



Diamond ERA: Fostering Openness in the European Research Area



Programme

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THE EUROPEAN DIAMOND CAPACITY HUB

Serving equitable Open Access publishing in Europe

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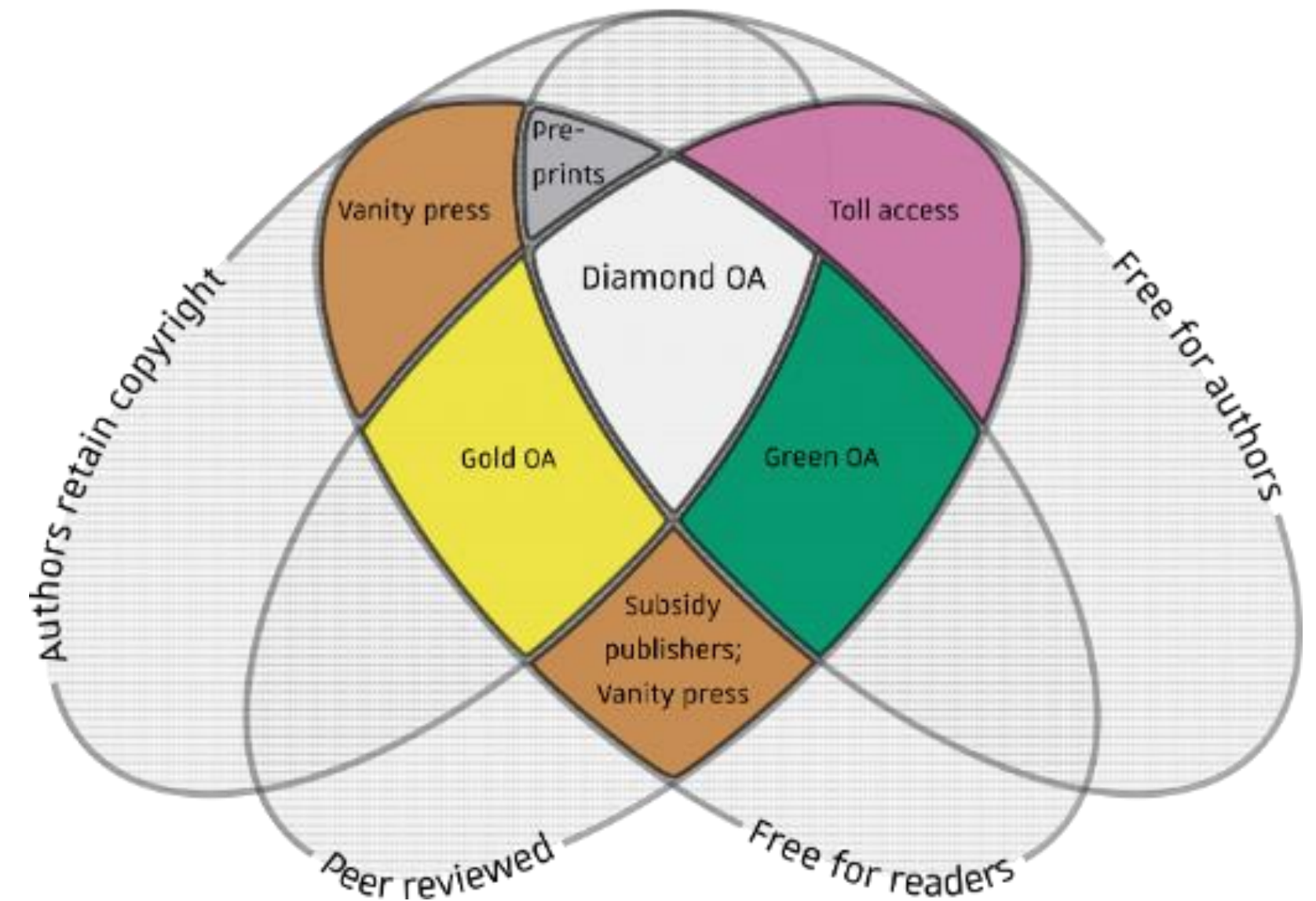


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SUMMARY

WHY DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS

- An equitable model of scholarly communication where authors and readers are not charged fees for publishing or reading
- Community-owned : scholarly communities own and control all content-related elements of scholarly publishing
- Engages the scholarly community in all aspects of the creation and ownership of content-related elements, from journals and platform, publications, reviews, preprints, decisions, data, and correspondence to reviewer



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MILESTONES 2

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



DIAMAS

Developing Institutional Open Access
Publishing Models to Advance
Scholarly Communication



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



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EUROPEAN
DIAMOND
Capacity Hub

Global Diamond OA

Four levels of organisation

Community

**Diamond journals and platforms
making use of public digital infrastructure**

National, institutional, disciplinary

Diamond Capacity Centers

(e.g. OpenEdition, OLH, TSV, Fecyt, Hrcak, Érudit...)

Regional

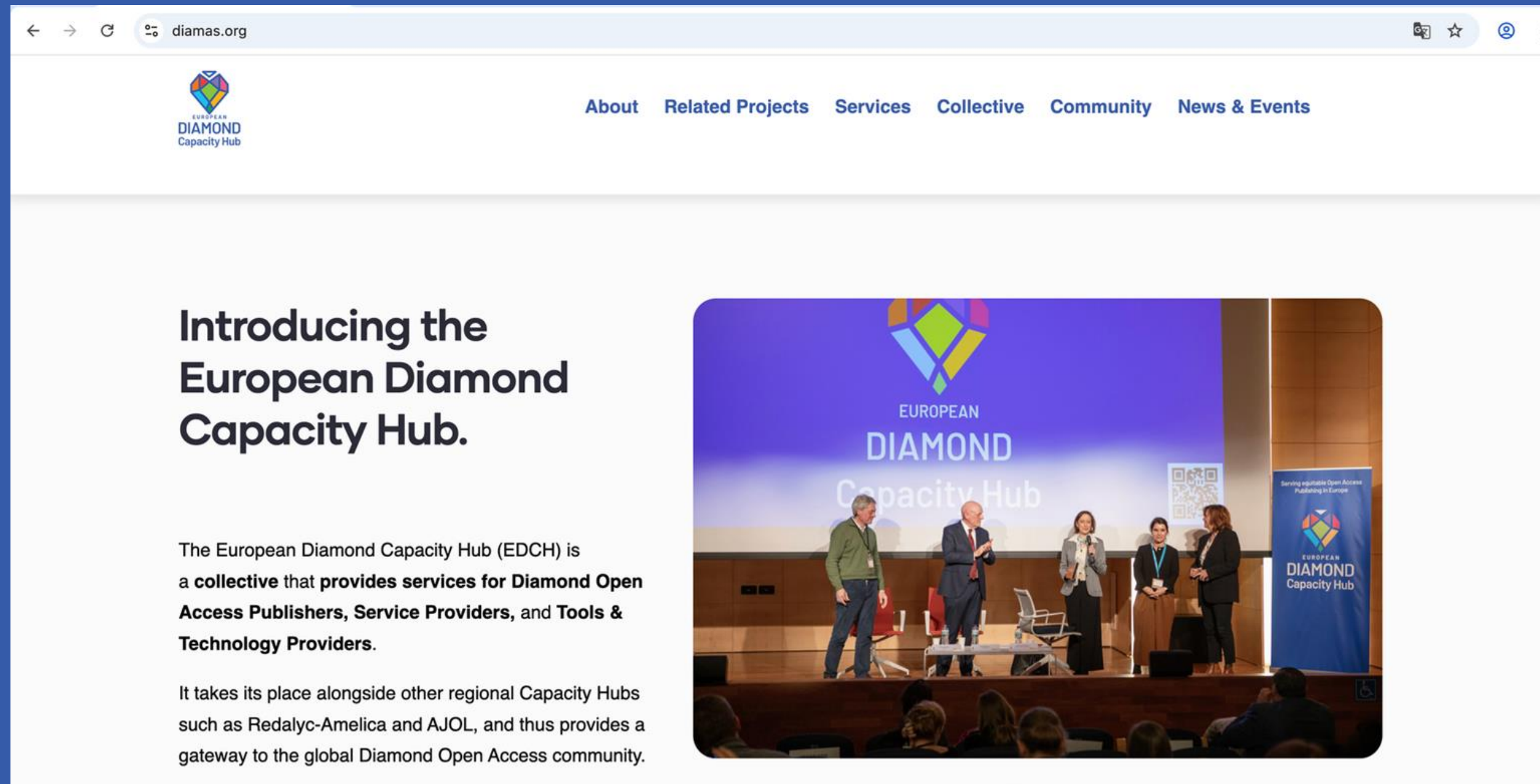
**Diamond Capacity Hubs (e.g. Redalyc, SciELO,
AJOL, European Diamond Capacity Hub)**

Global

Diamond framework



JANUARY 2025



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LAUNCH OF THE EDCH

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WHY THE 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.

A program hosted by

OPERAS

Built on the results of [DIAMAS](#) and [CRAFT-OA](#), the EDCH is a programme of OPERAS and benefits from its distributed structure, based on

1

Coordination

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

2

Tools and services

Provide tools and services that are relevant at the European scale and complementary to those provided by Capacity Centres.

3

Sustainability

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

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EDCH ORGANISATION

1

EDCH ASSEMBLY

CONSULTATIVE ROLE

- Consulted on initiatives relevant to Diamond OA.
- Informed of all key activities of the EDCH.

2

STEERING COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC ROLE

- Decides on the orientations of the EDCH
- Approves the multi-annual strategic plan (annual work plans and budgets),
- Promotes the EDCH, recruits new Supporting Member organisations, and secures support for the initiative.

3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE ROLE

- Implements strategy, allocates resources
- Coordinates services, ensures consistency
- Represents EDCH externally
- Manages calls for projects and contracts in line with EDCH objectives
- Works closely with OPERAS, EDCH's fiscal host
- Leads EDCH Task Forces

The [EDCH Coordination Team](#) is set up to support the Assembly, Steering Committee, the Executive Committee, and Task Forces.

**PUBLISHERS****SERVICE PROVIDERS****TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY
PROVIDERS**

For Diamond OA organisations either located in – or have a parent organisation located in – a country that is part of the [European Research Area](#) (ERA) or an observer to the [European Research Area and Innovation Committee](#) (ERAC), or are part of [Horizon Europe](#).

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COMING SOON

PUBLISHING TOOLS

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

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TRAINING PLATFORM

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

<https://training.diamas.org>

OUR SERVICES



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/1387545>

<https://diamas.fecyt.es>

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REGISTRY & FORUM

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

<https://registry.diamas.org>

<https://forum.diamas.org>



DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

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

<https://ddh.diamas.org/en>



RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

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

<https://toolsuite.diamas.org>





DOAS

DIAMOND Open Access Standard

DOAS: The Diamond Open Access Standard

- [English](#)
- [Français](#)
- [DOAS brochure](#)
- [DOAS Guide for Journals](#)

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DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS STANDARD



DIAMOND OA
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

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

HOW DO YOU PERFORM YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT?

REGISTER

1

To take the self-assessment test you must be registered on the platform. To register, press the top "ENTER" button and then click on "REGISTER NOW" to create your account.



2

LOGIN

To enter, click on the top button "ENTER" and enter your username and password, if you are not registered, click on "REGISTER NOW" and create your account.



CHOOSE MODULE

3

The platform has two modules to complete the self-assessment test, DOAS and Sustainability. You can complete one or both tests.



AUTOEVALUATE

When you select one of the modules, a quiz will appear. Answer the questions until you complete it. When you're done, click the "FINISH" button to finish the test and send it to your email.

4



RECEIVE THE REPORT

When you finish the test, you will receive a full report with the results in your email. Remember, you can take it again or complete the next test, for this, you must go back to step 1.

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SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

DIAMAS.FECYT.ES

An intuitive online tool that allows publishers and journals to self-evaluate their practices against the Diamond Open Access Standard.

WHY IT MATTERS?

- Encourages quality, transparency, and sustainability in Diamond OA publishing
- Supports continuous improvement with concrete guidance
- Strengthens alignment across the Diamond OA community



DIAMOND OA
Standard

FECYT
INNOVACIÓN

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RESOURCES AND GUIDELINES

[TOOLSUITE.DIAMAS.ORG](https://toolsuite.diamas.org)

A curated library of practical materials: toolkits, policy briefs, workflows, and training resources for publishers, editors, and institutions.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Resources are concise, user-friendly, and multilingual, structured around the seven core components of DOAS.
- Get actionable insights on how to improve your publishing practices.
- Access practical toolkits, policy recommendations, and best-practice guides to improve

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ADVOCACY

Talking points to make the case for funding

OPERATIONAL TOOLS

Business Model Canvas, financial health checks, cost optimization

STRATEGY & GUIDANCE

Define your Diamond OA business case, flip your journal

EVIDENCE & RESEARCH

Case studies, national overviews, sustainability reports

COLLABORATION

Strengthen partnerships in the Diamond OA community

FURTHER READING

and publications on Diamond OA best practices

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TRAINING.DIAMAS.ORG



Training
Platform

Skill-building modules that cover everything from technical publishing workflows to strategies for sustainable, high-quality publishing practices.

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN?

- Identify a training that matches your needs and build expertise in Diamond OA publishing
- Learn through interactive presentations, quizzes, infographics, and self-reflection exercises.
- Stay up-to-date with the latest developments, tools, and compliance standards.
- Materials are open (CC BY), editable, and

Access to Our Training Modules is Easy and Free

Follow these simple steps to begin your Diamond Open Access training journey.

1

Explore

Browse our training offer tailored for Diamond Publishing stakeholders.

2

Choose

Identify a training that matches your needs and interests.

3

Create Account

Sign up and access the platform.

4

Enroll

Join the course and start learning right away.

Based on the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS).

Focus on journal publishing but broadly applicable across Diamond OA initiatives

13 structured courses forming a complete learning path.

Resources to support professional development and strengthen community collaboration

REGISTRY

[REGISTRY.DIAMAS.ORG](https://registry.diamas.org)

Your go-to hub for Diamond Open Access publishing to present and promote your organisation profile, highlight its expertise, services, and operational capacities.

01

Join a growing community and become visible.

02

Get recognition for your role in strengthening Diamond OA publishing.

03

Start building your collaboration network and find collaborators and partners.

OPERAS



Register. Connect. Grow

For all Diamond OA Publishers, Services Providers, and Tools and Technology Providers
(see our [criteria](#))

Create a personal account and complete your organisation's profile. Submit – our team will review and verify your entry.

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[FORUM.DIAMAS.ORG](https://forum.diamas.org)

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A dynamic space designed for you—people involved in European Diamond Open Access publishing. Here, you can exchange ideas, collaborate, and innovate to tackle challenges and share best practices.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

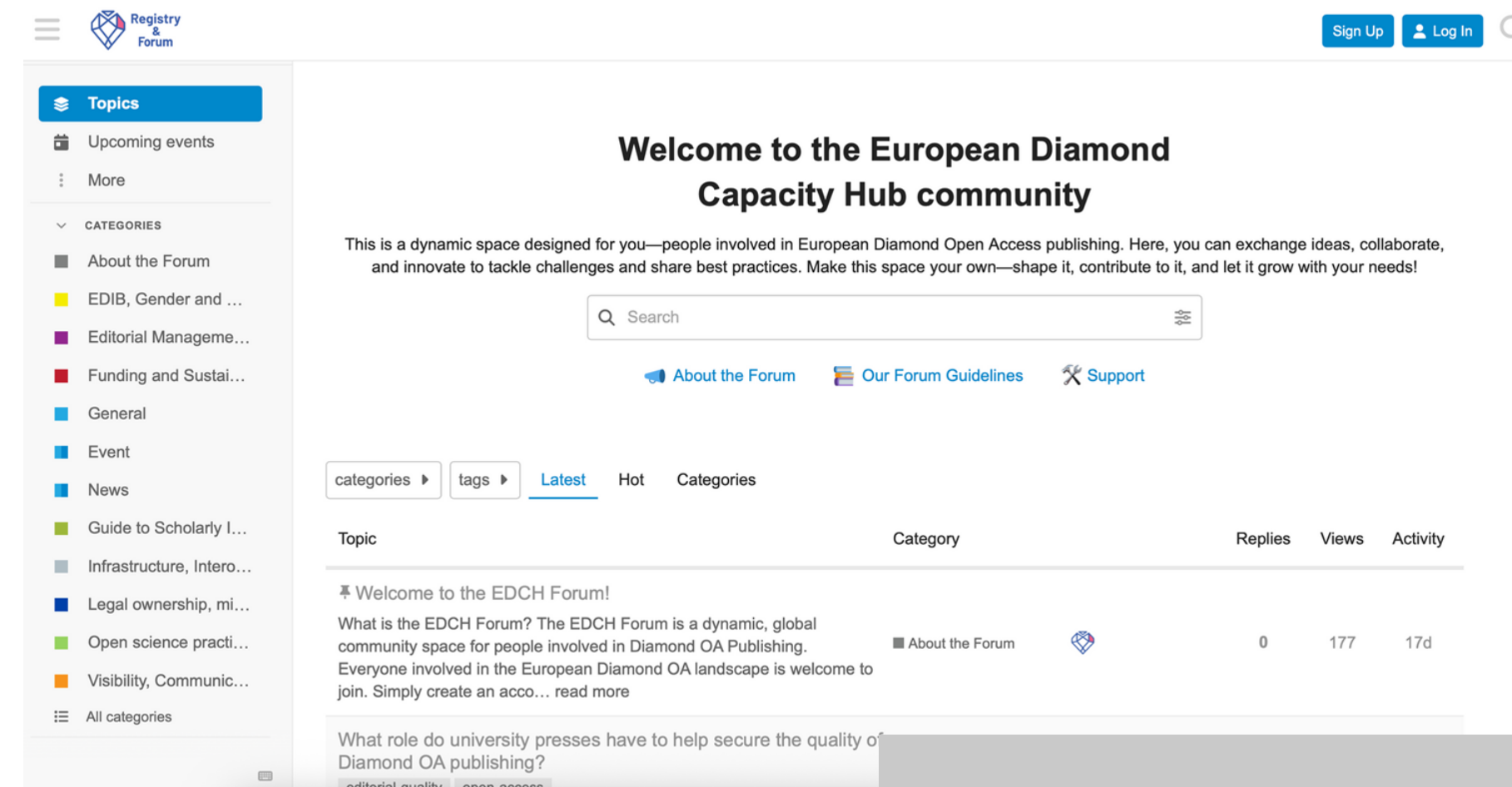
- **Join events:** trainings, workshops, conferences
- **Discuss & exchange:** share questions and experiences
- **Connect:** network with peers and experts

WHO CAN SIGN UP?

- **Members of registered organisations in the EDCH Registry** (registry.diamas.org).
- **Individual involved in the**

WHAT CAN YOU FIND?

- **Resources:** toolkits, guidelines, training material
- **Updates:** news from Diamond OA and EDCH



DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

[DDH.DIAMAS.ORG](https://ddh.diamas.org)

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

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GÖTTINGEN
IN PUBLICA COMMODO
SEIT 1737



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.

PUBLISHING TOOLS

Streamline your publishing workflows with our set of open, flexible, and interoperable software solutions designed to improve your editorial and technical workflows.

- DIGITAL RESOURCES
- INTEROPERABILITY TOOLS
- PUBLISHING SOFTWARE ENHANCEMENTS

01

Ensure seamless interoperability between different software and platforms.

02

Reduce technical barriers and focus on content and community.

03

Strengthen the sustainability of your publishing operations.

CRAFT-OA

eOSC



Publishing Tools

OJS Diamond Plugins

OJS Core Feature

Enhancements













Publisher's Living

Handbook for Diamond

Open Access

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COMMUNITY	 	Ensure communication and engagement with the community of Diamond providers, outreach to national communities and languages, translation of tools.
DIAMONDISATION		Enabling Diamond publishers to facilitate the transition of existing journals to Diamond OA and the creation of new ones in disciplines lacking Diamond options.
FUNDING	  	Expand the Funders-Sponsors-Donors (FSD) network of the EDCH.
QUALITY ALIGNMENT	 	Support the alignment in the community on an ambitious quality standard: DOAS.
SKILLS AND COMPETENCES		Developing training modules and curricula for editorial and technical support staff.
TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES	  	Provide the community with publishing tools and ensure technical interoperability.

NATIONAL CAPACITY CENTRES (NCC)

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NCCs are national or regional support structures that help coordinate and strengthen Diamond Open Access.

Established:

ES FECYT
DE SeDOA
FI TSV
FR OpenEdition
GR EKT
NL Expertise Centre Diamond OA
NO Norwegian Network for Diamond Publishing
NORDICS Nordic Capacity Centre for Diamond OA
PT Pub IN - University of Minho & FCT-FCCN
RS KoBSON

In the making:

BE Diamond OA Foundation (Université de Liège)
CH Diamond Open Access CH (DOACH)
CZ Masaryk University
HR Croatian Centre for Diamond OA
HU University of Debrecen
EI Irish Capacity Centre - IOAP
IT Italian Capacity Centre
PL DCC-PL
SI Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy
of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU)

The EDCH is

FOR and BY

the community

- FOR the community: benefit from services and tools
- BY the community : share your resources and contribute to the common good.

Thank you!

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