

Diamond ERA: Fostering Openness in the European Research Area

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Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU
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Join leading Polish & European research institutions for a live, in-person conference in Brussels on Diamond Open Access, shaping the future of fair and innovative publishing in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Registration is required.

The "Diamond ERA: Fostering Openness in the European Research Area" conference is a one-day policy-focused event that brings together key stakeholders to advance the conversation on Diamond Open Access (OA) in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) across the European Research Area (ERA). Taking place on **4 December 2025 in Brussels** at the **Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union**, this open event aims to highlight and promote Diamond OA as a sustainable, equitable, and mission-driven model of scholarly publishing. It provides a platform for engagement between policymakers, researchers, publishers, research funders, and infrastructure providers to collaboratively identify pathways toward stronger support and integration of Diamond OA practices in the European science policy landscape.

The timing of the conference is particularly relevant. With the ongoing negotiations of the next framework programme Horizon Europe 2028-2034 as well as preparations for the new ERA Act, there is a unique opportunity to ensure that Diamond OA is reflected within the next phase of European research policy. At the same time, the Diamond model is gaining the recognition it deserves as a credible, community-led alternative to commercial publishing platforms. This growing momentum underscores the need for coordinated action to strengthen Europe's capacity for open, independent, and sustainable scholarly communication. The conference seeks to contribute to this effort by positioning the Diamond model as a cornerstone of a more open and resilient European research ecosystem.

09:00–09:30 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30–09:45 | Opening Remarks

09:45–10:45 | Opening Session: The Policy Horizon for Diamond OA in Europe

This opening session sets the strategic tone by mapping the policy and funding landscape shaping Open Access (OA) in Europe. Representatives from member states, European Commission, funders, and universities discuss how Diamond OA aligns with ERA objectives, research sovereignty, and multilingualism, identifying levers for sustainable implementation.

Session host: **Tomasz Poprawka** – PolSCA PAS Office in Brussels

Panelists:

- **Michał Goszczyński** - Deputy Director, Department of Research & Innovation, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland
- **Victoria Tsoukala** - Open Science and Research Infrastructures, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- **Bregt Saenen** – Senior Policy Officer, Science Europe
- **Ana Ranitovic** – Chief of Open Science & Program Manager, University of Groningen.

10:45–11:45 | Showcase Session: Institutional and community-driven Diamond OA initiatives

This showcase spotlights pioneering Diamond OA initiatives and infrastructures led by universities, scholarly societies, and independent publishers. Through short presentations, participants will explore diverse approaches to academic-led publishing, governance models, and innovative tools that advance equitable and multilingual dissemination in the SSH. Q&As will follow the series of lightning talks.

Session host: **Mateusz Franczak** – Open Science Officer at the Digital Humanities Centre (CHC IBL PAN).

Panelists:

- **Agnieszka Wiktor-Sass** – Editor at PRESSto, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (UAM)
- **Lucy Barnes** – Senior Editor and Outreach Coordinator at the Open Book Publishers (OBP)
- **Caroline Edwards** – Executive Director, Open Library of Humanities (OLH) at Birkbeck University of London
- **Tomasz Umerle** – OPERAS Innovation Manager, OPERAS Innovation Lab, Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Centre (PCSS), Polish Academy of Sciences

11:45–13:00 | Lunch Break

13:00-13.30 | Keynote presentation: The European Diamond Capacity Hub

The keynote introduces the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) as a central coordination and support mechanism for Diamond OA across Europe. The keynote speaker will present the goals, governance model, and partnership structure, demonstrating how the Hub fosters collaboration, capacity-building, and funding alignment to scale up community-led publishing practices.

Speaker: Johan Rooryck – Leiden University, Co-coordinator of the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) at OPERAS

13:30–14:30 | Panel Discussion: How to support Diamond OA in ERA – discussion with the community

This interactive panel gathers representatives from the scholarly community, research infrastructures, funders, and the EC to discuss policy and technical enablers for Diamond OA. The debate will focus on integrating initiatives on both European and national levels to build sustainable support mechanisms for OA. Results of the recent Inspiring ERA Exchange workshop on overcoming barriers in OA publishing will be presented.

Panel moderator: Maciej Maryl – Head of the Digital Humanities Centre at the Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences.

Panelists:

- **Johan Rooryck** – Leiden University, Co-coordinator of the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) at OPERAS
- **Suzanne Dumouchel** – Head of international cooperation at CNRS Open Research Data Directorate, Partnership coordinator at OPERAS and EOSC-A Director
- **Michael Kaiser** - Head of Unit, Research Infrastructures, Libraries, IT at the Max Weber Foundation
- **Maciej Zdanowicz** – Inspiring ERA project & National Centre for Research and Development – Poland (NCBR).

14:30-15:30 | Panel Discussion: Indexing Diamond OA Content

Focusing on visibility and recognition, this panel explores the role of indexing services and metadata infrastructures in strengthening Diamond OA. Community experts will debate strategies to ensure discoverability, interoperability, and fair evaluation of Diamond publications across SSH disciplines.

Panel moderator: **Magdalena Wnuk** – Coordinator of OPERAS-PL, Head of the Section of Open Humanities at the Digital Humanities Centre (CHC IBL PAN).

Panelists:

- **Pierre Mounier** – School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS) in Paris, Deputy director of OpenEdition, Co-coordinator of OPERAS and Co-director of DOAB.
- **Markus Bang** – European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences (ERIH+) & Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir).
- **Joanna Ball** – Managing Director at the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).
- **Jarosław Protasiewicz** – Head of the National Information Processing Institute (OPI PIB).

15:30–16:00 | Closing Reflections & Recommendations

The **Diamond Open Access model**, grounded in academic-led, non-commercial publishing, provides a robust framework for strengthening the autonomy of European research, fostering multilingualism, and ensuring that publicly funded research remains a public good. Sustained support for those who implement this model, together with its formal recognition within policy frameworks, is essential to secure its long-term development. Such measures will help make the model competitive with commercial publishing entities abroad and reinforce the sovereignty and resilience of European scholarly communication.

Speaker: **Maciej Maryl** – Head of the Digital Humanities Centre at the Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences.

16:00–17:30 | Networking and refreshments

The conference is co-organised by the Digital Humanities Centre at the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IBL PAN, Warsaw), a leading centre for digital humanities and a key facilitator of open scholarly communication in Poland and the Polish Science Contact Agency of the Polish Academy of Science (PolSCA PAS, Brussels) with the support of OPERAS Research Infrastructure.

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