

The DIAMAS project and the 'Action Plan for Diamond Open Access'

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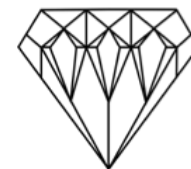


Roadmap

- I. **Context:** stars are aligning for Diamond Open Access
- II. **Project:** DIAMAS as a lever to empower Diamond Open Access stakeholders
- III. **Method:** How to engage and globally federate the Diamond Open Access communities?



I. Context: stars are aligning



- March 2020: cOAlition S/ Science Europe **call for tender** (30 000 euros)
- March 2021: **OADJS** on Zenodo (27 000 views, 15 000 downloads)
- March 2022: **Action Plan** launched by Science Europe, cOAlition S, OPERAS and ANR (as of today endorsed by 125 organisations worldwide)
- June and August 2022: **2 projects funded by the European Commission** to support OA Diamond models. 8 million euros in total
- August 2022: **Coalition Publica** awarded 10 million dollars by CFI
- August 2022: **Redalyc-Amelica** awarded 3.6 million dollars by Arcadia
- 2022 onward: Increasing support for Diamond Open Access model in **policies at institutional and national level**





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I. Challenges ahead

- ◆ How to **keep the momentum** going?
- ◆ How to empower and **not weaken fragile stakeholders?**
- ◆ How to **unleash investment** in a period of uncertainties?
- ◆ How to **coordinate a network** of independent initiatives?
- ◆ How to **collaborate in a multicultural and multilingual** environment?

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II. DIAMAS

- ◆ Starting date: September 2022, €3m
- ◆ DIAMAS brings together 23 public service scholarly organisations from 12 European countries





DIAMAS objectives:

- ◆ **Overall objective:** to provide the research community with an aligned, high-quality, and sustainable scholarly communication ecosystem, capable of implementing OA as a standard publication practice across the ERA.
- ◆ Create a community, supporting services, and non-technical infrastructure for *Institutional Publishing Service Providers (IPSP)* that adopt common standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- ◆ Common standards, guidelines, and best practices will be co-created and adopted as an *Extensible Quality Standard for Institutional Publishing (EQSIP)*.





Key facts:

- ◆ In 3 years DIAMAS will lay the foundation for a *Diamond OA Publishing Capacity Centre* that helps IPSPs with tools, guidelines, governance, and funding.
- ◆ Technical infrastructure support will be added in 5 years via the HORIZON-INFRA-2022-EOSC-01-02: '*Improving and coordinating technical infrastructure for institutional open access publishing across Europe*'. (CRAFT-OA, coordinated by University of Göttingen)
- ◆ The Diamond OA Capacity Centre will largely be a **virtual distributed capacity network** of collaborating services that are coordinated via a central portal.





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Understanding the landscape of IPSPs in the ERA



Mapping current landscape of IPSP



Mapping of existing quality standards



Benchmarking of current IPSP

Comprehensive analytical map



- EQSIP 1.0
- EQSIP 2.0
- IPSP self-assessment tool

Gap analysis

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Improving coordination, quality, and sustainability of IPSPs

Consultations with IPSP: co-creation of best practices, toolkits, guidelines, & EQSIP 2.0



Full IPSP toolsuite:
Toolkits,
Standards,
Training, and
Guidelines

IPSP Common
Access Point,
Forum,
& Registry

Sustainability
self-assessment
tool, new
financial
models

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Formulating policy & strategy recommendations: dissemination, engagement & impact

Engagement with institutional leaders and managers



Dissemination



Synergy report
mapping IPSPs
to their host
organisations

Recommendations & Guidelines for:
- Institutional Leaders
- Funders, Sponsors, Donors
- Policymakers

Wide operational take-up



DIAMAS work packages:

- **WP2: Mapping the European landscape of IPSP**
(lead: UiT) → Sep 2022–Nov 2023
- **WP3: Setting standards and assessing quality gaps for IPSP**
(lead: Fecyt) → Sep 2022–Dec 2023
- **WP4: Building IPSP capacity through knowledge sharing**
(lead: OPERAS) → Feb 2023–Sep 2025
- **WP5: Exploring and supporting the sustainability of IPSP**
(lead: Sparc Europe) → Sep 2022–Apr 2025
- **WP6: Providing actionable recommendations for IPSP policies and strategies** (lead: Jisc) → Sep 2023–Apr 2025
- **WP7: The road to impact: outreach, dissemination, engagement, exploitation** (lead: LIBER) → Sep 2022–Sep 2025)





DIAMAS will deliver:

- ❖ IPSP database, **registry and forum**
- ❖ ***Extensible Quality Standard for Institutional Publishing*** (EQSIP)
- ❖ **Toolsuite and guidelines** for IPSPs
- ❖ **Suite of resources** for the sustainability of Institutional Publishing Service Providers (IPSP)
- ❖ **Recommendations and guidelines** for Institutions, Research performing and funding organisations (RPOs & RFOs), and policy makers
- ❖ Single access point for the **Capacity Centre**



III. Communication and engagement with the Diamond Open Access communities

- We would like to leverage the Diamond Action Plan Community to engage with the Diamond Open Access communities.
- We invite you to develop actions and projects that will support and complement the DIAMAS activities, reinforcing the global Diamond Open Access communities.
- The responsibility for this effort needs to be shared by a **broader collective** coordinating clusters of Diamond Open Access communities.



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- We therefore propose 4 complementary clusters of Diamond Open Access **communities** that will require coordination:
 - Coordination within and between **scholarly disciplines**
 - Coordination within and between **linguistic areas**
 - **Geographical** coordination and communication (national, regional, and international)
 - Global coordination of Diamond **infrastructure**



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- Coordination within and between **scholarly disciplines**:
 - Each scholarly discipline applies standards based on **their own practice** for articles, data, reviews etc.
 - Diamond journals can form **discipline-specific clusters** that align these standards and practices.
 - *Linguistics in Open Access* (LingOA) is an example of this: a community of 35 Diamond journals aligning practices.
 - We need this for **many more disciplines**.

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- Coordination within and between **linguistic areas**:
 - Support **scholarly translation** to make research in other languages accessible to more scholars.
 - Synergise with Helsinki initiative to advocate for the recognition and promotion of **linguistic diversity** in scholarly publication
 - Coordinate with organisations supporting **bibliodiversity**
 - Promote visibility of research in languages other than English in **scientific information tools**.



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- National, regional, and international coordination and communication:
 - Examine and compare **national and regional structures** that can support Diamond Open Access
 - Create **awareness and emulation of good practices** that can be adopted in other national and regional contexts
 - Ensure that **national plans for Open Science** make provisions for Diamond Open Access with the help of the *Council for National Open Science Coordination (CONOSC)*



III. Communication and engagement with the Diamond Open Access Communities

- Global coordination of Diamond **infrastructure**:
 - Improve interoperability between Diamond Open Access infrastructures (OJS, Janeway, Lodel).
 - Seek synergies between Redalyc-Amelica, Scielo, Coalition Publica, Next Generation Library Publishing (NGLP), PKP, Janeway, Lyrisis etc
 - Coordinate with CRAFT-OA project (led by University of Göttingen) to make sure that the technical resources from this project are integrated in the Capacity Centre.



Towards a Capacity Centre for Diamond Open Access

We aim to develop a **global and federated Capacity Centre** that will provide the Diamond Open Access communities with a single access point for technical and non-technical resources that will allow them to thrive and reach **sustainability**.

In this way, Diamond Open Access will be recognized and supported as **a major publishing model owned and driven by the scholarly community**.

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Thank you!

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