitative surveys (the DIAMAS survey and a follow-up survey focusing on funding practices), 6 focus groups with national-based Institutional Publishers and Service Providers, and 15 interviews with a range of diverse institutional publishing representatives.

National overviews on sustaining institutional publishing in Europe

As both a <u>full report</u> and a <u>factsheet</u>, this deep dive into 10 national contexts shows a wide variety of conditions for funding Diamond Open Access: Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom (UK).

Collaboration in Diamond Open Access publishing

This study highlights the current state of collaboration within the OA Diamond sector, identifying areas where it is effective, where it has potential, and the obstacles to collaboration along with strategies to overcome them.



Developing Institutional Open Access Publishing Models to Advance Scholarly Communication

Developing an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) strategy for open scholarly publishing

Getting started guide

Authors: Lynne Bowker, Mikael Laakso, Janne Pölönen

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) Getting Started Guide





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Training Platform

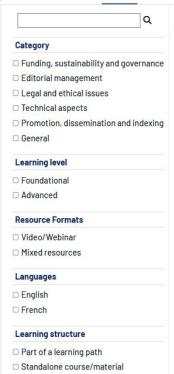
- A service to host learning materials aimed at strengthening the competencies of the key stakeholders involved in Diamond Open Access publishing.
- Learning management system (LMS) based on free and open source software (Moodle)
- Free access to courses
- Reusable training materials: reusable formats (course text, H5P and PDF, available under the CC BY licence https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15433205



Training Platform

The Training Platform is dedicated to helping Diamond Publishing Service and Diamond Tools & Technology Providers enhance their skills and build capacity by offering skill-building training modules and curricula in various areas, including the seven components of the Diamond Open Access Standard.

Discover our Training Platform

































Open science practices

Training catalogue

- 14 courses (approx. 9 hours)
- 2 presentations of the platform (English and French)









Research integrity

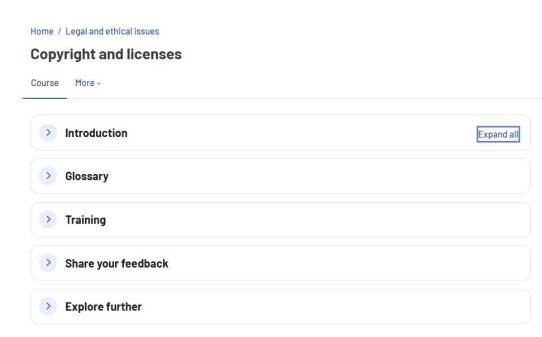
Visibility, communication, marketing and impact

Learn how to promote a Diamond OA journal and measure its reach through indexing, targeted communication, and responsible metrics.

Show more...

Training materials

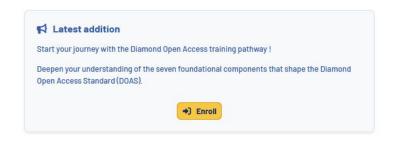
- 14 courses
- Resource types: interactive presentations, slides, quizzes, infographics, self-reflection sheets, etc.
- Based on the Diamond Open
 Access Standard and Toolsuite and
 Guidelines
- Standardized course structure



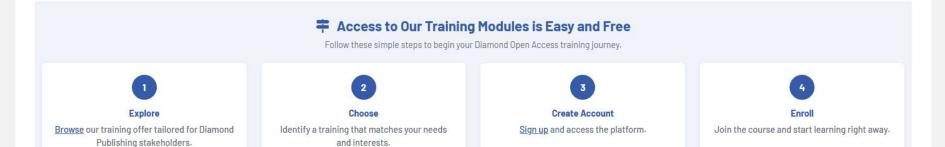
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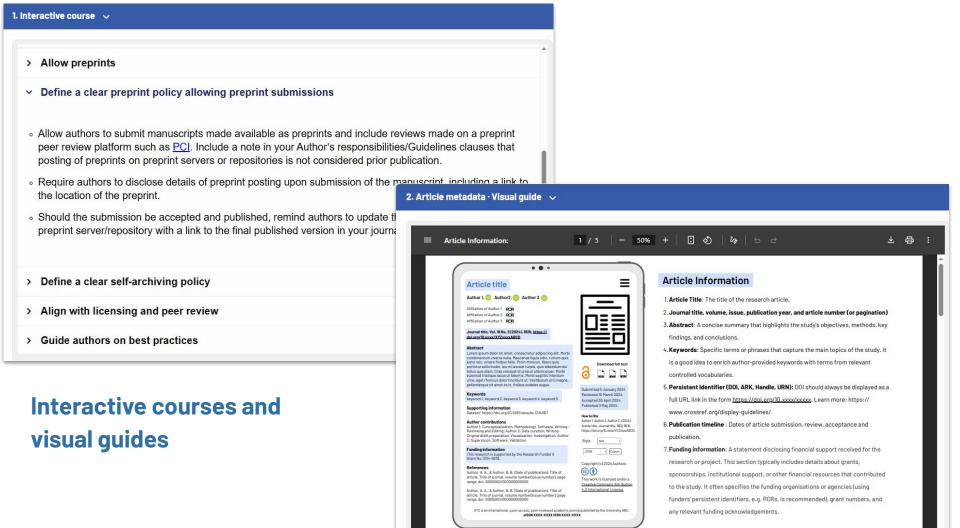
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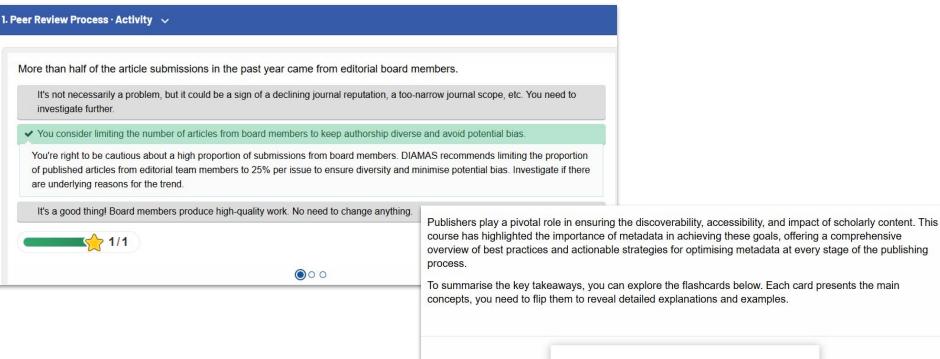
Discover tailored training modules designed to support Diamond Publishing Services and Technology Providers. Build capacity across key areas - including the seven components of the Diamond Open Access Standard.



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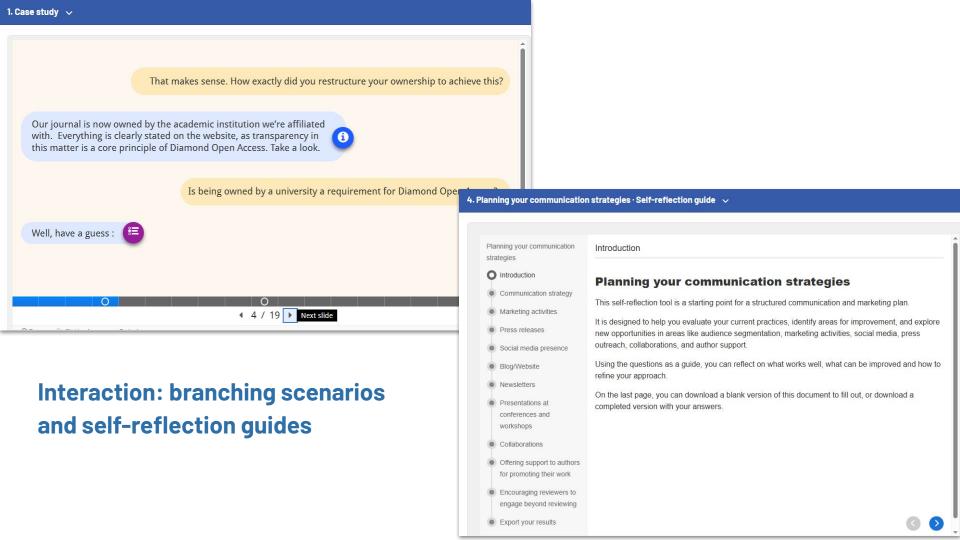


Interaction: quizzes and flipping cards

course has highlighted the importance of metadata in achieving these goals, offering a comprehensive overview of best practices and actionable strategies for optimising metadata at every stage of the publishing To summarise the key takeaways, you can explore the flashcards below. Each card presents the main

concepts, you need to flip them to reveal detailed explanations and examples.







DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

An index of Diamond OA journals that helps authors, libraries, funders, and research assessment bodies identify trustworthy journals.



DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS STANDARD

AND SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLS

A quality assurance framework that enables publishers to assess compliance with best practices.





PUBLISHING TOOLS

A set of tools and add-ons to optimise publishing workflows, improve content management, and uphold editorial quality.



REGISTRY & FORUM

A registry of Diamond OA publishers, service providers, and tools and technology providers, and a forum for collaboration, and shared solutions to promote integrity and transparency in scholarly publishing.



RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

Practical resources and guidelines to support the transition to Diamond OA (standards on editorial quality, research integrity, and transparent governance, funding, and policies).



TRAINING PLATFORM

Targeted learning modules that equip editors and publishers with the knowledge to implement best publishing practices and maintain research integrity.

EDCH Registry

A platform hosting profiles of publishers, and service and technology providers.

It helps organizations identify potential partners and navigate the landscape of Diamond OA in Europe

It provides up-to-date information on the practices and capacities of the registered organisations, including:

- Organisation name, type and contact information
- Services offered and tools/technologies supported
- Output types, languages, and disciplines

Organisational profiles are managed by authenticated users, searchable, and displayed on an interactive map.

Service Provider

MSH Mondes

https://mshmondes.cnrs.fr

david.rochefort(at)cnrs.fr

France

Services offered or supported

Content format production, Copyediting/ language editing/ proofreading, Editorial decisions/Peer review management, Training

Service Provider

Interfas

https://interfas.univ-tlse2.fr/

interfas(at)univ-tlse2.fr

France

Services offered or supported

Content format production, Displaying/
Disseminating, Hosting, Identification, Indexing,
Intellectual property rights and licensing,
Marketing, Metadata production, Preservation,
Training

Publisher

Technological University Dublin

https://www.tudublin.ie/

arrow.admin(at)tudublin.ie

Ireland

Services offered or supported

Content format production, Displaying/
Disseminating, Editorial decisions/Peer review
management, Hosting, Identification, Indexing,
Metadata production, Preservation, Training

Publisher

Društvo selekcionera i semenara Republike Srbije

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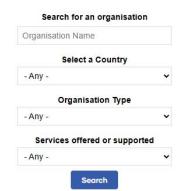
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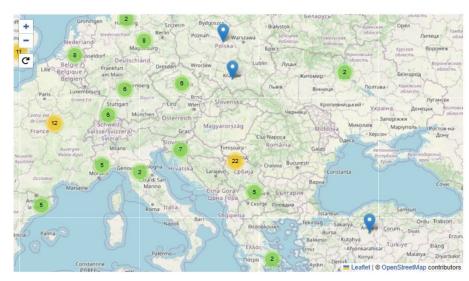
Content format production, Displaying/ Disseminating, Editorial decisions/Peer review management, Hosting, Marketing, Preservation, Printing, Training







The geographical scope of the Registry includes the European Research Area (ERA), countries with observer status in the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC), and other countries associated with Horizon Europe.



Publisher, Service Provider, Tools and/or Technology Provider OAPublishing Collective

https://www.oapublishing.ch

mail(at)oapublishing.ch

Switzerland

Publisher

Tampere University Press

https://edition.fi/tup

tup(at)tuni.fi

Finland

Services offered or supported

Services offered or supported

Content format production, Copyediting/ language editing/ proofreading, Displaying/ Disseminating, Editorial decisions/Peer review management, Hosting, Identification, Income management, Indexing, Intellectual property rights and licensing, Marketing, Metadata production, Preservation, Printing, Training

Content format production, Copyediting/ language

editing/ proofreading, Displaying/ Disseminating,

Editorial decisions/Peer review management,

Hosting, Identification, Income management,

Indexing, Metadata production, Printing

If you are a Diamond OA publisher or service and technology provider, join the Registry!

EDCH Forum

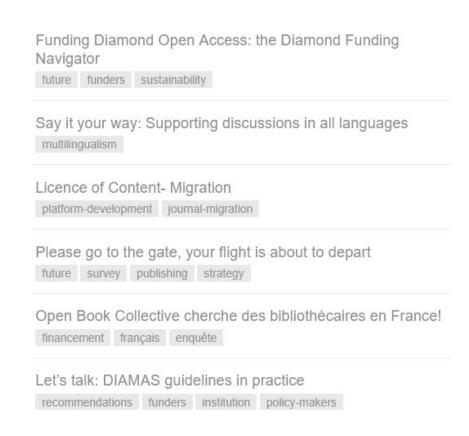
Virtual space to facilitate interaction among the Diamond OA community.

Who can join: professionals involved in Diamond OA initiatives across Europe

Users are encouraged to contribute actively and

- Exchange best practices
- Discuss synergies, establish collaborations
- Address challenges
- Highlight success stories

Supported by a specialized platform and a team of moderators with diverse institutional, geographic, and linguistic backgrounds



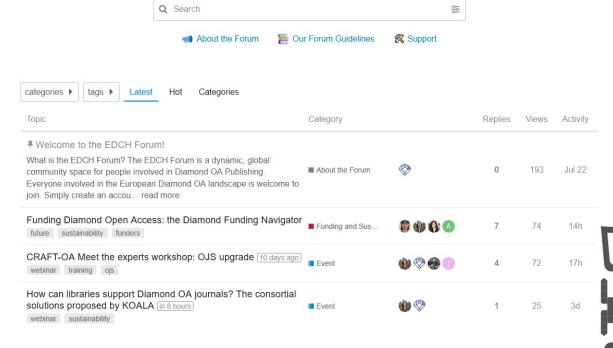




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Welcome to the European Diamond Capacity Hub community

This is a dynamic space designed for you—people involved in European Diamond Open Access publishing. Here, you can exchange ideas, collaborate, and innovate to tackle challenges and share best practices. Make this space your own—shape it, contribute to it, and let it grow with your needs!



Let's continue discussion on the EDCH Forum!



Thank you! Questions?

