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Policy Recommendations

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- Research performing organisations (RPO) and scholarly information infrastructures to engage in joint Open Science and Diamond Open Access publishing activities to improve interoperability, strengthen standardisation and promote networking.
- OA publication funds currently supporting the corporate sector with Article Processing Charges (APCs) and transformative agreements include an annual proportion for strategic investments into Diamond OA infrastructure and Diamond OA journals.
- Research funders implement funding programmes to promote Diamond OA. The identification of national, regional and/or disciplinary and target group specific areas that need to be improved will enable research funders to develop funding schemes tailored to Diamond OA.

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- Funders, scientific infrastructures and RPOs support establishing and promoting communities of practice. They clearly define their responsibility and position and declare long-term engagement with the respective communities of practice, allowing them to thrive.
- Dedicated bodies targeting an aligned, international Diamond OA model as well as supporting community building are considered a basic infrastructure for capacity building and equipped with adequate funding.

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- With recognised standards, improved interoperability and the usage of shared services such as the CRAFT-OA Diamond Discovery Hub, Diamond OA journals will become more visible, easier to find and better recognised.
- Funders consider services like the above-mentioned particularly because they are crucial for a FAIR and sustainable scholarly communication system.
- Instead of relying on mainstream research assessment aggregators, open infrastructures are used for a more nuanced evaluation of scientific information.
- Indexation in an Open Access infrastructure such as DOAJ is the baseline for a Diamond OA journal. As building blocks for a transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publication system, they have to be funded accordingly.

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- The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) as "a system of systems" and a source of trusted information needs Open Access service and content providers to mirror the (biblio-)diversity of the Open Science landscape. EOSC roadmaps take the specific needs of the publishing sector into account.
- Smaller Diamond OA journals receive support - especially technologically - to join the EOSC. Infrastructures that create the basic prerequisites for EOSC onboarding are considered necessary preparatory work for an all-encompassing EOSC.
- Investment into basic infrastructures will help to strengthen and sustain the bibliodiversity of content and the equitable nature of the EOSC.