

EIFL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026



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- 2024 - 2026 Strategy coming to an end
- In progress – developing 2027-2029 strategy

Electronic Information for Libraries



Strategic Plan:
2024-2026

<https://www.eifl.net/resources/eifl-strategic-plan-2024-2026>

- I. Advance a fair and sustainable transition from paywalled to open access (OA) content
- II. Support research, teaching and learning
- III. Foster digital transformation of public library services

I. Advance the transition to open access content

- Encouraging authors to publish in open access
- Advance open access by supporting diamond open access journals and by taking advantage of repositories

We have agreements with **15 publishers** for free or discounted APCs in **3,020 journals**.

- 2024 + 2025:
 - 5,898 articles published by 4,990 eligible authors.
 - Total savings in APCs - over USD 10 million.
- 2026 figures to come.

See the list of journals where authors can publish.

<https://eifl.net/news/eifl-oa-publishing-agreements-cover-3020-journals>

Results January 2024 - September 2026

New policies expanding OA to research via repositories

- Rights Retention clauses included in new national policies in Serbia (Open Science Policy, December 2024) and Slovenia (Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act, May 2025).
- New model provision for mandatory SPR included in the 2025 edition of the [EIFL Draft Law on Copyright Including Model Exceptions for Libraries and their Users](#).
- EIFL proposed SPR in
 - Serbian and Ukrainian draft legislation.
 - Two European Commission consultations on (1) proposed European Research Area Act and (2) review of the 2019 Copyright in the Digital Single Market Directive.

- Improved the quality of 279 journals in 13 African countries through 33 funded projects.
- Built new evidence on Diamond OA publishing through the first-ever [landscape study of no-fee OA publishing in Africa](#) (2024).
- Contributed African and EIFL expertise to major international studies on nonprofit and Diamond OA publishing ecosystems in Africa, Europe and Latin America (2025–2026).

- Created training courses & useful resources:
 - 17 training courses available on the [European Diamond Capacity Hub Training Platform](#)
 - 15 useful resources, such as the recent [EIFL Toolkit for Diamond OA Journals: Good Practice in Action](#);
with the [EIFL Guide 'Quality in Diamond OA Publishing'](#);
['Auditing Framework for Diamond OA Journals'](#) &
['Let's Do It Right: Fixing Common Issues in Diamond OA Journals'](#);
['Editorial Workflows in Diamond OA Journals'](#);
the ['Diamond OA Standard \(DOAS\) Guide for Journals'](#).
 - Resource usage (views & downloads): 18,361

II. Support research, teaching & learning

- Negotiate with publishers & vendors for free or discounted access to e-resources and research support services
- Advocate for copyright reform
- Enhance open science & open research skills
- Foster creation & maintenance of open public infrastructures
- Advocate for an enabling policy environment & research assessment reform

- 84 commercial e-resources from 24 vendors available through EIFL.
- 2024 + 2025:
 - over 21,7 million full text articles & book chapters downloaded by scholars in EIFL partner countries.
 - saving hundreds of millions of USD in subscription fees.
- 2026 statistics to be collected and analysed in 2027

Advocated for copyright reforms to maximize access

- Supported copyright law reform in eleven countries:
 - Armenia, Georgia, Kenya, Malawi, Moldova, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine and Zambia.
- We contributed to ending the book famine for print-disabled people.
 - We supported ratification & domestication of the Marrakesh Treaty in 12 countries: Albania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Malawi, Maldives, Moldova, Serbia, Uganda & Zambia.

Improved open research environment

- Eleven national OA policies adopted in Ghana, Estonia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia, Slovenia, Uganda and Ukraine
- Ten institutional OA policies adopted in Latvia, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine. Six more institutions updated their open science policies in Lithuania and Serbia.
- Contributed to advancing research assessment reform in Ukraine.

Enhanced open science & open research skills

- Built a community of 80+ open science trainers across 20 EIFL partner countries through the EIFL Open Science Trainers Community of Practice.
- Co-facilitated five OpenAIRE open science train-the-trainer bootcamps.
- Developed useful resources for OA and open science training:
 - Webinar: ['Strategies to boost the visibility of researchers, institutions, research outputs and research activities as a training topic'](#)
 - EIFL guides: [Sharing research software: Licensing research software under an open licence](#); ['EIFL guide and checklist for researchers and librarians: Choosing a journal for your research'](#).
 - EIFL Training Programme Outlines: ['Open Science for Health Sciences Training Programme Outline for librarians and open science trainers'](#), ['Artificial Intelligence and Open Science Training Programme Outline for librarians and open science trainers'](#) and ['Digital Research Literacy Training Programme Outline for Librarians'](#) (third and fourth editions)
 - Resource usage (views & downloads): 13,000+
 - Open science practices handbook and online course in Ukrainian.

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Strengthened open public infrastructures

- Helped improve the quality of services of over 500 OA journals in Africa, Armenia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, and nine repositories, including six national repositories in Armenia, Georgia, Myanmar, Namibia and Nepal, and two institutional repositories in Botswana and Kenya.
- Organized a series of ten webinars on '[Best Practices and Use Cases of Open Journal Systems](#)' (2338 views).
- Updated the [EIFL Checklist: Good practices in using Open Journal Systems Software \(OJS\) for journals editing and publishing](#) (3429 views & downloads).
- Promoted the use of Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) such as ORCID, DOIs; ROR. As a result of ROR campaign 542 new ROR records being created and 407 ROR records updated in EIFL partner countries.
- Contributed to the creation of the International Repository Directory.

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III. Foster digital transformation of public library services

- Build capacity of national public library networks in Africa to integrate technology in library services that advance development.
- Advance innovation in public library services through recognition by the EIFL Public Library Innovation Awards.

Public library capacity to use technology strengthened

- In Ghana, we have trained 30 librarians from 15 libraries across the country to provide digital & information skills training to school students. By May 2026, [librarians trained 22,100 students](#).
- Expanded learning opportunities for public librarians by producing 18 [EIFL 'Small Bites' training videos](#) on conducting training in libraries, developing technology-based library services and evaluating their impact. (2,765 views).

Digital infrastructure in public libraries increased

- **Malawi:** the eGovernment department of the Ministry of Information and Digitalisation allocated 40 desktop computers to 17 public libraries.
- **Zambia:** Airtel Zambia donated 26 wireless routers to 20 public libraries; Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) delivered 12 computers, a printer and a projector to the Luapula Provincial Library.

Public library innovation recognized & promoted

7 libraries in 7 countries received the [EIFL Public Library Innovation Award](#):

- 2024 Award: Integrating digital reading and writing to enhance library services, in Brazil, Lithuania & the Philippines.
- 2025 Award: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) programmes, in China, Colombia, Croatia & South Africa

2026 call, for Library AI literacy training programmes, closes on 26 October:

<https://eifl.net/ia20>



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THANK YOU!

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