AIM OF THE PROJECT
Services for academic journals

OUTCOMES
- Publishing academic journals according to international best practices
- Development of awareness of the importance of scholar led initiatives: for ethical and economic reasons, with the purpose of scientific content dissemination

PROCESSES, QUALITY, AND TRANSPARENCY
- Starting from 2008, the University of Milan has invested with conviction in a public and open infrastructure managed by disciplinary communities. Today, there are 60 published journals in different fields, making the Milan platform one of the largest in Europe, with over 1 million downloads per year. Since 2020, it has become part of Milano University Press, a diamond open access publishing house
- The purpose of the platform is to provide support for quality processes: training for editorial boards, recommendations for adopting best practices, indexing, monitoring, and regular assessments both in plenary sessions and through individual meetings

ISSUES
The work on the platform is mostly done free of charge, not only for scientific work - as is the case with big commercial publishers - but also for editorial work. This represents a problem in terms of sustainability that will have to be approached in the near future

STATISTICS
Total downloads from 2016 to September 2023: 7,300,000

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
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ORGANIZATION

CENTRAL OFFICE
- Training on OJS Platform and on scientific quality standards
- Requirements check
- Technical help-desk
- Indexing in the main databases
- Maintenance of OJS Platform

EDITORIAL BOARDS
(one for journal)
- The journals are autonomous but should satisfy quality requirements
- Relation with editors, authors and reviewers
- Management of peer-review
- Editorial workflow
- Content upload in OJS platform

COSTS
- 20.000€/per year: server hosting, maintenance and help-desk
- 2.300$/per year: Crossref membership, DOIs registration and iThenticate

COMMUNICATION
between Central Office and Editorial board
Mailing list to keep updated journals with the new features of OJS and the news in Open Science world
1 or 2 annual meeting with all the boards
Since last year also individual meetings with each board to make a check on journal requirements

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RIVISTE UNIMI
An open infrastructure managed by disciplinary communities