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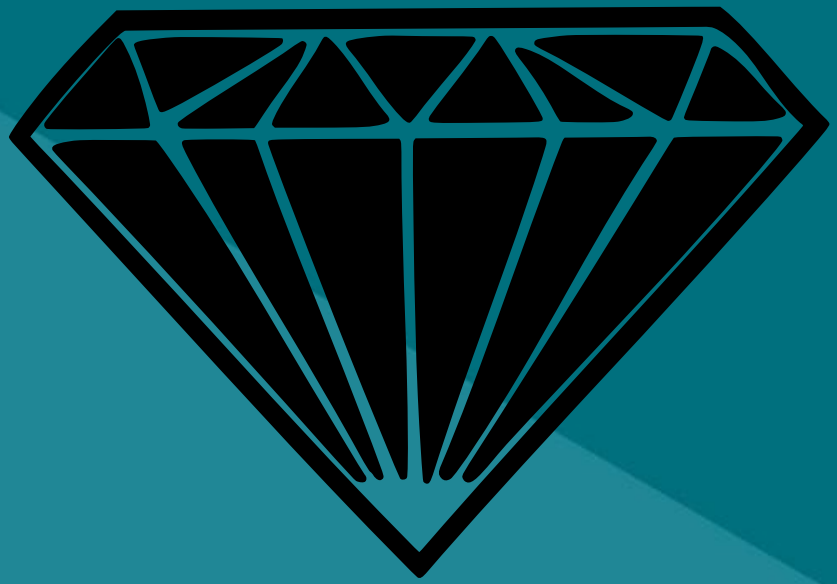

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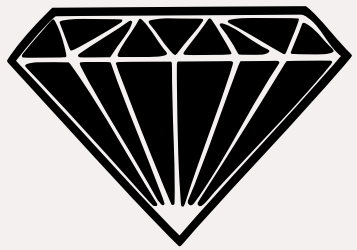
Why Diamond Open Access?



0 €

Free for authors

No article processing charges

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Free for readers

No subscription fees

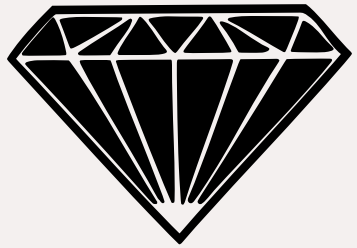
100 %

Researcher-led

Only scientific criteria in peer review

UNESCO principles of open science – science is a shared human endeavour, and sharing it without barriers strengthens democracy.

Three Core Missions



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Federate

GENERAL AGREEMENT

A national network of institutions, individuals, platforms and journals in Belgium and Luxembourg

02

Advocate

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Raise awareness among researchers, policymakers, funders and civil society

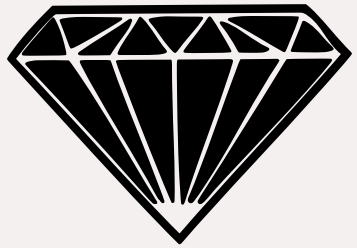
03

Support journals

SERVICES TO DISCUSS

Services that improve quality, visibility and international recognition

Connect and Advocate



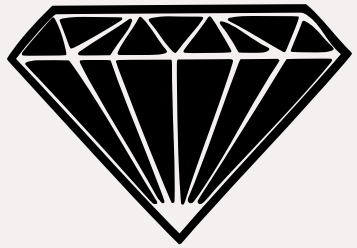
Federate

- A national contact point to share experiences and find common solutions
- One national community from local and regional initiatives
- Become the BE–LU National Capacity Centre in the European Diamond Capacity Hub
- Close links with the Rheno-Mosan region

Advocate

- A Belgian–Luxembourg plan for Diamond OA
- Communication tools
- Supportive policies with funders and public authorities: shifting resources to Diamond OA, better OA criteria in research assessment

Supporting Diamond OA Journals



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Proposed for day one

- Interface to EDCH resources and the international community
- Dashboard of BE–LU Diamond OA journals
- Recommendations adapted from DOAJ guidelines
- Advice for journals switching to Diamond OA
- Communities of editors
- Map of stakeholders in BE, LU and the EU

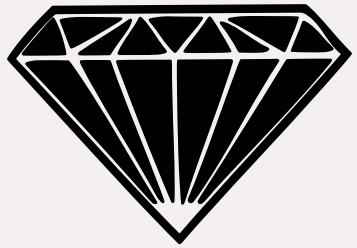
Within the 5-year plan

Tailored advice, legal advice on journal status, and help for researchers starting new journals.

Next step

Surveys of existing journals to map their real needs.

Scope and 5-Year Goals



Scope

- **Promotes** Diamond OA for books and journals
- **Serves** Diamond OA journals only
- **Members:** mainly BE and LU universities, funders, research institutions and learned societies; non-Belgian partners for specific activities

Goals within 5 years

1

Recognition of Diamond OA by authorities, researchers and civil society

2

Higher quality and international recognition for BE–LU journals

3

BeDiamond as the recognised national Diamond OA infrastructure

4

A robust operational business model with funders

BeDiamond is still open to debate

