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BeDiamond

The Belgian Diamond Open Access Foundation – Free scientific knowledge, by researchers, for researchers.

Work in progress

This poster summarises the points on which the workshop seemed to reach a degree of consensus. **Several aspects presented here are still open to debate**: points marked “to discuss” need further discussion, and every other point can still be nuanced.

What is Diamond Open Access?

A model of scientific dissemination where access is free on both sides. It follows the UNESCO principles of open science: science is a shared human endeavour, and sharing it without barriers enlightens societies and strengthens democracy. Researchers keep full control, so only scientific criteria count in peer review.

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BeDiamond is a strategic project for ULiège Library

Three core missions

01

Connect

GENERAL AGREEMENT

- A national contact point to share experiences, ideas and problems and find common solutions
- Bring local and regional initiatives together into one national Diamond OA community
- Become the Belgium–Luxembourg National Capacity Centre within the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH)
- Keep close contact with Diamond OA actors in the Rheno-Mosan region

To discuss: the Rheno-Mosan partners could be integrated more directly through a separate spin-off project.

02

Advocate

GENERAL AGREEMENT

- Raise awareness among researchers, institutional and political stakeholders, and civil society
- Draw up a Belgian–Luxembourg plan for developing Diamond OA
- Develop communication tools
- Work with funders and public authorities on supportive policies, e.g. moving resources towards Diamond OA and better Open Access criteria in research assessment

03

Support journals

AIM AGREED · SERVICES TO DISCUSS

- An interface to EDCH resources and the international community
- A dashboard of Belgian and Luxembourg-based Diamond OA journals
- Recommendations adapted from DOAJ guidelines
- Advice for journals switching to Diamond OA
- Communities of editors for sharing practices
- A map of stakeholders in Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU
- Later (5-year plan): tailored and legal advice, help for new journals

To discuss: which services to add or remove, and how to describe each one in more detail. Surveys of existing journals will pin down their needs.

Scope

Promotes Diamond OA as a whole, for both books and journals.

Provides services to Diamond OA journals only.

Members: mainly Belgian and Luxembourgish universities, funders, research institutions and learned societies. Non-Belgian partners can join specific activities.

Goals within 5 years

1
Wider recognition of Diamond OA by authorities, the research ecosystem and civil society

2
Higher quality standards and international recognition for BE–LU Diamond OA journals

3
BeDiamond recognised as the Belgian–Luxembourgish Diamond OA infrastructure

4
A robust operational business model, agreed with funders

Your input is welcome

GENERAL AGREEMENT · TO DISCUSS