



Engage in (Co-)Designing Policymaker Guidelines and Recommendations with the DIAMAS Project

The discussion on open science and the future of scholarly communication increasingly focuses on community-driven models that are equitable by nature and design. Political support for and public sector engagement in such models have gained more ground in recent years. One such model is Diamond Open Access, a scholarly communication model in which research outputs are openly available without charging fees to either authors or readers. In this model, scholarly communities own and lead all content-related elements.

In recent years, the political support and awareness for equitable, open scholarly publishing models has grown, as can be witnessed by the EU Council Conclusions on [High-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing](#) issued in May 2023 on an international level or national initiatives and calls aiming to set up an infrastructure for Diamond Open Access such as the [call for a national Diamond Open Access capacity centre](#) in Germany by the DFG or the establishment of the [Diamond Open Access project](#) in the Netherlands.

To support the adoption and growth of Diamond Open Access, DIAMAS is co-designing guidelines and recommendations for a range of stakeholders. Key European organisations in the consortium, such as EUA and EIFL will target recommendations for RPOs, cOAlition S and Science Europe will focus on funders and OPERAS and SPARC Europe are preparing the recommendations and guidelines for Open Science policymakers at the regional, national, and European levels.

DIAMAS will organise two online workshops for policymakers in September and November 2024 to facilitate this recommendation co-design process:

9 September 2024, 1-3 p.m. CEST
18 November 2024, 1-3 p.m. CET

Both workshops will target a range of regional, national and European international policymakers. The first workshop will focus on a first pass of suggestions for policy recommendations derived from co-design sessions held for institutional leaders and funders, sponsors and donors. These will be adapted to guarantee that recommendations for funders, sponsors and donors, institutional leaders and policymakers are aligned.

Policy suggestions will be designed to serve as a starting point for discussing policy recommendations for Open Access publishing and will be sent to the participants of the workshop beforehand. The outcome of the first workshop



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discussion will be used to formulate recommendations for policymakers, which will be reviewed during the second workshop in November. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to attend and contribute to our events. If you are not able to participate, your input and support are still highly valued and make a significant impact. Participants unable to participate in one or either workshop may review the recommendations via a written review. The collective feedback from the written review and the second workshop will feed into the DIAMAS deliverable 6.2 “Recommendations and Implementation Guidelines for Institutions, for FSDs and Policymakers” and will be made available in March 2025 as part of the DIAMAS capacity hub to support Diamond Open Access.

With your help, we hope to set a strong and pragmatic direction for Diamond Open Access.

If you are interested in registering for either workshop, register [here](#).

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