

Developing and coordinating resources for Diamond Open Access

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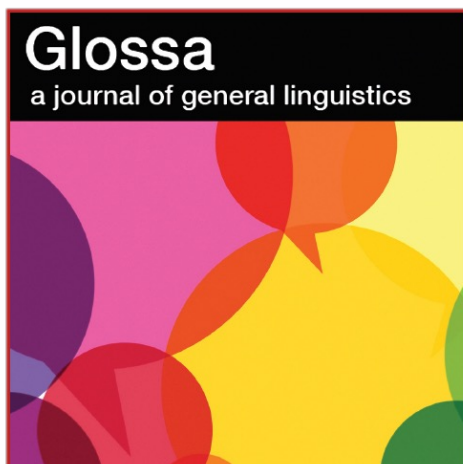
OPERAS

open scholarly communication in the european
research area for social sciences and humanities



How it started

Flipping *Lingua* to *Glossa* (2015–2016)



Lessons learned:

- ❖ It takes **the entire community** to flip a journal
- ❖ The old journal continued as (Zombie) *Lingua*, widened its aims and scope, and lost its reputation.
- ❖ Rather than the *journal* flipping to Diamond OA, it was the *community* that changed its *vehicle*.
- ❖ Many tasks the publisher did were transferred to the community. Rather than *leasing* the car, you now *own* it...
- ❖ Proper technical support is essential. This was provided by the *Open Library of Humanities (OLH)*.
- ❖ The *Glossa* community was enabled to use the tools provided by OLH to 'play journal'.

MILESTONES

2021

Open Access Diamond Journals Study

Recommendation 3.1: "Create an Open Access Diamond Capacity Centre"



2022

Action Plan for Diamond Open Access

"Create a dedicated nonprofit Capacity Centre for Diamond Publishing within 30 months that provides technical, financial, and training services and resources at different levels to eligible journals and editors."

ACTION PLAN FOR
**DIAMOND
OPEN ACCESS**
MARCH 2022



2022-2025

DIAMAS Project

Aims to create a Common Access Point as a knowledge exchange hub for Diamond Publishers and Publishing Service Providers.



CRAFT-OA

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2023-2025

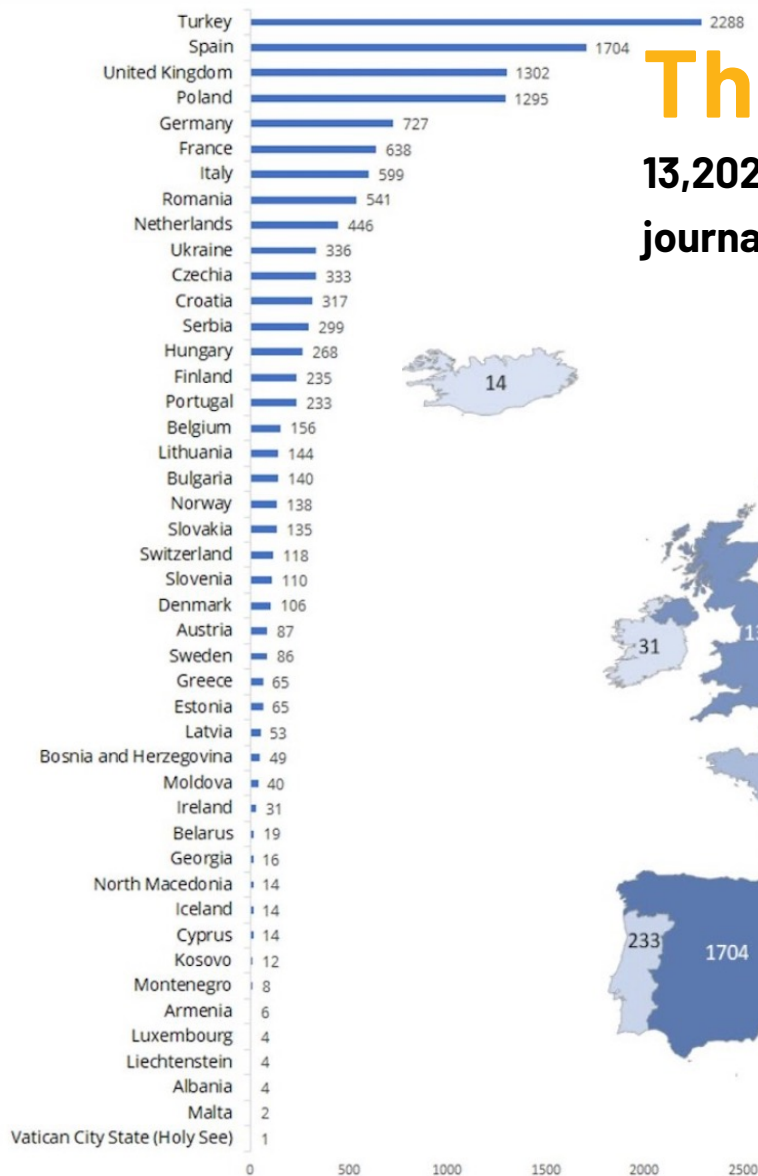
CRAFT-OA Project

Aims to improve the technical and organisational infrastructure of Diamond OA in close collaboration with the DIAMAS project.



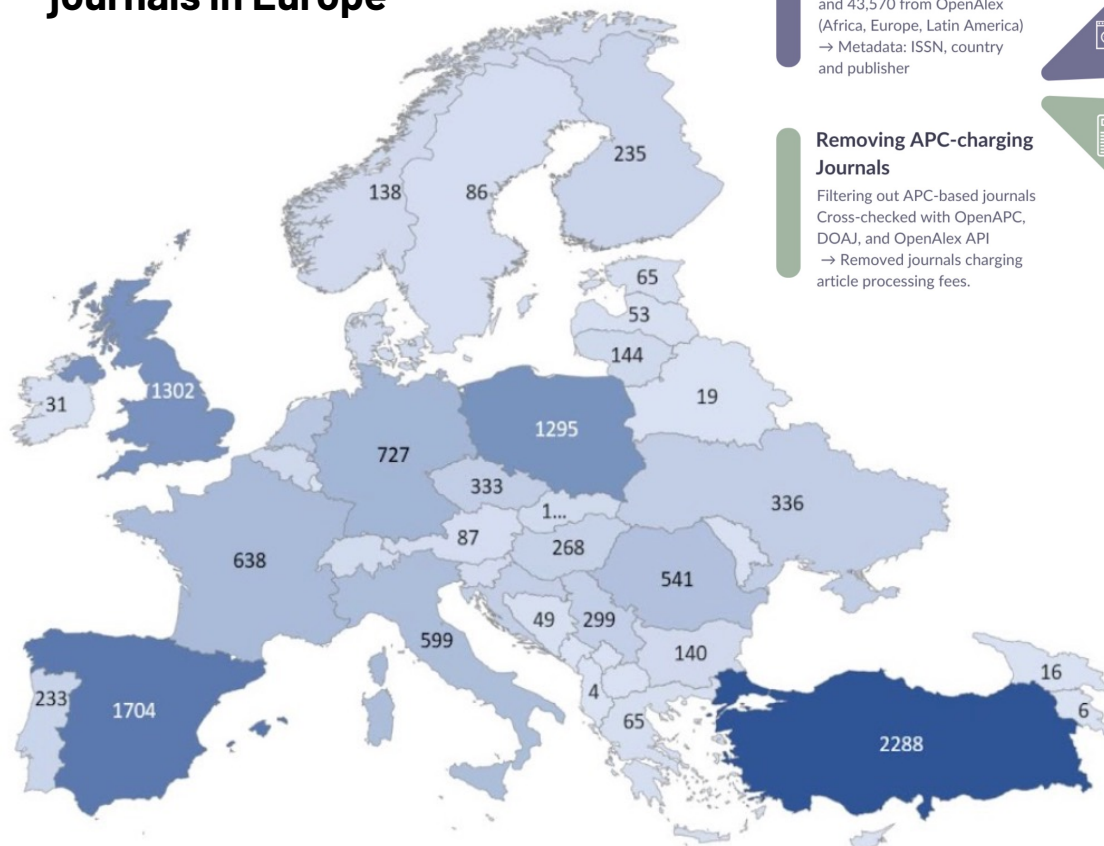
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The challenge

13,202 uncoordinated Diamond OA journals in Europe



Creating the base list

Collecting OA journal data from ROAD and OpenAlex
63,892 journals from ROAD and 43,570 from OpenAlex (Africa, Europe, Latin America)
→ Metadata: ISSN, country and publisher

Integrating Diamond OA Sources

Validating with Diamond OA datasets | Added verified lists from literature and project partners
→ Ensured inclusion of region-specific and national Diamond OA journals.

Removing APC-charging Journals

Filtering out APC-based journals
Cross-checked with OpenAPC, DOAJ, and OpenAlex API
→ Removed journals charging article processing fees.

Building the Curated Diamond OA List

Creating the global Diamond OA journal list for ALMASI
Merged, cleaned, and validated dataset covering three continents
→ 20,355 journals

Laakso, M., & Taskin, Z. (2025). D1.1 Scoping Report on Non-for-profit Publishing Ecosystems. Zenodo.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18257718>



EDCH - Vision and goals

A STRONG, COORDINATED AND SUSTAINABLE DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS ECOSYSTEM IN EUROPE

To support European national, institutional, and disciplinary Capacity Centers in their mission of Diamond OA scholarly publishing by providing them with coordination, sustainability, technical tools, and services at scale.

1

Coordination

Support exchange of information, alignment of practices, sharing of resources, streamlining of operations.

2

Tools and services

Provide tools and services that align Diamond OA journals and publishers in terms of quality provision at the European level.

3

Sustainability

Support Diamond OA as a sustainable economic model for current and transitioning Diamond OA journals.

NATIONAL CAPACITY CENTRES (NCC)



- ❖ **Coordination of Diamond OA** at the national and European levels **aligns the quality of publications** in terms of the same standards. It promotes efficiency and reduces fragmentation.

At the national level:

- ❖ **National Capacity Centres (NCCs)** are national or regional support structures that bring together nonprofit institutional Open Access publishers, service providers, and infrastructures to support high-quality scholarly publications.
- ❖ **NCCs are strategically important** because they understand local academic traditions, higher education structures, national policies, and publication in national languages.
- ❖ **NCCs provide:**
 - ❖ Shared technical infrastructure and tools
 - ❖ Training and policy guidance for institutions and funders
 - ❖ Advocacy for sustainable publishing models
 - ❖ Alignment with the services of the EDCH:
Diamond OA Standard, Diamond Discovery Hub



NATIONAL CAPACITY CENTRES (NCC)

Coordination at the European level

- ❖ The EDCH ensures **coordination across European NCCs** via its aligned services that the NCCs make use of and can contribute to.
- ❖ NCCs could financially contribute to the EDCH, Pub In & FCCN (Portugal) already do so.
- ❖ EDCH-OPERAS will also be involved in **promoting ORE** among Diamond OA journals and Diamond Publish-Review-Curate platforms, **coordinate NCCs in their relation to ORE** as well.
- ❖ As the EDCH is a program of OPERAS, which is to become an ERIC in 2027, NCCs are also supported by the **13 OPERAS National Nodes**.



NATIONAL CAPACITY CENTRES (NCC)



14 established:

Spain
Germany
Finland

France
Greece

Netherlands
Norway

Nordics

Portugal

Serbia
Sweden
Ukraine

Lithuania
Slovenia

FECYT
SeDOA (a DFG project)
Federation of Finnish Learned Societies
OpenEdition
National Documentation Centre (EKT)
Expertise Centre Diamond OA
Norwegian Network for Diamond Publishing
Nordic Capacity Centre for Diamond OA
Pub IN (Uni Minho & FCT-FCCN)
KoBSON
Swedish Node for Diamond OA
Ukrainian Diamond Open Access Capacity Centre (UDOACC)
Association of Lithuanian Serials
Slovene National Centre for Diamond Open Access (SIDOD)

8 in the making:

Belgium

Switzerland

Czech Republic

Croatia

Hungary

Ireland

Italy

Poland

Belgian Diamond OA Foundation
Diamond Open Access CH (DOACH)
Masaryk University
Croatian Centre for Diamond OA
University of Debrecen
Irish Capacity Centre - IOAP
Italian Capacity Centre
DCC-PL



Service catalogue



DIAMOND OA STANDARD

Quality alignment and self-assessment of Diamond OA publishers and service providers. A benchmark for Diamond OA publishing.

<https://zenodo.org/records/13875453>
<https://selfassessment.edch.eu/>



DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

The authoritative list of Diamond OA journals that satisfy the 6 operational criteria of Diamond OA.

<https://ddh.edch.eu/en>



PUBLISHING TOOLS

Digital resources, interoperability tools, publishing software enhancements and add-ons.

<https://edch.eu/publishing-tools>



REGISTRY & FORUM

A registry of organisations involved in Diamond OA, and a Forum for Diamond OA communities of practice.

<https://registry.edch.eu>
<https://forum.edch.eu>



RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

A living toolsuite bringing together articles and descriptions of best practices on how to transition to Diamond OA.

<https://resources.edch.eu>



TRAINING PLATFORM

Training modules for editorial and technical support staff. Learning management system with self-paced courses and evaluation.

<https://training.edch.eu>



DOAS

DIAMOND Open Access Standard

DOAS: The Diamond Open Access Standard

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- [French](#)
- [German](#)
- [Polish](#)
- [Serbian](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [DOAS brochure](#)
- [DOAS Guide for Journals](#)

DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS STANDARD



**The benchmark for Diamond OA
scholarly publishers.**

7 components:

1. Funding
2. Legal Ownership, Mission and Governance
3. Open Science Practices
4. Editorial Management, Editorial Quality and Research Integrity
5. Technical Service Efficiency
6. Visibility, Communication, Marketing, and Impact
7. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB), Gender, and Multilingualism

WHAT IT DOES?

- Ensures quality & transparency in publishing governance, processes, workflows
- Outlines clear items for compliance
- Prioritises openness in information dissemination

WHY IT MATTERS?

- Sets essential compliance and aspirational goals
- Helps strengthen Diamond OA publishing practices across Europe and globally

DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

+3900 journals

DDH.EDCH.EU

The authoritative list of Diamond OA journals that meet the six operational criteria of Diamond Open Access.

WHY IT MATTERS?

- Provides visibility and credibility to
- Diamond OA journals
- Helps authors and institutions identify trustworthy venues
- for publishing
- Strengthens the Diamond OA ecosystem by creating a shared reference point at the European and global scale



DIAMOND
Discovery Hub



Find diamond open access journals



Search

01

Register in the EDCH Registry and express interest in becoming a Trusted Source for the DDH.

02

The DDH team will contact you to guide the process.

03

Verify your journals against the Diamond OA criteria.

04

Share metadata with the DDH.



The AEGIS-OA Project (2026-2028)

Key Project Pillars



AEGIS-OA
Advancing Diamond
Open Access Publishing



Extend quality & standards

Extending the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) to books and creating a certification framework.



Support skills & training

Developing training programs for publishing professionals and upskilling trainers across the European Research Area (ERA).



Build tools & technology

Enhancing the Diamond Discovery Hub (DDH) and providing ready-to-use publishing tools like an EDCH-aligned OJS package.



Focus on sustainability

Coordinating national funding mechanisms and National Capacity Centres (NCCs) to ensure long-term stability for Diamond OA.

Thank you!

[EDCH.EU](https://edch.eu)



EUROPEAN
DIAMOND
Capacity Hub

an **OPERAS** program



DIAMOND OA
Standard



DIAMOND
Discovery Hub



Publishing
Tools



Registry
&
Forum



Resources
&
Guidelines



Training
Platform

