



DIAMAS

Developing Institutional Open Access
Publishing Models to Advance
Scholarly Communication

The DIAMAS project : The Landscape survey - Multilingualism



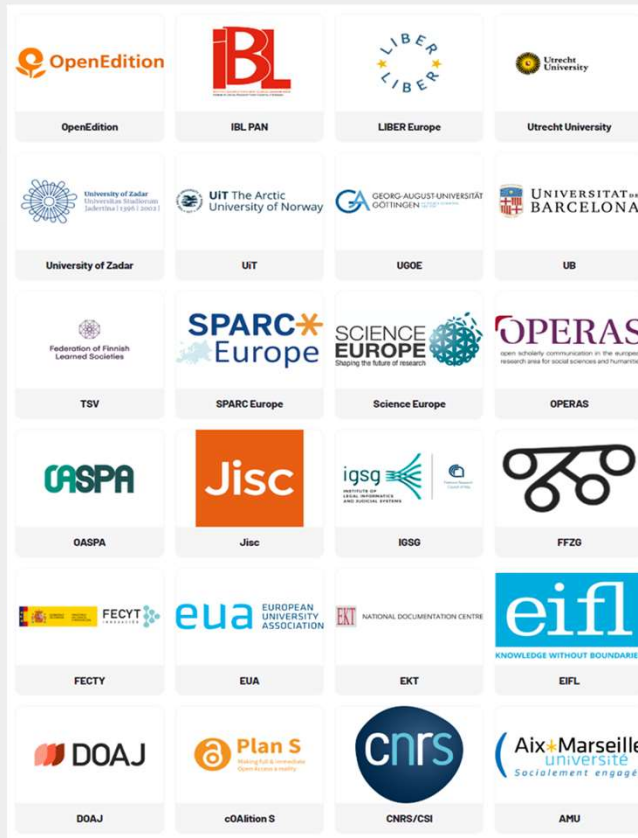
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Project background

- Earlier research showed problems with the structure of Open Access publishing
 - “A wide archipelago of relatively small journals serving diverse communities”
Bosman, J., Frantsvåg, J. E., Kramer, B., Langlais, P.-C., & Proudman, V. (2021). OA Diamond Journals Study. Part 1: Findings. Zenodo.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4558704>
 - Diamond OA an import part of institutional publishing
 - DIAMAS to look at institutional publishing





- ❖ 36 months, €3m, 2022-2025
- ❖ Horizon Europe funding
- ❖ 23 scholarly organizations from 12 European countries

- ❖ Provide the research community with an **aligned, high-quality, and sustainable OA 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 (IPSPs)** that adopt common standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- ❖ **Common standards, guidelines, and best practices** are co-created and adopted as an Extensible Quality Standard for Institutional Publishing (EQSIP).





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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

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Improving coordination, quality, and sustainability of IPSPs

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



3

Formulating policy & strategy recommendations: dissemination, engagement & impact

Engagement with institutional leaders and managers



Dissemination





What we did

- Institutional Publishing Service Provider (IPSP) a central term
 - Institutional Publishing (IP) activities
 - Service providers (SP) to such IPs
 - Or combinations of IP and SP
- No data previously collected on institutional publishing as such
- No organisations geared to institutional publishing as such
- Created a survey
- Tried identifying possible IPs and SPs in ERA
- Sent out to more than 5,000 e-mail addresses late March-early May 2023 in 10 different languages
 - And to e-mail lists, and to organisations asking them to distribute to their members
- Due to the earthquake, dissemination to Türkiye was postponed until September

Survey facts

- March-May 2023
- 685 respondents across the ERA
 - >75% institutional publishers,
 - <25% service providers
 - 90% produce journals
 - 66% publish 1-5 journals
 - 33% publish >6 journals
- Not representative of all activity in Europe but reflect common challenges and opportunities

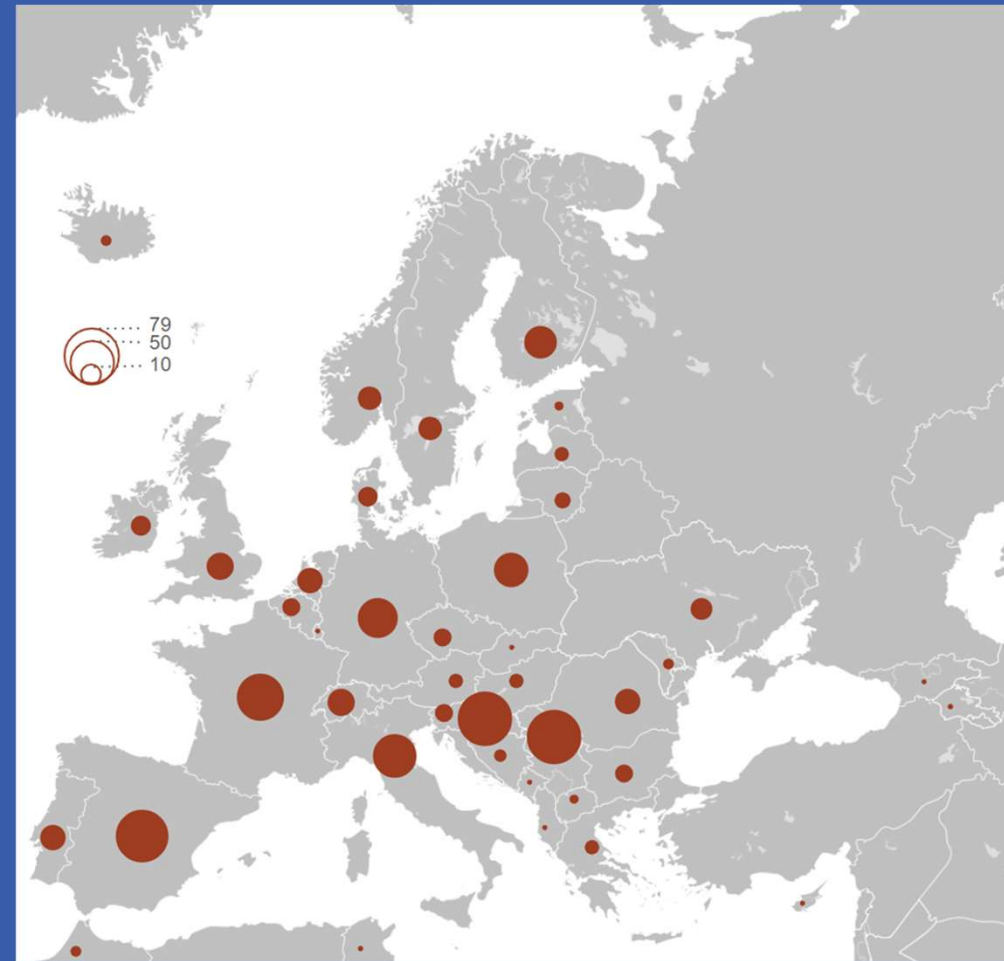


Figure 6, Survey responses per country,
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10022184>

Areas of focus in survey



- 1. Governance and Editorial Management**
- 2. Open Science Practices**
- 3. Financing and Operations**
- 4. Visibility and Communication**
- 5. Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB)**



Overall: what did we learn?

Findings about Institutional Publishers (IPs)

- The typical IP is small and often isolated
- Needs better, more reliable, and more long-term financing
- 70% are willing to cooperate to save costs
- Needs support for aligning best practices and achieve sustainability
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science and good publishing practices



The national level is very important

- The number of Diamond journals in a country has a strong correlation with a national organisation serving these journals and their IPs:
 - OpenEdition (France, 521 journals)
 - FECYT (Spain, 600 journals)
 - TSV (Finland, 200 journals)
 - HRCAK (Croatia, 500 journals)



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Finnish Scholarly Journals Online

Overall: what did we learn? (cont.)

- The typical IP is small and rather alone
- Needs better and more stable, reliable, and long-term financing
- Needs partners to co-operate with
- Needs support
 - Competence must be made available
 - Advice on best practices and how to best align with these
 - Support on how to implement various practices and technical options
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science practices and good publishing practices

Publication languages

Language	n	%	Language	n	%
English	598	95.7	Romanian	13	2.1
French	212	33.9	Czech	11	1.8
German	163	26.1	Greek	11	1.8
Spanish	161	25.8	Bulgarian	9	1.4
Italian	106	17.0	Hungarian	8	1.3
Croatian	75	12.0	Galician	7	1.1
Serbian	75	12.0	Slovak	6	1.0
Portuguese	61	9.8	Irish	5	0.8
Russian	41	6.6	Basque	4	0.6
Swedish	38	6.1	Icelandic	4	0.6
Polish	34	5.4	Lithuanian	4	0.6
Catalan	30	4.8	Latvian	3	0.5
Danish	22	3.5	Romansch	2	0.3
Finnish	20	3.2	Welsh	2	0.3
Norwegian	20	3.2	Albanian	1	0.2
Dutch	19	3.0	Estonian	1	0.2
Slovene/Slovenian	19	3.0	Faroese	1	0.2
Ukrainian	17	2.7	Macedonian	1	0.2
Bosnian	14	2.2			

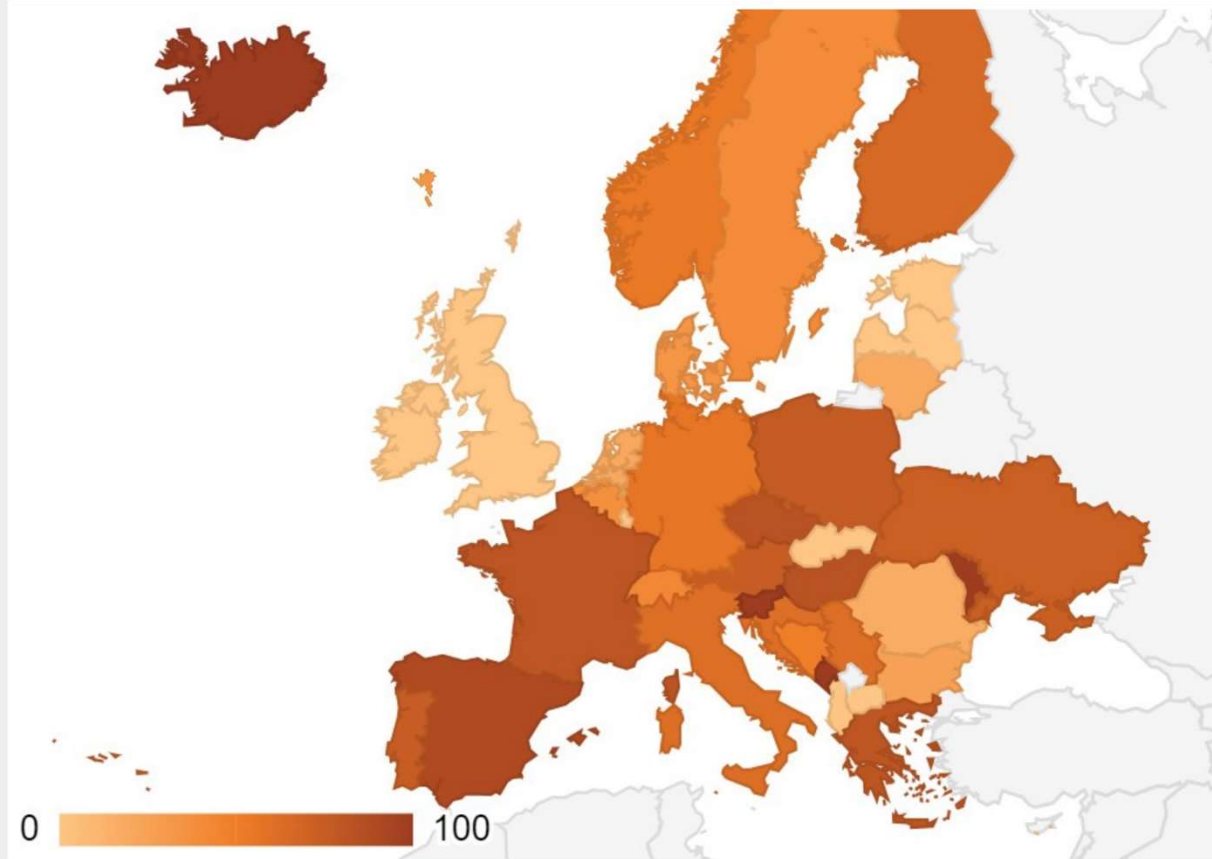
N = 625 of 685; multiple answer question; source: DIAMAS survey - Q3 (all)

While English was the most common language overall, it was only mentioned as the first publication language in about 40% of valid responses to this question.

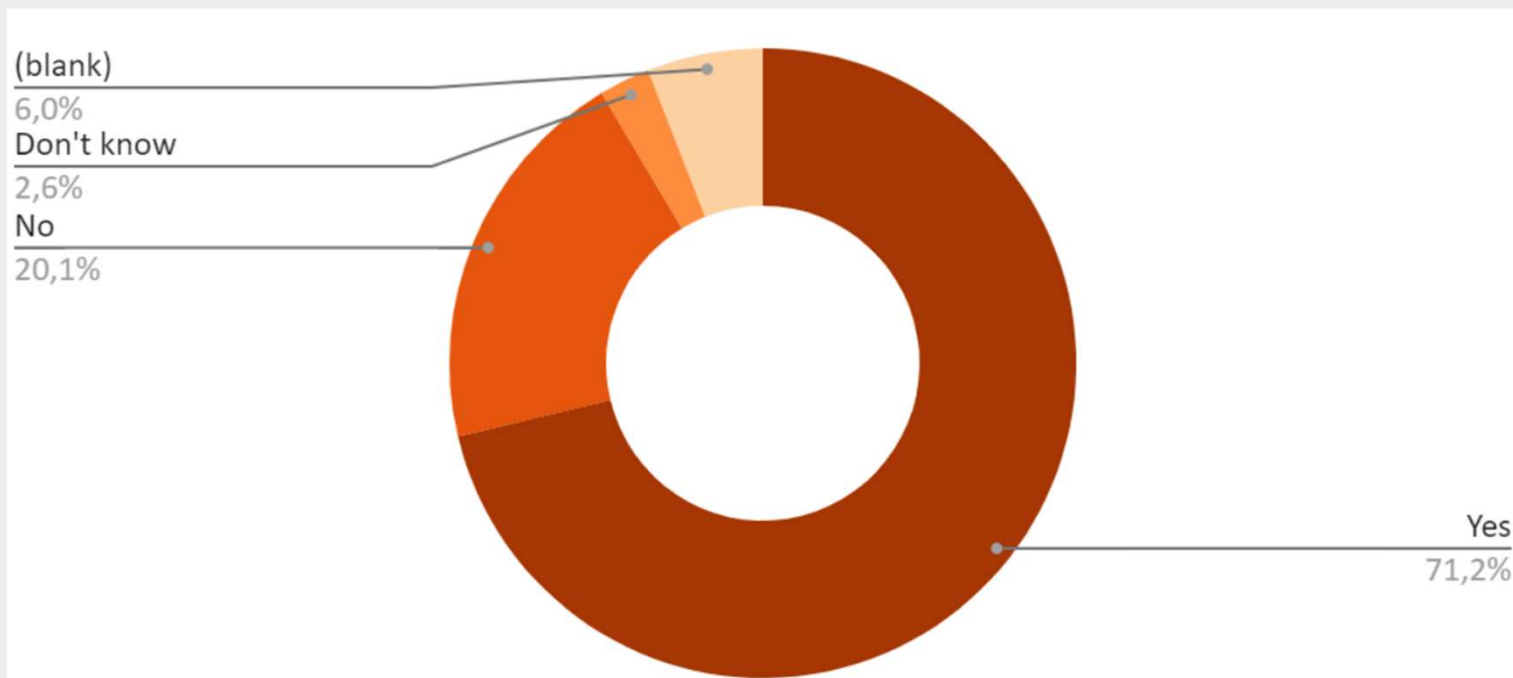
Institutional publishing caters to publication in national languages.

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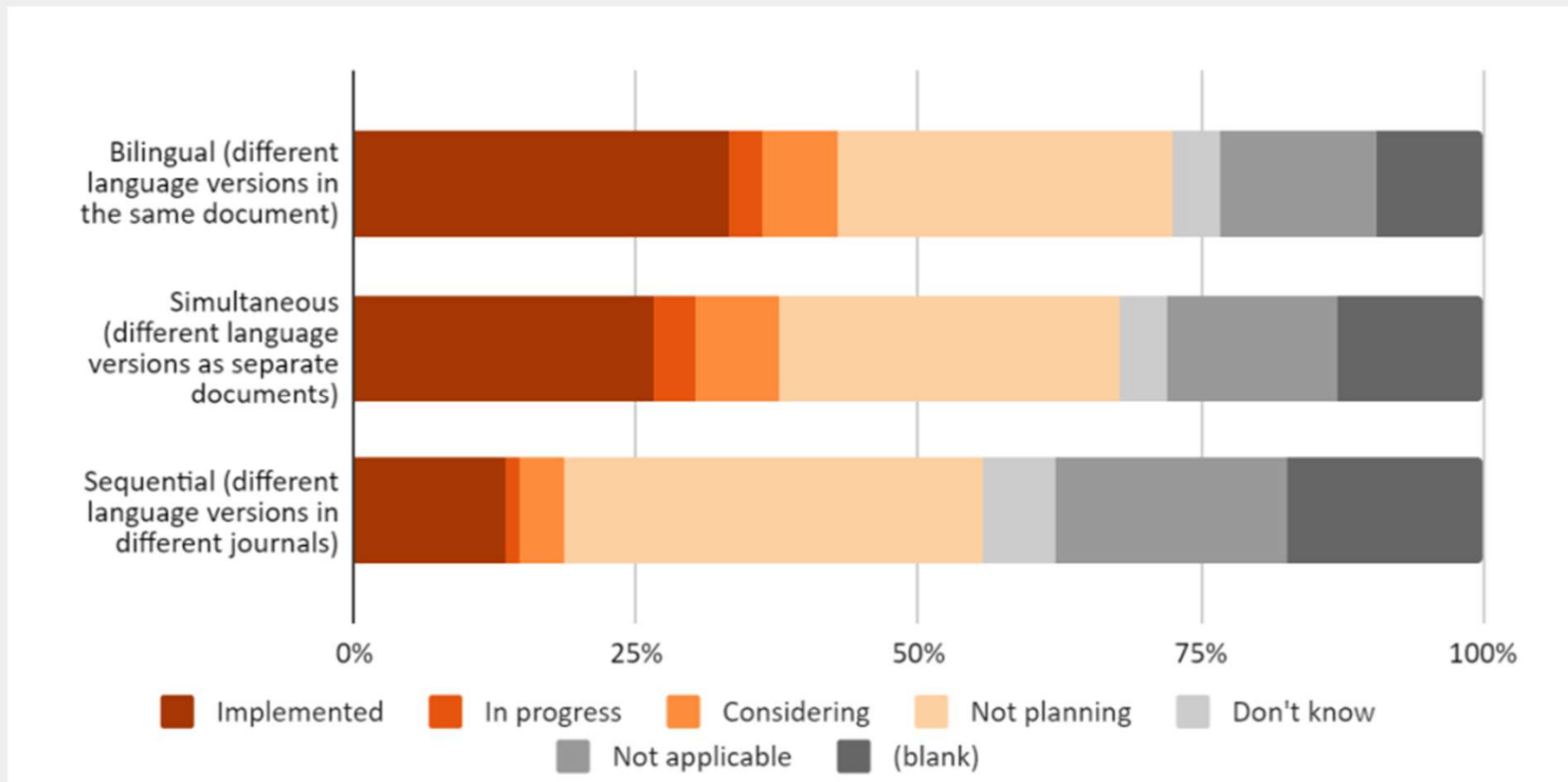
- Proportion of IPSPs with main/primary publication language other than English



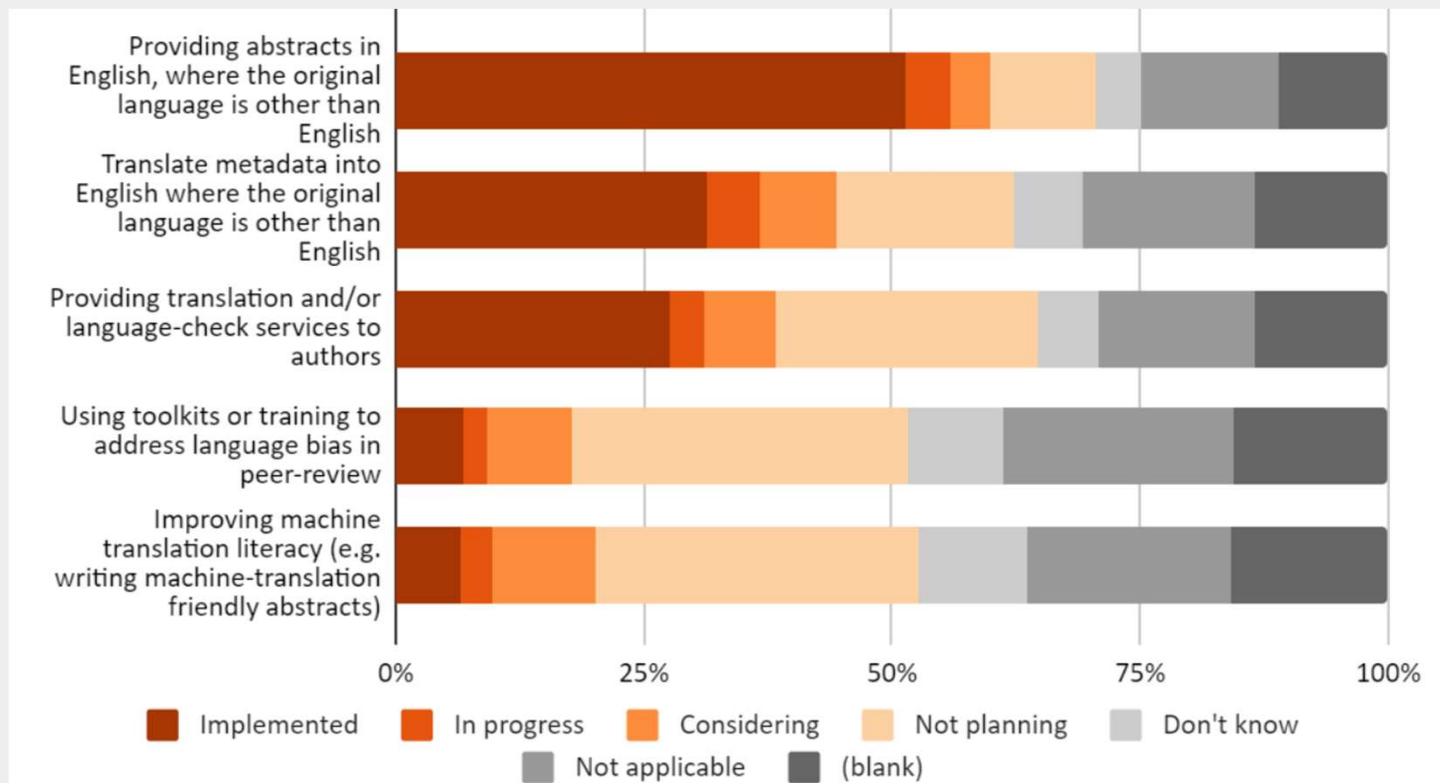
Support for multilingual publishing of abstracts



Support for multilingual publishing of full text output



Other measures taken to promote language diversity and reduce language bias





Summary

- Diamond OA publishing is very multilingual – that we knew already – but we are gathering more precision on the landscape in order to provide better support and nurture the practice.
- As key outputs from the project will be short toolkit articles and guidelines for journals and publishers to read – we would very much like your feedback on them before they are finalized.
- Please follow: <https://diamasproject.eu/> for outputs and future events.



D2.1 IPSP Scoping Report [10.5281/zenodo.7890567](https://zenodo.org/record/7890567)

Defining some concepts and giving a precise geographical definition

DIAMAS Survey Questionnaire and Glossary [10.5281/zenodo.10207447](https://zenodo.org/record/10207447)

The English version of the Questionnaire used in the survey, and the accompanying glossary

D2.3 Final IPSP landscape Report: Institutional Publishing in the ERA: Results from the DIAMAS survey [10.5281/zenodo.10022183](https://zenodo.org/record/10022183)

The full-length 237-page report including short country reports

Institutional publishing in the ERA: Full country reports [10.5281/zenodo.10026206](https://zenodo.org/record/10026206)

A supplement to the above, with longer country reports for some countries

The European landscape of institutional publishing – A synopsis of results from the DIAMAS survey [10.5281/zenodo.10551709](https://zenodo.org/record/10551709)

A short version of the full-length report

Institutional publishing in the ERA: Complete country reports [10.5281/zenodo.10473494](https://zenodo.org/record/10473494)

A companion to the synopsis – the longer country reports for the countries that has one, and the shorter reports for the other countries

DIAMAS survey on Institutional Publishing – aggregated data [10.5281/zenodo.10590502](https://zenodo.org/record/10590502)

Survey data aggregated on a level that allows us to share them