



# Collective Action Advancing Open Infrastructure

Workshop hosted by: SCOSS, DOAJ, and Episciences

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# Workshop Agenda

Introductions & Presentations – 20 min

Who's in the Audience? – 10 min

Group Discussion – 15 min

Break – 10 min

Breakout Groups – 25 min

Wrap-Up / Report-Back – 10 min

Next Steps – 5 min

Global Sustainability  
Coalition  
for Open Science Services  
(SCOSS)



**Aim:**

**Help sustain vital, non-commercial open infrastructure that supports the implementation of Open Science**

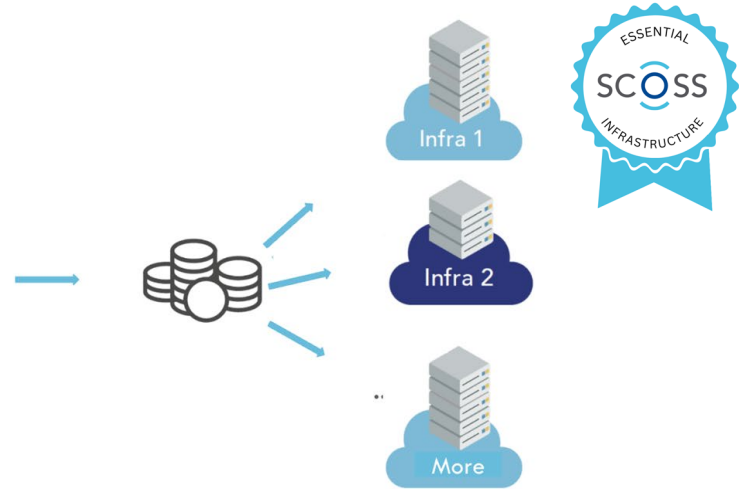
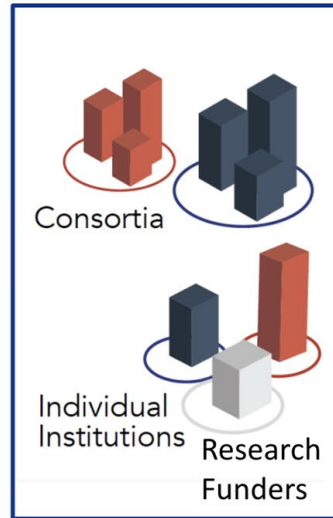
Officially formed in early 2017, SCOSS's purpose is to provide a new co-ordinated cost-sharing framework that will ultimately enable the broader OA and OS community to support the non-commercial services on which it depends



# What we do



1. Endorses infrastructures for investment
2. Facilitates a variety of ways to support infrastructures

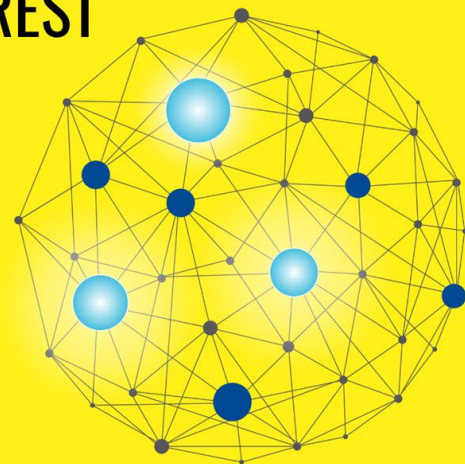


# Expression of Interest 2026

## SCOSS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2026 NOW OPEN

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SCOSS IS SEARCHING FOR NEW POTENTIAL CANDIDATE ORGANISATIONS  
TO SUPPORT DURING THE 2026 TO 2028 SCOSS FUNDING CYCLE



LEARN MORE: <https://bit.ly/scoss-eoi2026>



# SCOSS family

## 19 Infrastructures that span the research lifecycle

- publishing/repositories: journals, books, preprints, datasets, software
- Metadata to support discovery and research assessment
- Geographical coverage North and South America, Africa, Europe.



# SCOSS Family Showcase



## It's showtime for Open Science Infrastructures

Date: **Monday 1 december 2025**

Time: **16:00-17:45 CET**

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2025SCOSS-showcase>

# Pledges to date

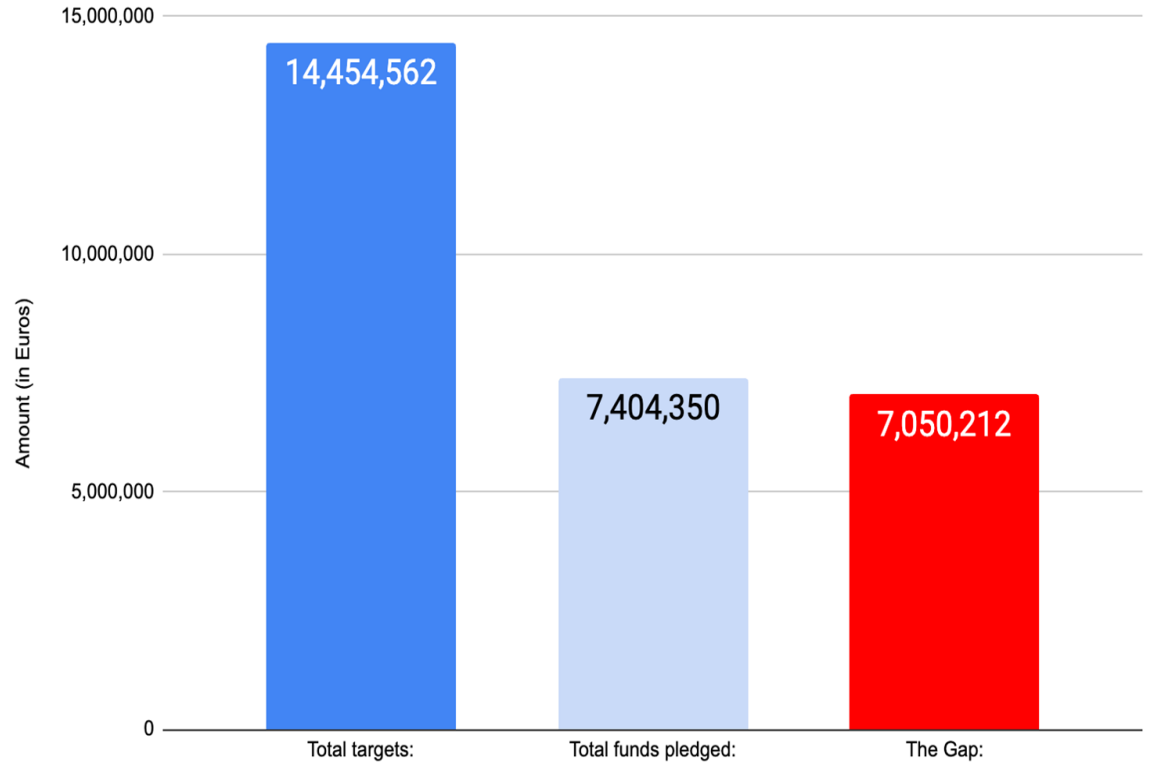
**352** institutions

**26** countries

**19** infrastructures so far

**Total pledged: 7,404,350 euros**

# Funding Gap



# DOAJ and Collective Action

Joanna Ball, Managing Director  
November 2025



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## About DOAJ

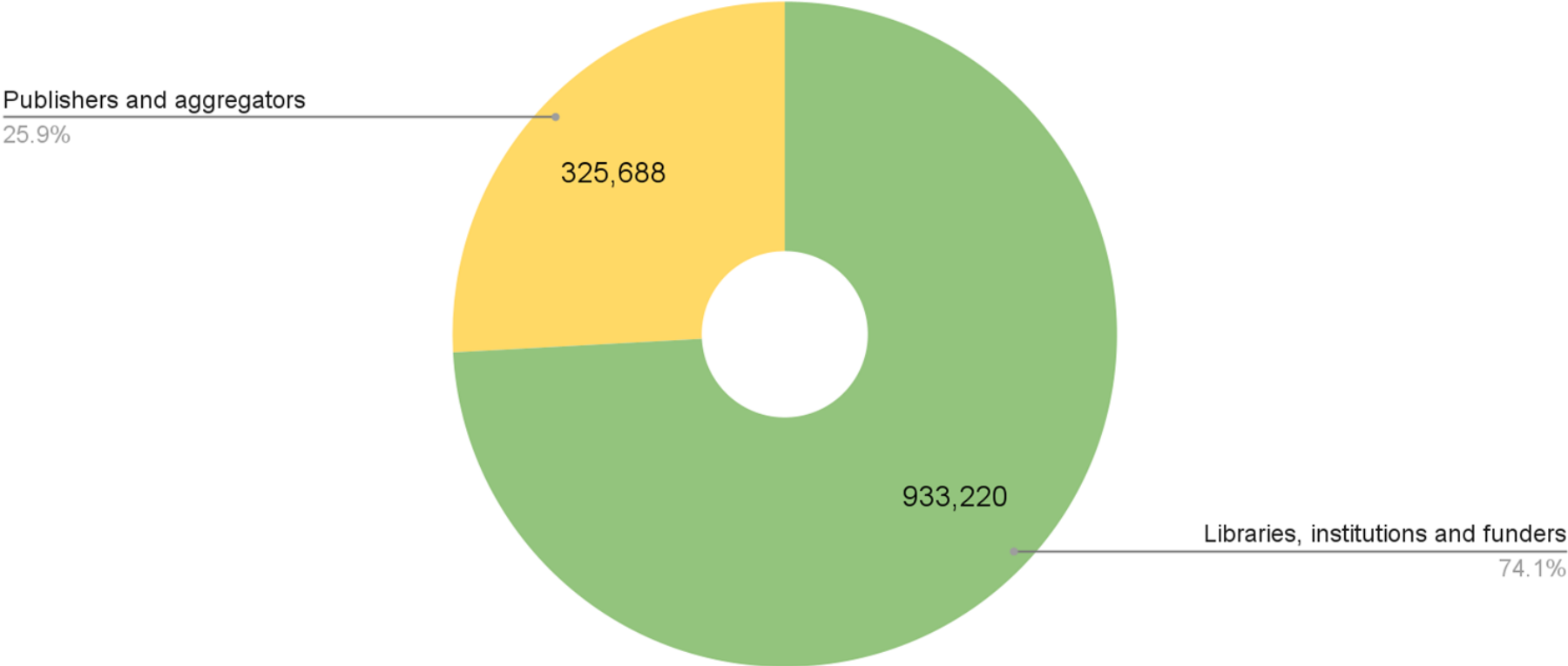
A **unique index** of diverse peer-reviewed open access journals

Our criteria are a **globally accepted standard** for open access journal publishing

**Community -led** non-profit foundation based in Denmark

**20** core team members from 16 countries, **>100** volunteer editors & **16** ambassadors

# Community contributions received by DOAJ in 2024 (GBP)



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## Top 10 supporting countries by amount in 2024 (GBP)

USA	322,337
United Kingdom	95,244
Canada	70,627
Germany	73,376
France	60,766
Sweden	43,508
Denmark	43,415
Finland	36,635
Norway	36,469
Austria	36,145

Contributions from **622 institutions**

In **27 countries**

Working with **35 national and regional  
library consortia**

# DOAJ's library supporter model

	Large	Small
Annual contribution	€4000	€2000

## Benefits

- We will add your institution's name to our Supporters page
- you can include details of your DOAJ support in marketing activities
- you can use our logo on your institution's websites and in other communications
- you can integrate DOAJ metadata into your services via our OAI/PMH service, our API or the public data dump

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## Why is it important for the majority of DOAJ's support to come from the community?

we can focus on meeting the needs of the community, not shareholders

we can make our core services and data freely available to all

your values (diversity, openness, inclusion) drive the index and its content

our metadata is open and reused across other services and collaborations

# What are the consequences for open infrastructures like DOAJ if we can't generate sufficient support?

We cannot maintain the quality of our services

We spend more time (and money) on fundraising, not on our core mission

It becomes more difficult to plan (and invest) in our services

Our long-term sustainability is threatened

# Episciences : Diamond Open Access overlay journals

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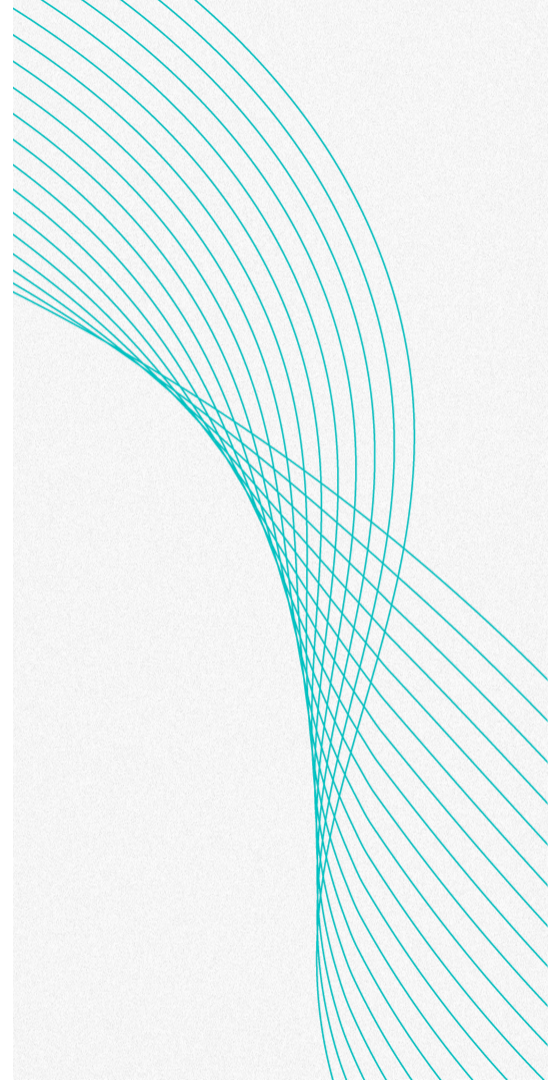
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Centre pour la Communication Scientifique Directe

## Episciences Overlay Journals

### Overlay Journals: a different approach for publishing

- Diamond Open-access scientific journals
- Rely on open repositories for hosting articles, datasets, software
- Episciences acts as a "layer of services" on top of open infrastructures
- Provide peer review & editorial services
- Cost-efficient (hosting/preservation by OR)
- Compliant with Open Access Mandates
- Authors/journals retain their rights ; CC licences





## Initial institutional support

### Foundational Institutional Support

- Core operations funded by French supervising bodies
- Specific support from Inria and Institut Fourier for editorial assistance
- Grants from the EC
- Support from the French National Fund for Open Science (FNSO)
- Exceptional grant from CNRS for technological enhancements

Since 2013



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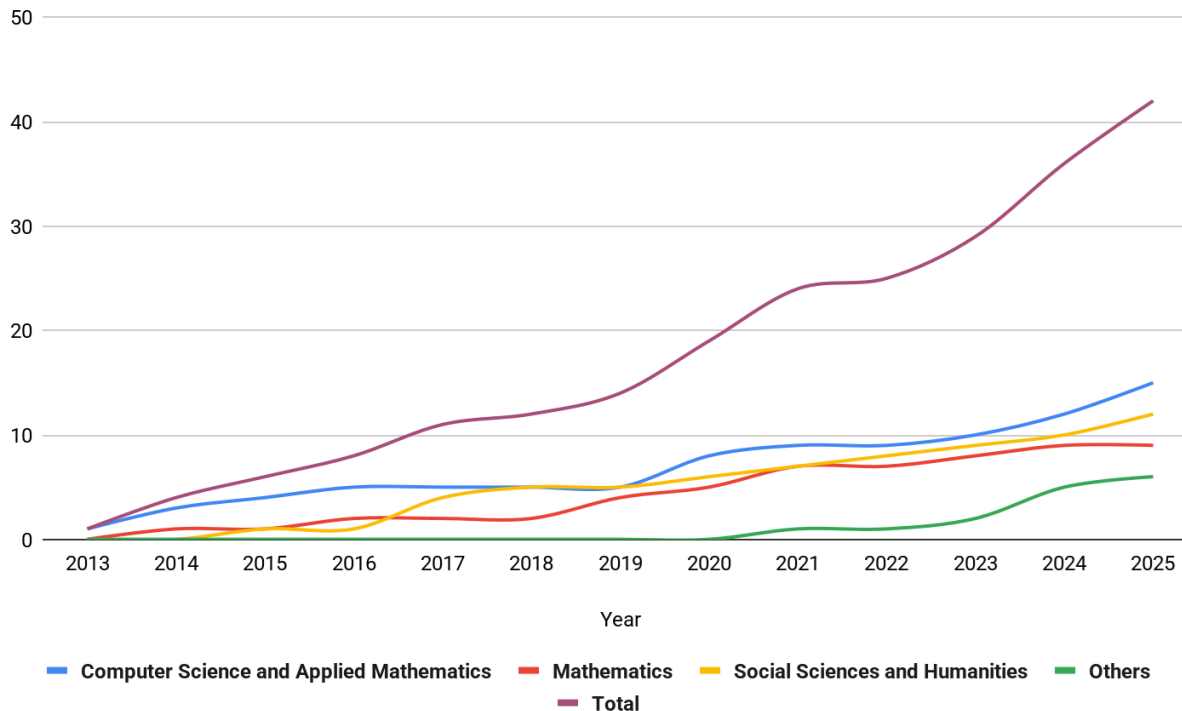
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## Episciences: a need to support growth and scaling up



2020: 19 journals

2025: 42 [journals](#)

- > 16 000 submissions
- > 7 500 publications
- > 15 000 users
- > 10 000 peer-review reports

Since 2024

## Collective Funding and Library Engagement

### SCOSS

#### The first institutions to support us via SCOSS:

- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
  - UiT The Arctic University of Norway
  - Universität Basel
  - Universität Bern
  - EPF Lausanne
  - ETH Zürich
  - Digital CSIC
  - + 16 French research performing organisations
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- Journal-Specific Support: From consortia such as KOALA
  - 5 Episciences journals supported



## An example of libraries as Pillars of Open Investing

Use case: University of Lorraine (UL) funding choices for open science

A selection of UL funded infrastructures connected to Episciences



3 Episciences journals

2025 :  
100K for  
infrastructures  
40K for journals

2 technical board  
members



# Who's in the Audience?

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Does your institution currently financially support Open Infrastructure?

Why does your institution support or not support Open Infrastructure?

# Brainstorming - what are the challenges?

When you think about funding open infrastructure at your institution, what kinds of challenges or tensions come up?

What makes it hard to build understanding or commitment to open infrastructure funding within your organisation?

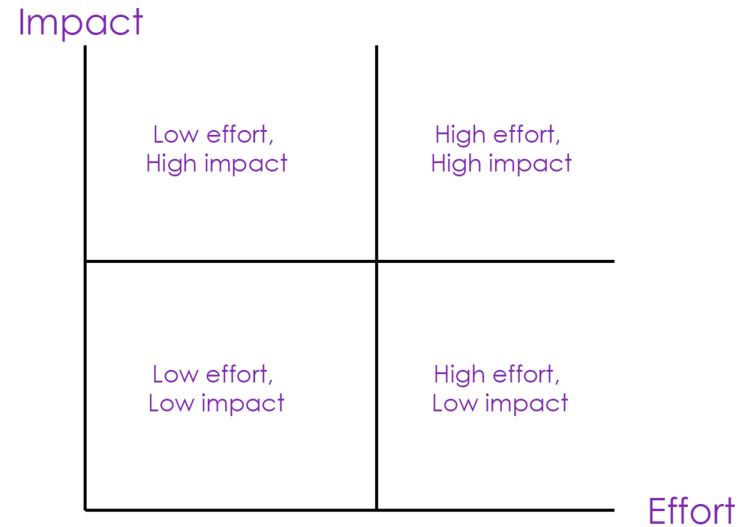
Looking beyond your own context, what broader sector-wide or structural challenges do you see that make sustainable funding so difficult?

# Break Out Sessions

20 minutes: Group Discussion

10 minutes: Map Impact/Effort

Select at Notetaker/Reporter



# Report Back

# Next Steps