



German Diamond Capacity Centre SeDOA

Accelerating Scholar-Led Diamond Open Access through Community Support Services

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What is SEDOA?

SeDOA is the **German Diamond Capacity Hub**. It aims to become a single point of contact for all stakeholders for Diamond Open Access publishing in Germany.

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Project duration: 05/2025-04/2028 (+3 years)

Target groups include

- ❖ researchers, journal and book editors
- ❖ institutional publishing service providers (IPSPs),
- ❖ learned societies and
- ❖ specialised information services (FIDs) for different subjects.

SeDOA offers support from different angles. Community support services is one work package of SeDOA:



The SeDOA project consortium consists of 15 institutions, lead by ULB Darmstadt, HU Berlin and Max-Weber-Stiftung. We also cooperate with the AG Uni-Verlage. More information on our website (QR-Code →)



Needs assessment: Understanding the community

Key findings:

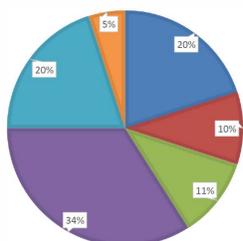
- ❖ **Need for support is high** and encompasses a lot of topics, from basic definition of Diamond OA to specific questions on software for publishing
- ❖ Most important: **Financing, quality and indexing**
- ❖ **Legal questions** and hands-on guidance for these is considered relevant
- ❖ Most prefer short online workshops and brief information material over longer formats
- ❖ **SeDOA is expected to connect** existing initiatives, materials and projects
- ❖ **Librarians have a high awareness** for Diamond OA
- ❖ Editors wish for **individual guidance** concerning their publication project, most have little to no insight into the mechanics of running a publication.

Methods:

- a) Online questionnaire, Jul/Aug 2025, n=239
- b) Group discussions (online / at conferences), ongoing

PERSPECTIVE / ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Editor of scientific journal / publication
- Representative of learned society or special information service
- Representative of non-commercial publication service
- Employee at academic library
- Researcher
- Other



Participants of the online questionnaire

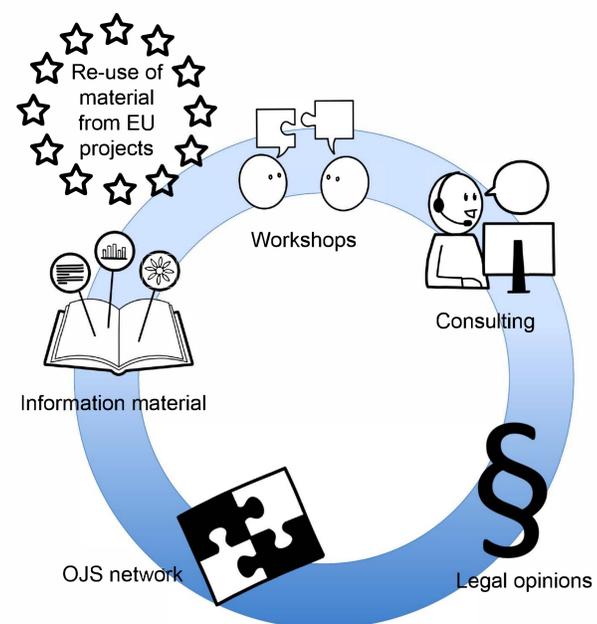


Word Cloud of needs as expressed in the qualitative data

Supporting the Community: Our Concept

Based on the identified needs, we offer a comprehensive support concept that consists of workshops, individual consulting, legal opinion (commission), information material in a living handbook and a network for the software OJS.

SeDOA develops new resources and also re-uses and adapts resources from other projects. We especially built on results of the EU-funded projects DIAMAS and Craft OA as well as material in the training resources of the European Diamond Capacity Hub EDCH.



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