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?
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.
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.
III. Communication and engagement with the Diamond Open Access Communities

- 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**
III. Communication and engagement with the Diamond Open Access Communities

- 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**.
III. Communication and engagement with the Diamond Open Access Communities

- 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, Lyrasis 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**.
Thank you!

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