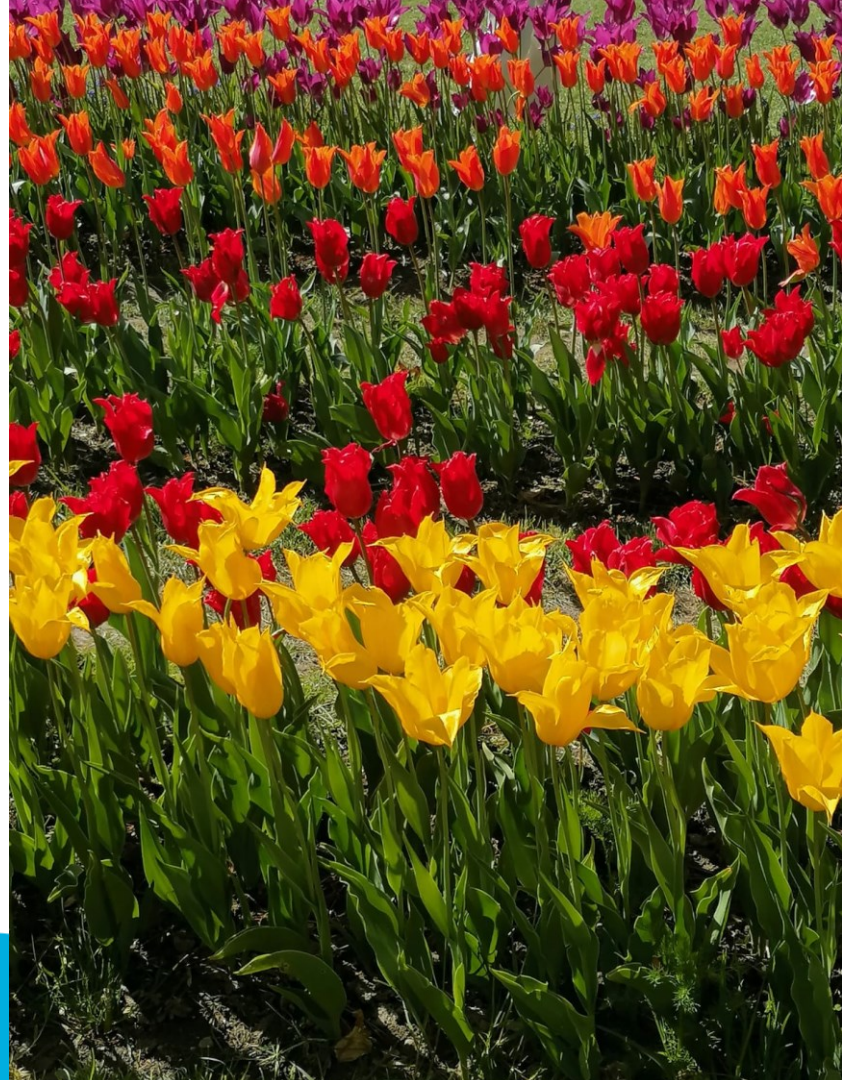


EIFL Open Access Programme Updates

Iryna Kuchma and Milica Ševkušić, EIFL Open Access Programme

2026 EIFL General Assembly

**Advance OA by supporting
No-fee OA journals (OA
journals that do not charge
any fees for either authors or
readers, often referred to as
Diamond OA journals), and by
taking advantage of
repositories**



COLLABORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING IN AFRICA

EIFL and partners AJOL and WACREN launch three-year project to strengthen Diamond open access publishing in Africa

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EIFL, AJOL (African Journals Online) and WACREN (the West and Central African Research and Education Network), with funding from Wellcome, are partnering a three-year project that will develop and deliver a participatory funding approach to strengthen the quality and sustainability of African Diamond open access (OA) publishing, while maintaining its diversity. Diamond OA means that authors and readers pay no fees to publish or read articles.

<https://eifl.net/eifl-in-action/collaboration-sustainable-open-access-publishing-africa>

Supported 279 Diamond OA journals in 13 African countries



<https://eifl.net/news/advances-no-fee-oa-journals-africa>

<https://eifl.net/news/three-more-projects-advancing-no-fee-oa-journals-africa>

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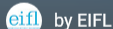
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- BlueSky: Chosen because it was considered a viable alternative to X. Followers from X were transferred to BlueSky (36 new followers)
- LinkedIn: Allowed editors to personally invite their connections to follow the journal page (1652 new followers)
- Mailchimp newsletter: built on existing CAJ database (spikes in website engagement)



Practical advice from African Diamond OA ...



by EIFL

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Webinars on strengthening African no-fee (Diamond) open access (OA) journals. Learn about building editorial ...more



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 South African Journal of Education Reviewer Credits plans for journals

Free Basic plan	Premium (all features from basic plan)
- AI-powered Research Finder with 15 free Research Assistants - Peer review integration with eCRV - Public profile on Scopus - Researcher certification - Reviewers' ORCID ID - Personalized academic email verification - Free access to Scopus database on the user dashboard	- All-powered Research Finder with 25 free Research Assistants - AI-powered analytics and insights - Discounts - Researcher special discounts - Journal certification - Journal's dynamic badge to display on your website - Reviewers' ORCID ID and biometric verification - Credit Points to reward reviewers per review - Discounts on research tools to your reviewers - Researcher performance statistics and metrics - Research Dashboard to report on diverging and quality

Background...

□ The editor-in-chief/Managing editor shoulders several responsibilities



Journal communications, marketing, visibility and impact

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NO-FEE OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING IN AFRICA POLICY BRIEF

Overview of actions that leaders of African institutions can take to foster and sustain more equitable, inclusive, impactful and trusted publishing

<https://www.eifl.net/resources/no-fee-open-access-publishing-africa-policy-brief>

Home > Resources > No-fee open access publishing in Africa policy brief

ABOUT THE RESOURCE

TYPE:

POSITION PAPER & STATEMENT

PUBLISHER:

EIFL

The 'No-fee open access publishing in Africa policy brief' is aimed at the leadership of African institutions. It provides an overview of no-fee open access (OA) publishing, often referred to as Diamond OA publishing, and shows how Diamond OA journals can help to achieve the goals of more equitable, inclusive, impactful and trusted publishing. The Policy Brief emphasises collective responsibility and collaborations among institutions, research funders and policymakers and recommends actions that leaders of African institutions can take to foster and sustain Diamond OA publishing.

FUNDING SOURCES OF AFRICAN NO-FEE OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

A list of funding sources of African no-fee open access journals

<https://www.eifl.net/resources/funding-sources-african-no-fee-open-access-journals>

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ABOUT THE RESOURCE

TYPE:	GUIDE
PUBLISHER:	EIFL
AUTHOR:	MEMBERS OF THE NO-FEE OA PUBLISHING IN AFRICA COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (COP)

This document lists sources of funding of African no-fee open access (OA) journals, drawing on examples from institutions and journals from across the continent. No-fee OA journals are often referred to as Diamond OA journals, and do not charge fees for either authors or readers.

The list is not exhaustive, and most journals draw on more than one source of funding, in addition to receiving in-kind support.

The list of funding sources was compiled by members of the [No-fee OA Publishing in Africa Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#). The CoP was set up within the '[Collaboration for sustainable open access publishing in Africa](#)' project

GOOD PRACTICE IN ACTION

A Toolkit for Diamond OA Journals

For journal editors, publishers, managers and support teams who want to identify strengths and gaps, make improvements and track progress.



What is in the Toolkit?

CORE REFERENCE

Quality in Diamond Open Access (OA) Publishing

The main reference for understanding and implementing good publishing practices.
Comprehensive guidance and templates



COMPANION TOOL

Auditing Framework for Diamond OA Journals

Helps journal teams check practices, document evidence and identify strengths, gaps and priorities.
Evidence-based journal audit



COMPANION GUIDE

Let's Do It Right: Fixing Common Issues in Diamond OA journals

Helps identify and address frequently observed problems.
Practical troubleshooting



How to use the toolkit?

1

Use *Quality in Diamond OA Publishing* to understand good practices and find guidance for implementing them.

2

Use the *Auditing Framework for Diamond OA Journals* to assess current practices, record evidence and identify gaps.

3

Use *Quality in Diamond OA Publishing* and *Let's Do It Right* to address the issues you identify.

The EIFL Toolkit Good Practice in Action (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.22894228>) was developed within the Collaboration for Sustainable Open Access Publishing in Africa, funded by the Wellcome Trust (grant 228149/Z/23/Z), with input from the No-Fee Open Access Publishing in Africa Community of Practice.



We are pleased to announce the publication of [Good Practice in Action: A Toolkit for Diamond OA Journals](#), a set of three complementary resources designed to help editors, publishers, journal managers to strengthen the quality, transparency and visibility of their journals. It can also be used by institutions wanting to assess journals that they publish or support.

WHAT'S IN THE TOOLKIT?

The toolkit includes three resources:

- [Quality in Diamond Open Access Publishing: guidelines, policies and templates](#) provides guidance on essential elements of Diamond OA journals, ready-to-use templates for journal policies and other documents, and technical recommendations covering journal websites, article landing pages, licensing and accessibility. First published in April 2025 and updated in October 2025, the guide has already been translated into Slovenian and Serbian.
- [Auditing Framework for Diamond Open Access Journals \(2026\)](#) is a spreadsheet-based tool guiding the assessment of journal websites and publishing practices. Journals can use the framework for self-assessment, while institutions and publishing units can use it to audit journals they publish or support.
- [Let's Do It Right: Fixing Common Issues in Diamond Open Access Journals \(2026\)](#) helps editorial and technical teams identify and resolve problems that can affect journal transparency, discoverability and eligibility for inclusion in indexing services and directories.

Using the Toolkit

<https://eifl.net/news/toolkit-diamond-open-access-journals>

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A guide to establishing and managing editorial workflows in Diamond Open Access journals

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ABOUT THE RESOURCE

This guide is designed to help Diamond Open Access (OA) journals – journals that charge no fees to either readers or authors -- to establish and manage editorial workflows. It can be used by journals operating through a dedicated online journal management system, such as Open Journal Systems (OJS) or eJournal Manager.

<https://www.eifl.net/resources/eifl-guide-editorial-workflows-diamond-open-access-journals>

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EIFL GUIDE: TIPS FOR ASSIGNING DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIERS (DOIS) TO JOURNAL ARTICLES

A practical guide to ensuring accurate, persistent and discoverable DOI records

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ABOUT THE RESOURCE

This guide provides practical information about Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and offers guidance on structuring, registering and assigning DOIs. It is intended for Diamond open access journals that already assign DOIs, as well as those

<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-guide-tips-assigning-digital-object-identifiers-dois-journal-articles>

EIFL CHECKLIST: GOOD PRACTICES IN USING OPEN JOURNAL SYSTEMS SOFTWARE FOR JOURNAL EDITING AND PUBLISHING (VERSION 4)

Updated version of the EIFL guide to support journal editors and publishers of open access journals using Open Journal Systems (OJS) software.

<https://www.eifl.net/resources/eifl-checklist-good-practices-using-open-journal-systems-software-journal-editing-and-publishing>

Home > Resources > EIFL Checklist: Good practices in using Open Journal Systems software for journal editing and publishing (Version 4)

ABOUT THE RESOURCE

This is an updated and revised version of our checklist to support editors and publishers of open access journals who use Open Journals Systems (OJS) software. OJS is created by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), which is a multi-university initiative developing free and open source software to improve the quality and reach of scholarly publishing.

RESOURCES

Browse our collection of resources on licensing, copyright for libraries, open access, library consortium development, free and open source software (FOSS) for libraries, and public library innovation

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IN AFRICA COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

A NEW INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS OF NO-FEE OA JOURNALS AND BOOKS IN AFRICA

Join the No-Fee Open Access Publishing in Africa Community of Practice

Benefits

- Open Access Publishing
- Collaboration opportunities
- Increased visibility and impact

SCAN TO APPLY

Our first CoP meeting is on Jan
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<https://wacren.net/en/news/community-of-practice-for-diamond-open-access-publishing-in-africa-opens-for-application>

<https://libsense.ren.africa/communaute-de-pratique-de-l-acces-ouvert-diamant>

Rejoignez la communauté de pratique (CoP) sur la publication en libre accès sans frais en Afrique francophone



Resources & Guidelines

This is a set of resources that support publishers moving towards Diamond Open Access. They include concise high-level introductions to Diamond Open Access and to the Diamond Open Access Standard as well as guidelines and good practices for journal publishing. Additionally, this component of the European Diamond Capacity Hub offers detailed instructions and practical guidance to assist Diamond Open Access publishers in meeting the standards outlined in the Diamond Open Access Standard.

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— [Discover our Resources & Guidelines](#)

<https://resources.edch.eu>



Registry & Forum

The Registry and Forum are virtual spaces dedicated to fostering collaboration and networking among Diamond Open Access Community Members. They provide a place where services, tools and technologies can be presented and discussed. All Diamond Open Access Centers, Publishers, and Providers across Europe are invited to join the Registry to become Community Members. The Forum facilitates networking and discussions on topics relevant to the community.

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Monday 5th October at 16:00 CEST

► *Short description and programme:*

- **CROSS-REGIONAL**

Thursday 5th November, at 16:00 CET

► *Short description and programme:*

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<https://almasiproject.org/the-diamond-oa-policy-forum>



Welcome to the International Repositories Directory (IRD)

This is the International Repositories Directory, managed by the [Confederation of Open Access Repositories \(COAR\)](https://coar-repositories.org). The directory aims to be an **authoritative source** of information about repositories, providing the community with an accurate and timely record of the current repository landscape. It contains information such as the types and versions of platforms in use, scope of repository collections, geographic location, institutional affiliations, functionalities supported, and so on.



Records in IRD

Total Records

7523

Verified Records

1750

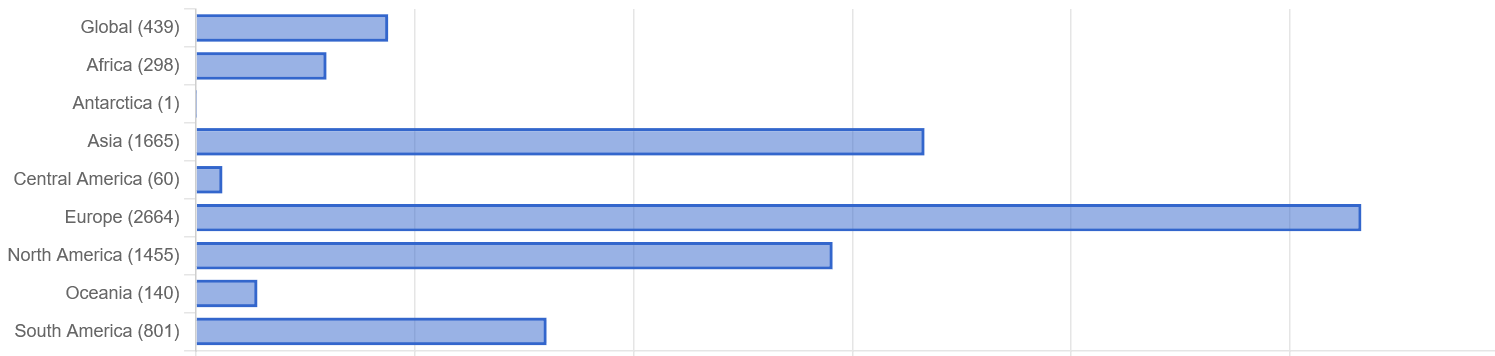
Records Awaiting
Review

2868

Records Under
Review

2905

Repositories (count) by Continent



<https://ird.coar-repositories.org>

Reframing Repositories

Why Repositories Matter More Than Ever

Scholarly communication is at a crossroads. Scholarly infrastructure has become dangerously concentrated in the hands of a small number of commercial publishers and foreign-controlled platforms, leaving institutions and nations exposed to disruptions they cannot control.

At the same time, the integrity of the scientific record is under acute strain, as AI-generated fabrications, paper mills, and reproducibility failures erode the trust on which science depends and public trust in information is fragile, at **to address all of these challenges.**

To highlight the critical importance of repositories, COAR is publishing that, taken together, build a powerful case for repositories as essen

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The untapped public value of open access repositories

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Safeguarding digital sovereignty through local stewardship and preservation

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Repositories unlock the potential of multilingual scholarship

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The role of repositories in maintaining research integrity

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Repositories as active participants in the scholarly publishing process

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NARRATIVE 6

The role of repositories in supporting responsible research assessment

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<https://coar-repositories.org/what-we-do/reframing-repositories>

"What I especially like about EIFL's training and resources, is how they marry open science theory with practical skills. Open science can sometimes be very abstract. But EIFL's training makes it practical and interesting."

- Eglė Juodė, Information Manager at the Department of Scientific Information and Data at Vilnius University, Lithuania

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📍 Online

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<https://eifl.net/events/open-science-trainers-meet-23>

EIFL WEBINAR: USING AI TOOLS IN LEARNING AND TRAINING

Webinar exploring practical uses of AI for learning and training materials

Home > Resources > EIFL webinar: Using AI tools in learning and training

<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-webinar-using-ai-tools-learning-and-training>

Recording of an EIFL webinar (71 minutes) for trainers,

ABOUT THE RESOURCE

TYPE:

WEBINAR

EIFL CHECKLIST: ORGANIZING A HYBRID EVENT

A practical checklist to support the planning and delivery of successful hybrid events

Home > Resources > EIFL Checklist: Organizing a Hybrid Event

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<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-checklist-organizing-hybrid-event>

This checklist aims to support event organizers in planning and delivering effective and engaging hybrid events. Hybrid events — meetings, workshops, conferences, and other events that combine in-person and online participation — are becoming increasingly common. They offer many advantages, but also require careful planning, coordination and significant human and technical resources.



**ROR is a global, community-led registry of
open persistent identifiers for research
organizations**

<https://ror.org>

Search the registry

Enter a ROR ID or organization name



Call to action

Check whether all consortia members have a ROR ID and encourage them to get one if they don't.

**Keep ROR records up to date.
We shall celebrate together!**



EIFL GUIDE: 'HOW TO CHECK WHETHER YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS A ROR ID AND GET ONE IF IT DOESN'T' (VERSION 2.0)

Guide to help research organizations in EIFL our partner countries to obtain and update ROR IDs

<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-guide-how-check-whether-your-organization-has-ror-id-and-get-one-if-it-doesnt-version>

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(Version 2.0)

ABOUT THE RESOURCE

TYPE:	GUIDE
PUBLISHER:	EIFL
DATE:	JULY 2026

The EIFL guide, 'How to check whether your organization has a ROR ID and get one if it doesn't', explains how to find out if an organization has a ROR ID, how to obtain one if it doesn't, and how to update a ROR record if needed, in four simple steps.

A ROR ID is a digital, open, unique and persistent identifier for research organizations provided by the Research Organization Registry (ROR), a global, community-led registry of open persistent identifiers for research organizations.

Some research organizations have names in more than one language, others change their names, merge, split, shut down

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created and 407 ROR
records updated in
EIFL partner countries
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- Context specific expert advice and support
- Policy templates (institutional, national, journals, repositories)
- Reusable training materials and capacity development
- Showcasing and amplifying your work



Thank you!

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