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# **RIVISTE UNIM**

An open infrastructure managed by disciplinary communities



AIM OF THE PROJECT Services for academic journals



- Publishing academic journals according to international best practices
- Development of awareness of the importance of scholar led initiatives:



# **CENTRAL OFFICE**

**EDITORIAL BOARDS** (one for journal)

**VILEO PÓSIERS** 

CIENTÍFICOS

for ethical and economic reasons, with the purpose of scientific content dissemination



## **PROCESSES, QUALITY, AND TRASPARENCY**

- 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



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

#### COSTS

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

- 17 journals: 2.200€/year each for editorial activities
- The others: 0 € thanks to voluntary work of editors

## 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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