Diamond ERA: Fostering Openness in the European Research Area

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The Policy Horizon for Diamond OA in Europe

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Diamond OA in the European Research Area: *The EC perspective*

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Broad policy context (EU & International)

- 2018 ‘Recommendation for access to and preservation of scientific information’
- 2021 ‘New European Research Area for Research and Innovation
- 2021 ‘Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe’
- 2022 Council Conclusions on ‘Research Assessment and Implementation of Open Science’
- 2023 Council Conclusions on ‘High-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing’

- 2021 UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science
- 2021 Principles on the Future of Scientific Publishing of the International Science Council
- 2022 Coalition for the Advancement of Research Assessment (COARA)
- 2022 ‘Action Plan for Diamond Open Access’

Institutional Open Access Publishing support (Diamond)

- What do we mean by ‘institutional’???
  - Research-relevant institutions at the helm; mission-oriented non-profit; emerging from the researcher communities; no author fees= pretty much Diamond!
- Since the outset of Horizon Europe- 2021 calls under the ERA part of WP
  - Why? To reform and enhance the European R&I System and relevant institutional capacities
  - With respect to Diamond enhance organizational and technical capacities at the European level and support uptake by researchers
- Numerous important projects supported to build capacities at the European level- DIAMAS, ALMASI, new project coming up on central support, PALOMERA, CraftOA

ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027

Council Recommendation, June 2025

OS in the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027

Reform of research assessment

- knowledge, awareness, and engagement to research assessment practices and reforms raised by CoARA, research organisations, national authorities and EU institutions
- support, mapping and analysis of changes made in national frameworks and individual research institutions
- identification of remaining gaps in reforms and measures needed

Trust in Science

- develop common approaches for public engagement in R&I and science communication
- activities connecting researchers and young people
- connect science and citizens
- mutual learning exercise on trust in science
- scale up best practices of national citizen participation and engagement initiatives to EU level.

Equity in open science

- stocktaking of equity challenges
- support not-for-profit open access scholarly publishing services
- shared tools, training methods and services to boost capacity in terms of open science skills
- recommendations for developing an EU policy approach to equity in open science

Leading by example

- ORE, our open access publishing platform since 2021
- By the end of 2026 to become collectively supported by numerous funding and research organisations across Europe

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PERSPECTIVES FROM RESEARCH FUNDING AND PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS

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Science Europe comprises **40** Member Organisations in **30** European countries funding approximately **€25bn** of research per year.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION

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FOCUS ON POSITIVE RESEARCH CULTURES

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anr® SUPPORT FOR DIAMOND OA

- The French National Research Agency (anr®) combines different motivations: promoting positive research cultures, ensuring financial sustainability, and taking collective responsibility

- Aligned with the 2nd French National Plan for Open Science, ANR's support for Diamond OA:
  - Promotes **bibliodiversity**, and encourages **multilingualism** in research
  - Emphasises **sustainable funding** models, **cost transparency and control**
  - Brings together actors for **dialogue** and **collective action**

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POLICY AND PUBLIC SECTOR NEXUS

Public research sector becoming **increasingly ambitious in its scope and long-term goals** for Diamond OA

- Action Plan for Diamond OA (March 2022)
- Horizon Europe projects (DIAMAS, ALMASI)
- European Diamond Capacity Hub (launched January 2025)
- Global Summits on Diamond OA (Mexico 2023, South Africa 2024, India 2026)

An **unprecedented political consensus** in support of open research practices, including Diamond OA, has formed between EU institutions and national governments

- European Commission communications (2020) and Council of the European Union conclusions (2022, 2023)
- Open Science policies by Science Europe members and national governments

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OPEN RESEARCH EUROPE

- Open Research Europe (ORE) is the European Commission's open access publishing platform, currently available to EU-funded researchers. It operates on a model of open peer review, supporting the Commission's commitment to open science
- In 2022, the Commission initiated the process to transform ORE into a **pan-European, diamond open access platform**. From 2026 onwards, it will be **collectively managed and funded** by research funding and performing organisations

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Statement of Intent on Open Research Europe

The Research Council of Norway ROR; FWF Austrian Science Fund ROR; Agence Nationale de la Recherche ROR;
Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare ROR;
Swedish Research Council for Environment Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning ROR; Swedish Research Council ROR;
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft ROR; Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas ROR;
The Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency ROR; Foundation For Science And Technology ROR; Dutch Research Council ROR

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WHAT'S NEXT IN 2026?

- Science Europe Task Force on Diamond OA
- EU policy agenda
  - Next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
  - European Research Area Act
- Launch Open Research Europe
- Continue and expand the global dialogue
  - 3rd Global Summit on Diamond OA (2-6 February, Bengaluru)
  - 2026 Annual Meeting Global Research Council (18-22 May, Bangkok)

THANK YOU –
ANY QUESTIONS?

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Diamond OA from the RPO Perspective: Needs for the Next ERA

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Why Diamond OA Matters Now?

- Our current OA strategy has reached its limits
- DOA supports a resilient, diverse publishing ecosystem
- Horizon + ERA Act: strategic opportunity for systemic support

DOA naturally fits RPO mission

Universities as producers and long-term stewards of knowledge

DOA structurally underfunded

Universities run repositories, editorial workflows…but cannot do this alone

Sustained support & incentives needed

Re-allocating budgets, scaling infrastructure and aligning funder mandates

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RPO Commitment to DOA (UG Example)

- Open Science Programme
- Institutional Publication Framework & **Faculty OA Policies**
- **University of Groningen Press:** DOA publishing for books, journals, open textbooks
- Co-leading role in **Netherlands University Presses** consortium
- Demonstrating feasibility and scalability

University of Groningen Press

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Limitations of the Current Dutch OA Strategy: Why It Can't Go Further

- Limited control over copyright, licensing, and metadata
- Dependence on large, revenue-driven publishers
- Financial models that are unsustainable for institutions
- Quality risks stemming from incentives that prioritize volume
- Misalignment with efforts to reform research recognition and rewards
- Equity concerns, including APC barriers for less-resourced researchers, disciplines, and institutions

Based on the the broad national consultation which took place in 2024-2025 and was coordinated by the Bestuurlijk Regieorgaan Open Science (BROS).

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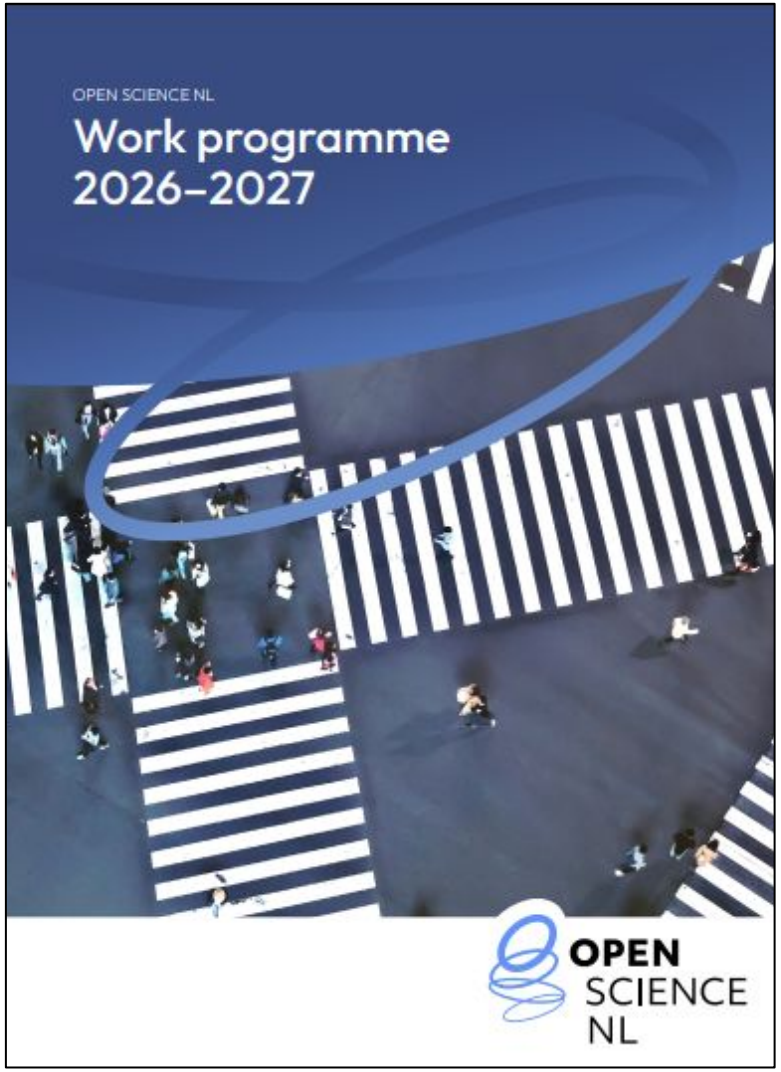
National Developments: Strengthening the Ecosystem

- Investment in national, community-owned infrastructure (OSNL Work Programme)
- National Digital Autonomy roadmap
- New Vision on Publication Culture: integrity, impact, quality over quantity
- New OA Strategy proposal



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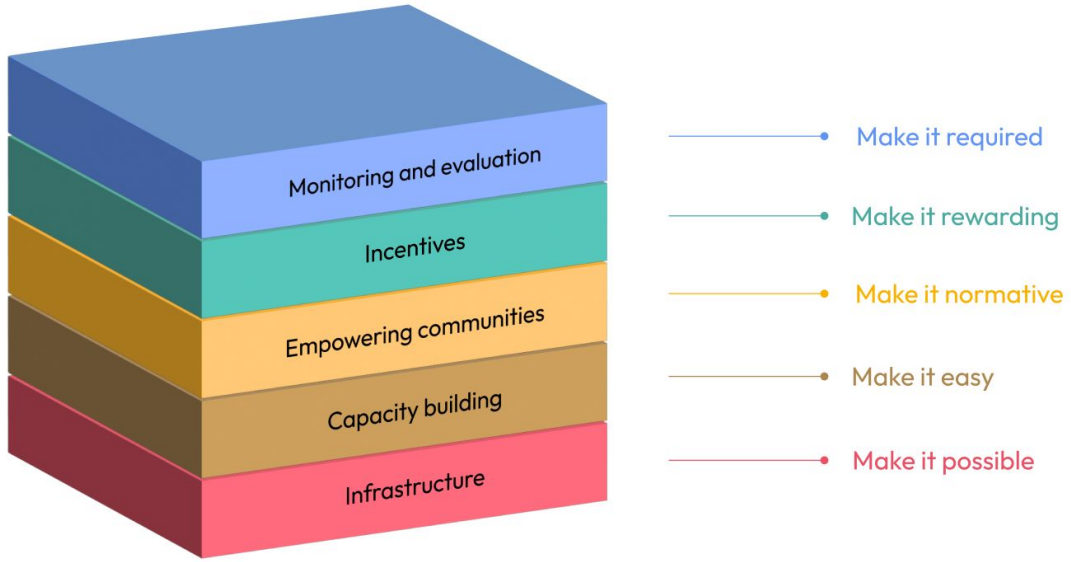
Scaling DOA into a Viable Alternative: What We Need from Europe

- Recognition for DOA in the ERA Act
- Funders explicitly incentivizing DOA
- Assessment reform & harmonizing across the EU
- European coordination mechanism for long-term infrastructure investment
- Shared, EU-wide infrastructure and support
- Support for multilingual SSH publishing & bibliodiversity



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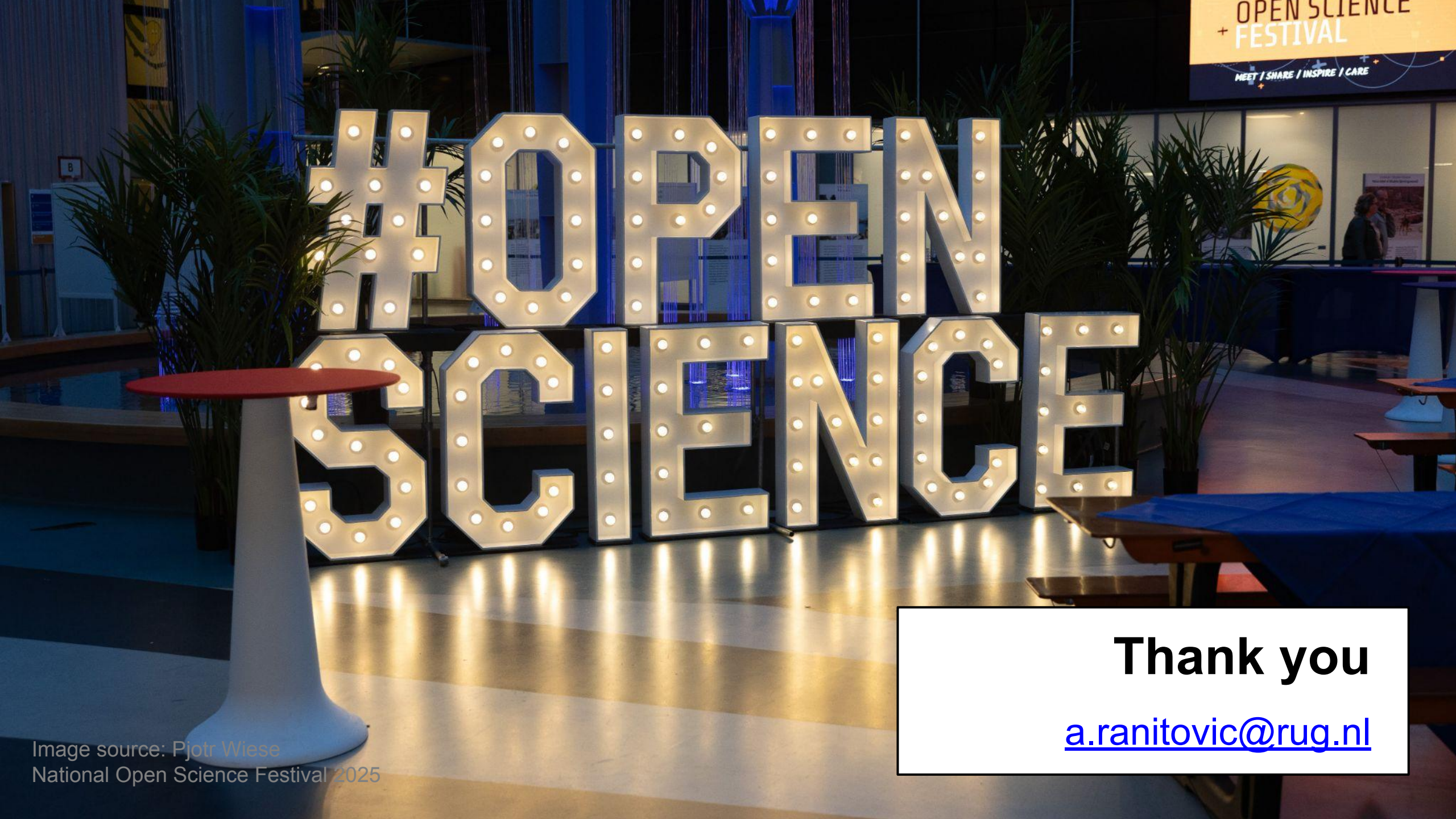
In Conclusion

- RPOs and academics are investing in Diamond OA
- National strategies show scalability
- EU action needed to ensure coherence, sustainability and resilience
- Shift from parallel infrastructures → shared infrastructures



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