

# Open access journal publishing: What's new?

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# Defining the scope of quality



## Seven core components

1. Funding
2. Legal Ownership, Mission, and Governance
3. Open Science
4. Editorial Management, Editorial Quality, and Research Integrity
5. Technical Service Efficiency
6. Visibility, Communication, Marketing, and Impact
7. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB), Multilingualism, and Gender Equity

# Analysis of existing quality evaluation criteria, best practices, and assessment systems in publishing



More than 70 documents were identified by the project team;  
59 were analyzed in detail (dataset is available:

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7859247>)

The DIAMAS Best Practices report was published:

(<https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.7859171>)

The Best Practices Checklist for Diamond OA Publishers was created:

<https://diamasproject.eu/best-practices-checklist-for-diamond-oa-publishers/>

## Actions to take if the answer is “no”



Adopt/amend your policy/regulations/procedure



Display the information on the publisher's website



Display the information at the output (journal/book)



Establish a documented procedure/workflow



Take technical action



<https://diamasproject.eu/best-practices-checklist-for-diamond-oa-publishers/>

## Technical service efficiency

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Does the publishing infrastructure you are using/providing support online publishing workflows?

Hint: Using journal management software packages such as [Open Journal Systems](#) and [Janeway](#) makes it easier for publishers to implement this recommendation because these features are supported by the software.



Is the publishing infrastructure you are using/providing based on open-source software?

More information: A number of open-source journal management software solutions are available, such as: [Open Journal Systems](#), [Janeway](#), [Lodel](#), [Kotahi](#).



Is the publishing infrastructure you are using/providing interoperable (using widely adopted metadata standards and protocols for harvesting (e.g. OAI-PMH); supporting HTML meta tags and massive metadata export for published outputs (as CSV files, ONIX XML feeds or in any other established format), providing MARC records to libraries, if relevant)? Is it regularly updated to conform to the current interoperability standards and open science principles? Do you make specific efforts to enhance your visibility in general and scholarly search engines (e.g. through HTML meta tags, XML sitemaps)?

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DOAS is based on criteria across seven key components of scholarly publishing:

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**DOAS**  
DIAMOND Open Access Standard

- Integrity and Standards: Protects the integrity of scholarly publishing by adhering to evidence-based standards developed with community consultation.
- Support for Diamond OA publishing: Ensures high standards and supports the growth of Diamond OA publishing.
- Transparency: Maintains transparency in governance, processes, and workflows, essential for credible and ethical publishing activities.

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12179620>

# Diamond OA Standard (DOAS)

## Funding

Diamond OA business model

Sustainability

Editorial independence

## Legal, Ownership, Mission and Governance

Ownership

Governance

Relations with service providers

## Open Science

Open policies

Authors' rights, Intellectual Property Rights and licensing

Repositories

## Technical Service Efficiency

Publishing infrastructure

Interoperability and metadata

Collaboration

## Editorial Management, Editorial Quality and Research Integrity

Editorial bodies

Editorial quality

Peer review

Research integrity

## Visibility, Communication, Marketing and Impact

Presence

Communication

Analysis

## EDIB, Gender and Multilingualism

EDIB and Gender

Accessibility

Multilingualism

# Funding

Core component and Heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
1.1. Diamond OA business model	No paywalls	✓	
	Transparency on paywalls	✓	
1.2. Sustainability	Financial support	✓	
	Costs		✓
	Sustainability plan		✓
	Transparency on funding		✓
1.3. Editorial Independence	Editorial operations	✓	
	Revenue streams		✓



# Legal Ownership, Mission and Governance

Core component and Heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
2.1. Ownership	Scholarly community	✓	
	Ownership statement	✓	
	Changes in ownership	✓	
	Transparency in ownership	✓	
2.2. Governance	Mission	✓	
	Scholarly community driven		✓
	Selection procedure	✓	
	Co-publishing	✓	
	Roles and responsibilities	✓	
	Transparency in editorial board selection		✓
2.3. Relations with Service Providers (SPs)	Agreement between IP and SPs		✓
	Agreement between IP journals and SPs		✓

# Open Science

Core component and Heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
3.1. Open policies	Open Science policy		✓
	Open Access	✓	
	Facilitating compliance with OA mandates	✓	
	Underlying research data	✓	
	Data policy content		✓
	Research protocols and methods		✓
	Open research software		✓
	Publication and sharing of negative scientific results		✓
3.2. Authors' Rights, Intellectual Property Rights, and Licensing	Rights retention policy	✓	
	Open Licence	✓	
	Third-party copyright		✓
	User's rights		✓
	Transparency on rights retention publication policy	✓	
3.3. Repositories	Deposits of published articles	✓	
	Acceptance of preprints		✓

# Editorial Management, Editorial Quality and Research Integrity

Core component and heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
4.1. Editorial Bodies	Editorial independence	✓	
	Editorial bodies transparency	✓	
	Communication procedures between journals and IP	✓	
	Skills/training		✓
	Engaging stakeholders		✓
4.2. Peer Review	Peer Review	✓	
	Peer-review policy and procedures	✓	
	Lack of endogeneity	✓	
	Open peer review		✓
	Other contributors' copyright		✓
	Acknowledgement of reviewers		✓
	Incentives and rewards		✓
4.3. Editorial Quality	Guidelines for author(s)	✓	
	Guidelines for reviewers	✓	
	Manual of style	✓	
	Suitable layout	✓	
	Proofreading correction	✓	
	Languages of submission	✓	
	Publishing timelines	✓	
4.4. Research Integrity	Guidelines for authorship and/or contributorship		✓
	Research and publication ethics	✓	
	Conflict of interest	✓	
	Misconduct policy	✓	
	Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence		✓

# Technical Service Efficiency

Core component and Heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
5.1. Publishing Infrastructure	Use of platform	✓	
	Documentation		✓
	Security	✓	
	Basic functionalities	✓	
	Advanced functionalities		✓
	Basic infrastructure management	✓	
	Advanced infrastructure management		✓
	Long term preservation	✓	
5.2. Interoperability and Metadata	Interoperability protocols		✓
	Core metadata	✓	
	Complete metadata	✓	
	Persistent identifiers	✓	
	Registration of persistent identifiers	✓	
	Text and data mining		✓
	Formats		✓
	Citations	✓	
	Personal Data Protection		✓
5.3. Collaboration	Open source		✓
	Return to the community		✓

# Visibility, Communication, Marketing, and Impact

Core component and heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
6.1. Presence	Visibility	✓	
	Discoverability	✓	
6.2. Communication	Communication channels		✓
	Community management		✓
	Marketing		✓
	Visual identity		✓
6.3. Analysis	Metrics		✓
	Analytical tools		✓

# EDIB, Gender and Multilingualism

Core component and heading	Item	Level	
		REQUIRED	DESIRED
7.1. EDIB and Gender	EDIB policy at the IP level		✓
	EDIB monitoring		✓
	Equity in submissions and decisions	✓	
	Bias-free language	✓	
	Research data sensitiveness	✓	
7.2. Accessibility	Accessible website	✓	
	Monitoring		✓
7.3. Multilingualism	Abstracts		✓
	Plain language summary		✓
	Full text	✓	
	Website and content	✓	
	Translation		✓
	Language technologies	✓	
	Metadata translation		✓

# Self-assessment tool

A web-based application for institutional publishers (IPs) and service providers (SPs) enabling them to analyze their level of compliance with the DOAS and sustainability guidelines.

Currently only the DOAS self-assessment module is available.



## DOAS

The [Diamond OA Standard \(DOAS\)](#) is a key output of the [DIAMAS project](#). It establishes quality benchmarks for Institutional Publishers (IPs) in scholarly journal publishing, particularly focusing on models without author or reader fees.

DOAS serves as a reference point for IPs striving for quality, offering essential and desirable criteria for compliance.

This self-assessment tool enables IPs to privately evaluate their adherence to the DOAS standard, identifying strengths and weaknesses.

<https://diamas.fecyt.es/>



## HOW DO YOU PERFORM YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT?

### REGISTER 1

To take the self-assessment test you must be registered on the platform. To register, press the top "ENTER" button and then click on "REGISTER NOW" to create your account.



### 2 LOGIN

To enter, click on the top button "ENTER" and enter your username and password, if you are not registered, click on "REGISTER NOW" and create your account.



### CHOOSE MODULE 3

The platform has two modules to complete the self-assessment test, DOAS and Sustainability. You can complete one or both tests.



### AUTOEVALUATE 4

When you select one of the modules, a quiz will appear. Answer the questions until you complete it. When you're done, click the "FINISH" button to finish the test and send it to your email.



### RECEIVE THE REPORT 5

When you finish the test, you will receive a full report with the results in your email. Remember, you can take it again or complete the next test, for this, you must go back to step 1.



The guidelines offer detailed instructions and practical guidance to assist Diamond OA Publishers in meeting current standards, outlined as the seven core components of the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS).

The guidelines have been translated into Croatian, Spanish and Portuguese, and are also available on Zenodo: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13786094>

- **[Availability of research protocols, methods and software](#)**

These guidelines describe measures to ensure that all research protocols, methods, and software are publicly available, accessible, and reproducible.

- **[Basic editorial information that should be displayed](#)**

These guidelines outline the details of policies and procedures that should be displayed on a Publisher's website.

- **[Choosing a platform](#)**

These guidelines help IPSPs understand their technical needs and factors to be considered when choosing an online publication platform.

- **[Copyright, authors' rights policy](#)**

These guidelines present basic concepts related to copyright as well as best practices in defining and displaying copyright policies for editors and publishers.

Armengou, C., Bowker, L., Coslado, M. Á., Kuchma, I., Laakso, M., Melinščak Zlodi, I., de Pablo Llorente, V., Pölönen, J., Redhead, C., Rooryck, J., Ševkušić, M., Souyioultzoglou, I., Stojanovski, J., & Stone, G. (2024). D4.3 – IPSP Guidelines (1.0). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13786094>



- **Diamond OA policies**

These guidelines facilitate the implementation of Diamond OA policies in academic publishing, emphasising the importance of accessibility, quality, and transparency.

- **GDPR and Personal data**

These guidelines explain how IPSPs should handle personal information and comply with relevant regulations.

- **Gender diversity**

These guidelines describe a framework for IPSPs to integrate gender equity into their activities.

- **Handling negative research results**

These guidelines outline a publisher-level policy regarding the publication of negative or unexpected scientific results and data.

- **Implementing community-led governance in publishing services**

These guidelines outline how to establish clear processes, policies, and structures to implement community-led governance in publishing services, ensuring regulated operations and decision-making

- **Marketing, communication and visibility**

These guidelines help IPSPs meet requirements regarding visibility and discoverability, and introduce communication and marketing strategies.

- **Metadata formats and export, identifiers, CRediT tags, bibliographic references, JATS XML or equivalent**

These guidelines help IPSPs implement requirements and recommendations regarding metadata and full-text formats.

- **Multilingualism**

These guidelines provide some practical suggestions to help IPSPs integrate multilingualism into their activities.

- **Preprints**

These guidelines identify good practices with regard to the publication of preprints that are already available on preprint servers and/or open repositories.

- **Research data sharing policy**

These guidelines help IPSPs implement a research data sharing policy, recognising the essential role of underlying research data in supporting conclusions and reproducibility.

- **Revenue Streams**

These guidelines provide an overview of the diverse funding mechanisms for Diamond OA, and a framework to ensure transparency.

- **Self-archiving policy**

These guidelines describe the essential elements of a self-archiving policy.

- **Usage and metrics**

These guidelines facilitate the implementation of comprehensive, accurate, and reliable usage and metric indicators.

- **Use of open licenses in open access publishing**

Guidelines for using open licences and distributing scholarly works.

# EIFL GUIDE AND CHECKLIST FOR RESEARCHERS AND LIBRARIANS: CHOOSING A JOURNAL FOR YOUR RESEARCH

EIFL tips and comprehensive checklist for researchers and research support librarians about how to choose the right journal for publishing research

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This guide provides tips for researchers on how to choose an appropriate journal for publishing their research, and guides research librarians in helping researchers to choose a journal.

The main section of the guide is a checklist that enables researchers to analyze elements of a journal and the information provided on the journal's website in order to understand if the journal is right for their research. The order of items in the checklist reflects the order of actions in information checking from the perspective of a researcher.

The guide can also be used by librarians for scenario-based training (e.g. librarians can ask researchers who are participating in training to analyze a journal using the checklist). Trainers can also use the guide in combination with

<https://eifl.net/resources/eifl-guide-and-checklist-researchers-and-librarians-choosing-journal-your-research>

# CHOOSING A JOURNAL FOR YOUR RESEARCH: CHECKLIST FOR RESEARCHERS AND LIBRARIANS

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## Introduction

This guide provides tips for researchers on how to choose an appropriate journal for their research and guides research support librarians who are seeking to help researchers to choose a journal.

Choosing where to publish is a very important issue for researchers. Choices are often influenced by researchers' desire to ensure timely and wide dissemination of their research results while at the same time meeting requirements set by their institutions and/or research funders, as well as requirements that researchers need to meet for research evaluation, assessment and promotion. Choices are therefore often not easy to make.

Building upon the [Diamond OA Standard \(DOAS\)](#), developed by the [Developing Institutional Open Access Publishing Models to Advance Scholarly Communication \(DIAMAS\) project](#), and the checklist [Think. Check. Submit](#), this guide explains how to analyze the main elements of a journal and the information provided on its website to understand if it is right for your research. Ultimately, however, the quality of the research published in a journal remains the most important criterion to guide your choice. Therefore, analysis of the journal and related material should always be accompanied by expert insight into the published content.

The guide has been developed using a hands-on approach – through research support activities, training and a series of conversations with researchers and librarians. Along with guiding selection of journals in which to publish, it can be used by librarians for scenario-based training (e.g. researchers participating in training can be asked to analyze a journal using the checklist). It can also be combined with other guides and tools (e.g. [Think. Check. Submit](#), [cOAlition S Journal Checker Tool](#)) and adjusted to suit the needs of different contexts (e.g. by adding new elements or providing additional locally specific instructions).

The order of items in the checklist reflects the order of actions in information checking from the perspective of a researcher, i.e. the author: after the main formal elements (journal title, ISSN, publisher, website URL) are verified, the analysis focuses on the policies

<https://eifl.net/choosing-journal-your-research-checklist-researchers-and-librarians>

## General advice for researchers

- Indexation in databases such as the Web of Science or Scopus isn't a warranty of quality.
- If you are required by your institution or funder to publish in a journal included in a particular index or list, select a journal from the index/list and analyze it against this checklist.
- Don't respond to unsolicited invitations to publish.
- Check the information provided on the journal's/publisher's website.
- If you're not 100% sure the journal is legitimate and publishes scholarly content of good quality, don't submit your manuscript there.
- If you're looking for an open access journal to publish your research in, use the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#) as a starting point.
- You don't have to pay to publish as there are many journals that don't charge publication fees or there might be free publishing agreements negotiated for you (e.g. check [EIFL-negotiated agreements with publishers for Article Processing Charges](#)).
- Search the Internet to see if the journal is mentioned in a negative context.
- Ask your librarian for help and advice!

## Recommendations for librarians

- Consult the resources provided in the 'Publish' section of the EIFL Digital Research Literacy Training Programme Outline for Librarians.
- Provide training and one-on-one support.
- Try to identify challenges faced by researchers when choosing journals to publish in.
- Try to understand the mechanisms behind the practice of publishing with questionable journals (isolated cases or a common practice; how researchers come across questionable journals, etc.), if your institution is affected by such a practice.
- Encourage researchers to forward to you unsolicited emails sent by publishers. This will help you warn the others not to respond to suspicious ones.

<https://eifl.net/choosing-journal-your-research-checklist-researchers-and-librarians>

# Checklist: Is this journal good for my work?

## Unique title

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## Unique journal serial number (ISSN, eISSN)

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## Dedicated URL and homepage

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## Landing pages and DOIs for articles

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## The name and the contact information of the publisher

Click to expand/collapse

## Scholarly content and original research articles

Click to expand/collapse

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## Mission, aims and scope, languages

Click to expand/collapse

## Editorial Board

Click to expand/collapse

## Peer review

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## Author guidelines

Click to expand/collapse

## Regular schedule of publication

Click to expand/collapse

## Transparent information about publication fees (if any)

Click to expand/collapse

## Open access status

Click to expand/collapse

## Copyright and licensing information

Click to expand/collapse

## Publicly available journal policies

Click to expand/collapse

## Digital preservation

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## Functional journal website

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## Online publishing workflows

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## Indexing information

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## Metrics

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## It is a plus for a journal if it:

- Requires the use of persistent identifiers (such as ORCID, ROR)
- Allows the deposit of the "Version of Record" or the "Publisher Version" of its articles in repositories.
- Accepts manuscripts presenting and discussing negative or unexpected scientific results and data that do not confirm the initial hypotheses.
- Accepts manuscripts already published as [preprints](#) in open repositories, including preprint repositories and encourages authors to share their manuscripts as preprints by depositing them and making them immediately available in open repositories, including preprint repositories, at all stages of the publication process.
- Encourages authors to publish / make available research protocols and methods, research software, e.g. through a source code repository, and details of their research in a public registry before conducting the study (as a [preregistration report](#))
- Displays article-level metrics (visits, views, downloads, citations).

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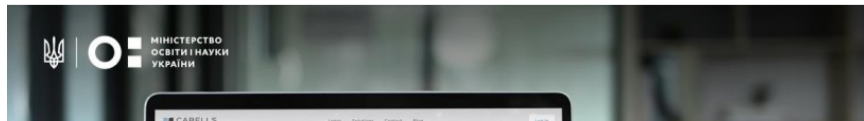
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