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CRAFT-OA Newsletter #14: Goodbye, but may our paths continue to cross! [December 11, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA colleagues,

The CRAFT-OA project will be complete in just a couple of weeks. With this last edition of our newsletter, we want to thank you for your engagement and direct you to the project results. And of course, we also have news from the community. We have so much to say, but we'll try to keep it short:

Inside CRAFT-OA

- ★ CRAFT-OA helped build the foundation for the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH), which will continue to serve the community. We highly recommend that you join their [Registry](#) (for organisations) and [Forum](#) (for individuals) to stay up to date and connected with the Diamond OA community in Europe. And please follow them on [BlueSky](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- ★ The CRAFT-OA conference in October brought together 145 Diamond OA enthusiasts from 17 countries. Bookmark this [blog post](#) for quick access to all the conference recordings, slides, posters, and photos. Or read this [blog post](#) for more background information and content about the conference.
- ★ CRAFT-OA developed technology, created training materials/sessions, and collected

resources to support Diamond OA publishing. For an overview of all our results, visit the [results page on the CRAFT-OA website](#). We especially want to call your attention to 6 key results:

- **[Diamond Discovery Hub](#)**: A central registry that boosts the visibility and discoverability of scholar-led Diamond Open Access journals in Europe by providing interoperable metadata and enhanced recognition across platforms.

The Diamond Discovery Hub (DDH), one of the key services from the CRAFT-OA project, continues to go from strength to strength. Version 1.5 was released at the start of December, and we are delighted to see usage increasing and the [number of trusted sources growing](#).

The DDH was launched as a Minimum Viable Product, and product ownership [transitioned to DOAJ](#) at the end of November 2025. As more people start using the service, we're receiving suggestions for new features and improvements from the community. It's fantastic to see such engagement! DOAJ is collecting all suggestions and will work with the owners, [EDCH](#), and the technical team at ICM to prioritise those for future possible development.

- **[OJS core feature enhancements](#)**: A suite of new and improved functionalities within the Open Journal Systems platform to enhance metadata quality, support multilingual content, and improve GDPR-compliant handling of editorial and reviewer data. Read the most recent blog posts on [OJS multilingual improvements](#) and [metadata enhancements](#).
- **[OpenAIRE Publisher Dashboard](#)**: A data-driven dashboard component integrated with the OpenAIRE MONITOR service, designed to help Diamond OA publishers access analytics and insights to support publication workflows. If you are interested in using the service as an **early adopter/pilot**, please [read more here](#).
- **[Publisher's Living Handbook for Diamond Open Access](#)** (Living Handbook): A continuously updated and sustainable handbook documenting best practices, standards, and technical guidance for Diamond Open Access publishing.

Within the Living Handbook, you'll also find the training materials and sessions developed within the CRAFT-OA project, which you can learn more about in [this blog post](#).
- **[OJS Diamond Plugins](#)**: A collection of additional plugins for the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform that extend support for Diamond OA publishing needs and interoperability with other tools.
- **[Guide to Scholarly Indexes](#)**: A structured set of documentation that helps Diamond OA publishers understand and engage with the technical and indexing requirements of major scholarly publication indexes and aggregators.

Community News

- ★ The developers of Journal Metadata Exchange Format (JMEF), an open format to share journal metadata, published a paper describing why this format was needed (it originated from the needs of the Diamond Discovery Hub) and how they plan to extend it: [Dumiszewski, Ł., & Mądry, K. \(2025\). Journal Metadata Exchange Format - an open format to share journal metadata \(1.0\)](#)
- ★ The Copim Open Book Futures are thrilled to announce the upcoming Copim Conference, taking place **26–27 February 2026** as a hybrid event! **Join in person at [Loughborough University \(London campus\)](#) or online from wherever you are.** This **FREE** two-day gathering will spotlight the evolving landscape of community-led open access book publishing, bringing together authors, publishers, librarians, infrastructure developers, and more. This is **YOUR** chance to be part of the conversation shaping the next chapter in open access! [Register now!](#)
- ★ **Registration is now open! New PKP + SFU Open Publishing Courses** - The Public Knowledge Project (PKP) is delighted to announce that registration is now open for three new online [Open Publishing courses](#) designed for anyone interested in scholarly publishing, from researchers to practitioners worldwide. Developed in collaboration between the Master of Publishing (MPub) program, SFU Library, the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), and LifeLong Learning, the three courses have start dates in **January and May, 2026.**
- ★ **cOAlition S released their [new strategy for 2026-2030](#).** cOAlition S will focus on three interconnected strategic priorities in 2026-2027 that build upon the coalition's expertise and established partnerships: 1) strengthening the foundations for full, immediate, sustainable, equitable open access of scholarly peer-reviewed articles, 2) supporting the digital infrastructure that enables Open Access, 3) exploring financially sustainable, equitable publishing systems while monitoring their progress and impact.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and hope to see you around!

Warm regards,

Kelly (on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium)

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #13: Crafting connections for Diamond OA [October 5, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA colleagues,

The summer holidays are behind us, and the fall has already begun with a healthy dose of conferences and trainings to keep us busy and connected. Below are a few updates from the CRAFT-OA project and the Diamond OA community.

Thanks for reading!

Warm wishes,

Kelly (on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium)

CRAFT-OA Announcements

- CRAFT-OA conference 6-8 October: The CRAFT-OA conference (#CRAFT_OA2025 - if you'd like to follow the posts on social media) is happening this week (Mon-Wed) at Göttingen University. If you're not joining us in person, you can watch the livestream (we are livestreaming the talks from Pauliner Church only). Browse the [program](#) to learn more.
 - Livestream links: [Monday](#), [Tuesday](#), [Wednesday](#)
- “Meet the Experts” Workshop Series: This online workshop series is for OJS platform managers, institutional IT teams, and journal administrators who need practical support with installing, upgrading, or configuring Open Journal Systems (OJS). The next workshop is on 17 Oct at 10:00 (CEST) with Nate Wright on the topic of “Theming.” For details, to register and to watch the recordings of the other workshops, go [here](#).
- “[CRAFT-OA brings multilingual improvements to Open Journal System 3.5](#)”: Scholarly research is written in many languages, and delivering research to the community requires appropriate technological infrastructure. In this blog post, Antti-Jussi Nygård, from CRAFT-OA, explains in non-technical terms what we've done to improve how OJS supports multilingualism, and why.
- How do journals get included in indices (e.g., Scopus, Web of Science, BASE, Google Scholar, etc.)? Each index has different criteria, which CRAFT-OA has documented for 20 of them. This documentation is available for the public in a [Catalog](#) format on Github and in a [spreadsheet](#) format on Zenodo. If this project sparks your interest, you can read more about the background work in our latest [report](#) on the task.

Community Announcements

- [Communication Officer position](#) open at EDCH: The EDCH Communication Officer plays a central role in ensuring impactful outreach to the Diamond OA community and beyond. They coordinate the design of a coherent communication strategy and implement tasks that strengthen the brand identity of the EDCH and foster community engagement in collaboration with the members of the EDCH Coordination Team.
- [Registration now open for PKP's new Publishing Courses](#): The courses start in January and May 2026, and if you're curious about the content, there's a “meet the instructors” webinar on 30 Oct, 9:00-10:30 (PDT).

- Join the [EDCH registry and forum](#): Stay connected and updated on important topics within the Diamond Open Access community around Europe. You can register as an organization in the [Registry](#) or as an individual in the [Forum](#).
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CRAFT-OA Newsletter #12: Technology & Visibility [July 11, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA Colleagues,

Just a quick hello from the CRAFT-OA consortium, before you take your summer leave, with a couple interesting events and tips from the Diamond Open Access community.

Upcoming events:

- **Aug-Oct 2025:** CRAFT-OA [Meet the Experts](#) Workshop series: Starting at the end of August, these online workshops are for OJS platform managers, institutional IT teams, and journal administrators who want practical support with installing, upgrading, or configuring Open Journal Systems (OJS).
- **Oct 6-8:** Registration is now open for the CRAFT-OA conference, [“Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access: Technical, Social & Political Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing”](#). The international conference takes place in Göttingen, Germany. There is limited space - please sign up soon!

Community Tips:

- Lots of interesting **discussions are happening** on the **European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) [Forum](#)**. Have you signed up yet? We recommend you do! And don't forget to sign up your organization on the [Registry](#). The recent informational webinar about the Registry & Form is already available to watch [here](#). And while you're on the EDCH website, check out the [Training Platform](#) with its training modules designed to support Diamond Publishing Services and Technology Providers. Learn more about the Training Platform from the [recorded webinar](#).
- If you publish a **Diamond OA journal that needs more visibility**, we recommend you take a look at our [newly published report](#). It provides detailed documentation about the requirements of scholarly publication indexes and aggregators (i.e. Crossref, DOAJ, Google Scholar, PubMed, etc.) - to help you understand what you need to do to be able to get listed by them.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Warm regards,

Kelly (on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium)

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #11 [June 11, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA Colleagues,

The CRAFT-OA project is developing federated technologies and communities of practice to support Diamond OA journals in becoming more findable and accessible. In this brief newsletter, learn about **upcoming events for the Diamond Open Access publishing community**. One event is already **tomorrow**. And **this Sunday is the deadline** to submit your contribution to our October conference. We hope to see you there!

Warm wishes on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium,

Kelly

- **June 12, 2025**, 2pm(CEST): WEBINAR - “GDPR Support - PKP applications (OJS/OMP/OPS). Even the Diamond OA publishing community needs to comply with GDPR. At this webinar, Dulip Withanage (TIB) and Ipula Ranasinghe (TIB) will discuss everything new regarding GDPR support at the Public Knowledge Project’s publishing systems (Open Journal System/Open Monograph Press/Open Preprint Server). After the lecture, the speakers will also be available to answer your questions on data protection and PKP applications. Learn more and register here: <https://www.craft-oa.eu/coffee-lectures-1/>
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- **June 15, 2025**: Deadline to submit a contribution to the CRAFT-OA conference that will take place on October 6-8, 2025, in Göttingen, Germany. The conference, “Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access: Technical, Social, and Political Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing,” will mark the project’s final phase. It will bring together project partners and the broader Diamond OA community to exchange ideas, reflect on achievements, and explore how to shape the future of federated Diamond OA publishing practices. **What are you building or advocating for within the Diamond OA community? See our [Call for Proposals](#) to learn how you can share your work at the conference.** <https://www.craft-oa.eu/conference/>
- **July 9, 2025**, 11am-12pm (CEST): WEBINAR - Intro to the EDCH Forum & Registry. The Forum & Registry of the European Diamond Capacity Hub are two service components dedicated to serving the European Diamond OA community. **The Forum** is a virtual space designed to foster collaboration, dialogue, and knowledge-sharing

between individual members of the European Diamond OA community. **The Registry** aims to boost the visibility of Diamond OA service providers, Diamond OA Tools & Technology providers and Diamond OA publishers. Organisations joining the Registry are able to present and promote their organisation profile and highlight their expertise and services to the community. The webinar will present both the Forum and the Registry. A live walkthrough will showcase the functionalities of both spaces. Participants will have the opportunity to raise questions, try out for themselves and ask community representatives already active in the Forum and Registry about their experiences. [Register here](#).

Please forward this message to your networks. Thank you for reading!

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #10 A Connected Diamond Open Access [May 6, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA Colleagues,

The Diamond Open Access publishing community is active, growing, and connecting. Check out the events and resources below from CRAFT-OA and other initiatives.

News

- We are pleased to announce the launch of the **European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) Registry & Forum** services. Created with the help of CRAFT-OA and DIAMAS projects, the Registry & Forum supports Diamond Open Access Publishers, Service Providers, and Tools and Technology Providers across Europe to collaborate and enhance their visibility. Joining the **EDCH Registry** is simple and free. To create your organisation's profile, sign up here: <https://registry.diamas.org/register>.
- The **EDCH Forum** is a dedicated space for discussion, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration within the Diamond OA community. Use the forum to connect with peers, exchange best practices, and collectively address the challenges of Diamond OA publishing. Create an account here: <https://forum.diamas.org/>.

Diamond OA Events/Recordings

- **June 5, 2025 [LIVE Webinar]: "Self-Archiving Policy - Benefits and Implementation at TIB Open Publishing"** is planned for 5th June 2025 ([register here](#))

- **October 6-8 2025** [IN-PERSON event]: **CRAFT-OA Conference, “Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access: Technical, Social, and Political Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing”** in Göttingen, Germany has an Open Call for Contributions! Please consider sharing your work with the community. Submit your contributions by June 1, 2025. Learn more here: www.craft-oa.eu/conference/
- **April 23, 2025** [RECORDING]: **“Increasing Visibility of OA Journal Content with OJS and DOAJ”**. The recordings of this [EIFL](#) webinar “Best Practices and Use Cases” series are available [here](#). Learn how the collaboration between the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), which developed OJS, can help increase the visibility of OA journal content. DOAJ and PKP experts explain how clear journal information and policies help journals get indexed in DOAJ, why good metadata matters, and how OJS makes it easier for journals to meet DOAJ’s acceptance criteria. Useful plugins available in the OJS Plugin Gallery, which can help automate tasks such as sending metadata to DOAJ and registering Persistent Identifiers (PIDs), are also discussed. Additionally, you’ll learn about the PKP Community Forum, a valuable resource for connecting with fellow Open Access publishers and learning from their experiences.
- **March 5, 2025** [RECORDING]: **“Technical standards of journal hosting: An overview for beginners”** is for community members who are new to Open Journals Systems (OJS) or struggling with the basics of using it for your Open Access journal. This short lecture by Oliver Krüger from SUB Hamburg focuses on Public Knowledge Project’s (PKP) Open Journals System (OJS). Go [here](#) for links to the recording and slides.
- **March 7, 2025** [RECORDING]: **The imminent release of OJS (Open Journal Systems) 3.5** will contain new GDPR enhancements and Multilingualism features. Learn more about what’s to come in OJS 3.5 in this [webinar recording](#) and join the [PKP Community Forum](#) to stay updated and get involved.

Diamond OA Resources

- Check out the [African Journals Initiative](#) and [newsletter](#), especially if you are interested in the Diamond OA movement in the global south and/or collaborating with the new [ALMASI project](#).
- This [March edition of the Lib4RI newsletter](#) provides a brief overview of the different Open Access publishing models - Green, Gold, Hybrid, Diamond (our favorite)!
- CRAFT-OA is developing the Diamond Discovery Hub (DDH), a service within the [European Diamond Capacity Hub \(EDCH\)](#). The DDH will verify and validate the “Diamond” status of European journals that apply to the registry and ensure the visibility of their content. The DDH website will go live in July! Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks for reading!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly (on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium)

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #9: Growing Diamond OA Publishing [March 20, 2025]

Dear Diamond OA Colleagues,

Together, our communities support the growth of Diamond Open Access scholarly publishing. Every aspect of our efforts—from advocating for better policies to developing business models to streamlining technology—is interconnected and reinforces the others. The CRAFT-OA project provides technical solutions for Diamond Open Access publishers and strives to unite the community. Continue reading for upcoming opportunities to learn and connect.

Events:

- **1 April 2025, 1pm (CET), online: Metadata Introduction and Metadata Healthcheck Webinar with Crossref.** Would you like to learn about metadata and the quality of the metadata you have deposited with Crossref? Join us for a hands-on session where you will receive an introduction to metadata and explore the [Participation Reports](#) tool. This workshop will demonstrate why good metadata is essential and guide how to improve the completeness and quality of your metadata. [Registration](#).
- **3 June 2025, 9am (CEST) Brussels: DIAMAS final conference "The Future of Diamond Open Access Publishing in Europe and Beyond".** This conference for the Diamond Open Access global community will be streamed online using a video conferencing platform, enabling remote participation. We encourage you to contribute to the [call for posters](#) to showcase your work. To be considered, please submit your abstract by March 23, 2025. For all the details regarding the call for posters—such as the focus of the call, submission guidelines, selection criteria, and evaluation process—please visit [the provided](#) link.
- **23-27 June 2025, Coimbra Portugal: Registration is open for [CRAFT-OA Summer School for Journal Editors](#).** Are you a scholarly journal editor looking to enhance your skills, explore the latest Open Journal Systems (OJS) developments, and connect with like-minded professionals in Diamond Open Access publishing? The 2nd CRAFT-OA

Summer School for Journal Editors is the perfect opportunity for you! Participation is free; you only need to cover your travel and accommodation expenses.

Resource Tip:

Did you know that the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) offers ten new resources designed to assist publishers, service providers, and funders in promoting diamond open access (OA) publishing? These resources include various tools, templates, case studies, and reports aimed at advocating for and implementing diamond OA publishing. The collection will continue to expand over time. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please contact EDCH at toolsuite@diamas.org.

Thanks for reading, and wishing you a wonderful start into spring!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly (on behalf of the CRAFT-OA consortium)

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #8: Together We're Better [February 7, 2025]

Dear colleagues,

2025 is the third and final year of the [CRAFT-OA \(Creating a Robust Accessible Federated Technology for Open Access\)](#) project. The project is carried out by and for the Open Access scholarly publishing community in Europe with the aim to **make the Diamond Open Access landscape more centralised and resilient**. Throughout the year we'll be sharing our results with you through this newsletter. Please read on to see how you can get involved!

Learn and get to know each other at community events:

- **10 Feb 2025 (online): CRAFT-OA [Coffee Lecture](#) on OpenAIRE Guidelines (in English).** If you're a journal editor, a publication platform manager, technical staff or a librarian who advises Diamond OA journals, you could be making decisions that affect adhering to the OpenAIRE guidelines. In this short lecture, followed by a Q&A session, Leonidas Pispiringas from OpenAIRE will introduce OpenAIRE Guidelines and the integration into the OpenAIRE Graph.
- **23-27 June (Coimbra, Portugal): [2nd CRAFT-OA Summer School](#).** The summer school will equip journal editors with essential knowledge and tools for managing and advancing their publications.
- **6-8 Oct 2025 (Göttingen, Germany): [CRAFT-OA's Final Event](#) with and for the community.** With the theme "How data and publishing flourish together," the event

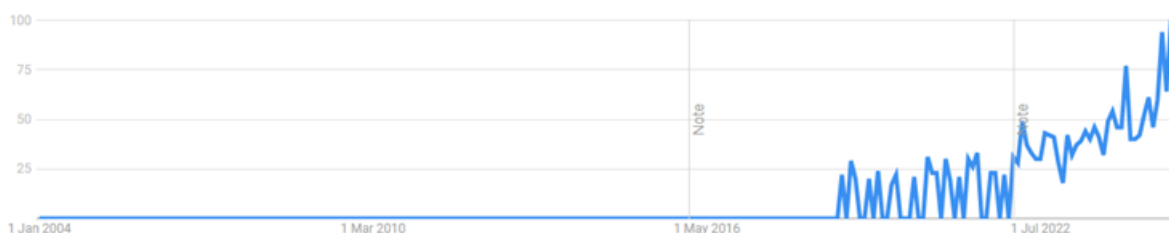
will bring together the Diamond OA community to discuss crucial topics and introduce CRAFT-OA contributions.

Use the resources we've created together:

- Learn new skills with the [Training Material for Technical Standards in Diamond OA Publishing](#) we've bundled: This is a collection of training materials in a variety of formats, created by the larger community and collected into one place by CRAFT-OA. It introduces technical standards in Diamond Open Access publishing. If you know of more resources to add to it, please let us know!
- Watch one of the past [CRAFT-OA event recordings](#): The recordings include diverse topics, such as "How to use ORCID, DOI, and ROR" and "The OpenAire Graph and its Connection with the EOSC and the EOSC EU Node."
- Read the [Report on standards for best publishing practices and basic technical standards, inspired by the FAIR principles](#): Use this report to help navigate the recommended and expected standards for quality OA publishing by the community.
- Read the [Report on Challenges and help measures faced by OA journals and platforms](#): Learn about challenges faced by the Diamond OA community and what's being done to address them.
- Get tips on sustaining your Diamond Open Access publishing initiative - this extensive list of [sustainability resources](#) was created by our sister project, DIAMAS.

Stay updated on Open Access topics:

Did you know?... According to [Google Trends](#), the term "Diamond Open Access" is now being googled more than ever:



And it seems that Europe is contributing to those stats. The [European Diamond Capacity Hub \(EDCH\)](#), an initiative by and for the community aiming to strengthen Diamond Open Access publishing in Europe, had its official launch in January 2025. CRAFT-OA, along with our sister project, [DIAMAS](#), is helping to build the foundation for EDCH services. The EDCH will provide [six essential services](#) to Diamond Open Access publishing service providers and technology providers. Stay updated on EDCH's development by following [OPERAS](#) and [cOAlitionS](#) social media channels.

Thanks for reading! To stay up-to-date, follow CRAFT-OA on [BlueSky](#) and [Mastodon](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm wishes,

Kelly - on behalf of the CRAFT-OA project consortium

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #7: November/December Events [November 20, 2024]

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to hereby share with you events organised by CRAFT-OA in November and December of this year. Further details about the events and registration are available on the [CRAFT-OA website](#).

- **CRAFT-OA coffee lectures on technical publication standards: “Wie nutze ich ORCID, DOI und ROR?”**

When: 26th November 2024, 3-4 PM (CET)

CRAFT-OA is organising a coffee lecture series on technical publication standards in winter. Nelli Taller from the TIB PID Competence Centre will give the first coffee lecture in German. The short lecture will discuss the use of three important persistent identifiers: ORCID, DOI and ROR. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation. More multilingual coffee lectures will be announced shortly.

Furthermore, CRAFT-OA is organising two webinars on the OpenAIRE services & the OpenAIRE Graph:

- **Webinar 1: The OpenAIRE Graph and its Connection with EOSC and the EOSC EU Node**

When: December 9th, 11:00-12:00 CET

This webinar will introduce the OpenAIRE Graph, one of the world’s largest scholarly knowledge graphs, and its vital role within the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

- **Webinar 2: OpenAIRE Services and their Integration with the OpenAIRE Graph**

When: December 12th, 15:00-16:00 CET

This session will delve into the suite of OpenAIRE services and their integration with the OpenAIRE Graph, designed to enhance research discovery, monitoring, and Open Science practices.

We hope to see many of you!

Kind regards,

your CRAFT-OA team

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #6 [October 10, 2024]

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #6: Autumn Events

Dear colleagues,

the CRAFT-OA project is happy to announce several events for our community:

Webinar: OpenAlex – a game changer for citation databases

When: 15 October 2024, 2-3 PM CEST

While the citation databases Web of Science and Scopus are widely used in academic libraries to support research-related bibliometric services, there is growing interest in open alternatives that have emerged in recent years. In particular, the OpenAlex service from the provider OurResearch is considered very promising in both scientific research and applied bibliometrics. However, there are questions regarding the coverage and quality of the open data source in comparison to the established bibliometric databases.

Regional online workshop for editors and publishers of OA journals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia

When: October 30, 2024, 2.00 PM CEST

Open Journal Systems (OJS), free open-source software that facilitates the management and publishing of scholarly journals, plays an important role in the development of infrastructure for Open Access scholarly publishing, as evidenced by the fact that more than 40,000 journals worldwide use OJS. The workshop is intended for editors and publishers of OA journals, both those who already use OJS and those who are considering using it. During the

workshop, several regional examples of OJS usage will be presented. After brief presentations (**held in Croatian and Serbian**), you will be invited to join the discussion and share your experiences. Discussion can take place in the language chosen by each participant.

Creating Community-Driven Pathways to Equitable Open Scholarly Publishing – Leading the way

When: 6th of November 2024, 3-4:30 CET

The three EU-funded projects CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS & PALOMERA work towards an equitable future for scholarly communication, with the scholarly community at the centre. In this third instalment of the cross-project webinar series, the projects will present how they aim to help realise that vision by putting a spotlight on some of the projects' output. Participants will have the chance to join a discussion with the three projects and be able to explore ways to further engage with their outcomes.

For more info and **to register** for one or several of the events visit the [CRAFT-OA website](#).

Kind regards,

your CRAFT-OA team

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #5: Tech Event [September 2, 2024]

Dear colleagues,

as we transition back into our routines after the summer break, the CRAFT-OA team is happy to announce there are still spots left at the **CRAFT-OA Tech Event**, taking place on the **10th and 11th of October 2024**. For two days, you will have the chance to dive deep into the CRAFT-OA outputs such as the Diamond Discovery Hub, the registry of Diamond OA journals, OJS core and plug-in developments, and the Living Handbook for Diamond OA publishing.

- **Date:** 10th-11th October, 2024
- **Location:** Turin
- **Focus Areas:** Diamond OA infrastructures, community-driven solutions, and technological advancements in Diamond OA.

You can find more information on the event and register [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Turin!

Best regards,

Your CRAFT-OA team

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #4 [April 10, 2024]

Dear colleagues,

The CRAFT-OA team is happy to invite you to the **first CRAFT-OA summer school** at the [Masaryk University Center](#) in **Telč, Czech Republic**. From **May 27th to June 1st 2024** you have the opportunity to connect with peers, share expertise, and explore collaborative opportunities to advance the field of scholarly communication.

Designed for **editors proficient in Open Journal Systems (OJS)**, the CRAFT-OA summer school offers training to refine editorial skills and elevate the standards of Diamond Open Access publishing. Participants will delve into diverse aspects of OJS, gain insights into alternative journal management systems, and engage in meaningful discussions regarding the broader landscape of Diamond OA publishing.

Secure your spot and register [here](#).

Save-the-Date

Moreover, we are happy to **announce the dates for the PKP Sprint** organised by CRAFT-OA and the **CRAFT-OA Tech Event**.

From the **8th to the 9th of October 2024** a **PKP Sprint** will be hosted by CRAFT-OA followed by the **CRAFT-OA Tech Event from the 10th to the 11th of October 2024**. Both events will take place in the same location in **Turin, Italy**.

More information will be available soon.

Warm regards,

Your CRAFT-OA team

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #3 [February 7, 2024]

Dear colleagues,

The first year of CRAFT-OA has passed and the team looks forward to continuing and intensifying working with our fabulous community.

February raises no less than two opportunities to take part in CRAFT-OA's efforts to shape the landscape of Diamond Open Access publishing in the European Research Area. Help us understand the needs, challenges and gaps site administrators face and be part of our **OJS requirement survey**. On February 27, 2024, the second installment of the **webinar series "Creating community-driven pathways to equitable open scholarly publishing"** will take place. Join us and learn what the projects CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS and PALOMERA are currently up to.

You can find more info on the survey and the webinar below.

Warm regards,

Your CRAFT-OA team

1. OJS survey

To better understand the needs, challenges and gaps that site administrators face when installing, updating, migrating to and maintaining OJS, the CRAFT-OA project launched a survey to gather information on this topic. By participating in the survey you contribute to an installation and update toolkit designed according to your needs.

We warmly invite you to participate in this survey and help shape the future of publishing. You can access it using the link:

<https://survey.academiccloud.de/index.php/897363?lang=en>

The survey is in English, includes 38 questions and takes approximately 15 minutes to fill in. The survey can be completed online until March 1, 2024.

If installation, update, migration to, and /or maintenance of OJS do not belong to your tasks, we encourage you to forward this email to your colleagues who are in charge of these tasks in your team.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Hanna Varachkina, varachkina@sub.uni-goettingen.de, +49 551 39 26897

Thank you very much for your support.

2. Cross-Project Webinar: Creating community-driven pathways to equitable open scholarly publishing with CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS & PALOMERA

Join us on February 27, 2024 at 3 PM CET to hear essential updates from three European Commission-funded projects – CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS, and PALOMERA – working towards an equitable future for scholarly communication, with academic communities at the centre. You will hear about the latest developments in their work and be able to join a discussion to share your feedback with them.

- **CRAFT-OA** empowers regional journal platforms and publishing service providers to upscale, professionalise, and reach stronger interoperability with other scientific information systems, by providing services and tools. They will present the newly published “Report on Challenges and Help Measures Faced by OA Journals and Platforms” as well as give a peek at the “Diamond Discovery Hub”.
- **DIAMAS** develops common standards, guidelines and practices to build capacity for the Diamond publishing sector. They will present new findings from a large study conducted across Europe, which sheds light on the operations of Diamond publishers and builds a case for how they can be supported to advance Open Science.
- **PALOMERA** sets out to provide actionable recommendations and concrete resources to support and coordinate aligned funder and institutional policies for Open Access books. They will present information about the OA book policies data collected and incorporated into the Knowledge Base as well as how this data is being validated by the community.

Additionally, an external invited speaker will talk about the importance of this cross-collaboration and policies in the OA landscape.

Be part of this conversation and help us shape the future of Open Access as a community!

To register for the event, please fill in [this form](#) and a calendar invite will be sent to you.

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #2 [September 19, 2023]

Dear colleagues,

We hope you all had a lovely summer break! Even through summer, quite a bit has happened in CRAFT-OA:

Events:

Heavy on events, September provides multiple opportunities for CRAFT-OA to present itself to the Diamond Open Access Community:

OAI13, 5-9 September 2023:

Scientific coordinator Margo Bargheer was part of a panel discussing Diamond Open Access, watch the session held on September 7th here: <https://vimeo.com/852992828>

PKP Software Sprint, 11-13 September 2023, Hanover

Members of the CRAFT-OA team participated in the PKP sprint in Hanover, furthering the development of the technical solutions CRAFT-OA will provide for OA journals.

PUBMET2023, 14-16 September 2023, Zadar

Join PUBMET2023 and listen to Elio Pellin (University of Bern) and Dirk Verdicchio (University of Bern) talk: "What platforms and editors need" presenting the first results from their interview series. In the poster session, join Drahomira Cupar (University of Zadar) for a chat about CRAFT-OA's vision, its results and collaboration with sister project DIAMAS.

Open Science Fair 2023, 25-27 September 2023, Madrid

At the Open Science Fair 2023, CRAFT-OA will also participate in the poster session, presenting a splendid opportunity for everyone who missed PUBMET2023 or wants to dive deeper into the cosmos of Diamond OA.

Visit the conference programme here: <http://opensciencefair.eu/>

Open Access Tage 2023, 27-29 September 2023, Berlin

Eager to learn how CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS & PALOMERA are connected? Visit the poster presented by Malte Dreyer (PALOMERA), Hanna Varachkina (CRAFT-OA) and Tabea Klaus (DIAMAS).

Too curious to wait? Have a look at their poster here:

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8328290>

Publications:

Find all info on the visual identity of CRAFT-OA and the project's core values in the CRAFT-OA Press Kit.

Furthermore, the project has released several deliverables:

CRAFT-OA Deliverable 1.2: Data Management Plan

CRAFT-OA Deliverable 3.1: Report on Standards for Best Publishing Practices and Basic Technical Standards, Inspired by the FAIR Principles

CRAFT-OA Deliverable 7.1: Communication and Dissemination Plan

Best regards,

Your CRAFT-OA team

CRAFT-OA Newsletter #1 [June 30, 2023]

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of the CRAFT-OA newsletter! Via this mailing list, we will keep you updated on the project's newest developments, outputs, and results. CRAFT-OA is a project from the Open Access community for the Open Access community. The project will provide technical solutions for Diamond OA publishers.

News & Developments:

- CRAFT-OA coordinator Margo Bargheer has released a statement with Pierre Mounier (OPERAS/Open Edition) and Johan Rooryck (cOAlition S) concerning the recently published conclusions by the EU council advocating for high-quality, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing. Read the statement [here](#).
- Help shape the future of OA! Our sister project DIAMAS has issued a community call to gather support for Diamond Open Access. Find more info [here](#).

Events:

- On the 20th of June CRAFT-OA organised the webinar "Creating Community-Driven Pathways to Open, Scholarly Publishing with DIAMAS, CRAFT-OA & PALOMERA" in collaboration with DIAMAS and PALOMERA. The webinar recording includes all presentations on the [DIAMAS YouTube channel](#).

Publications:

Curious about the development of the Diamond Discovery Hub that aims to enhance the visibility, discoverability, and recognition of Diamond OA institutional publishers and their content? Have a look at this article:

- Bardi, A., Bargheer, M., & Manghi, P.: A Discovery Hub for Diamond Open Access publishing. *Information and Research Science Connecting to Digital and Library Science 2023. Proceedings of the 19th Conference on Information and Research Science Connecting to Digital and Library Science*.
<https://ceur-ws.org/Vol-3365/short12.pdf>

Want to know more? Stay tuned for our next newsletter after the summer break & follow us on social media for more frequent posts:

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