

Exploring the opportunities for Diamond Open Access as a catalyst for increased research quality and integrity

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1-hour workshop agenda

- 12:00-05: short introduction and goal of this workshop
- 12:05-20: presentation of slides (what is DOA, position in the landscape and challenges in the OSC landscape)
- 12:20-30: Q&A and as a group prioritising challenges and concerns
- 12:30-45: short breakout to discuss in smaller groups
- 12:45-13:00: plenary feedback

Goals of the workshop

Learn about Diamond Open Access and its position in the Dutch publishing landscape

Address pressing challenges in (open) scholarly communication

Explore and discuss opportunities for DOA to address these challenges

Diamond OA characteristics

Scholarly journal: the journal should be a scholarly journal that selects papers via an explicitly described evaluation process before and/or after publication.

Open Access with open licences: all outputs of the journal should be Open Access and carry an open licence that is included in the article-level metadata.

No fees: publication in the journal is not contingent on the payment of fees of any kind (e.g. article processing charges or membership dues).

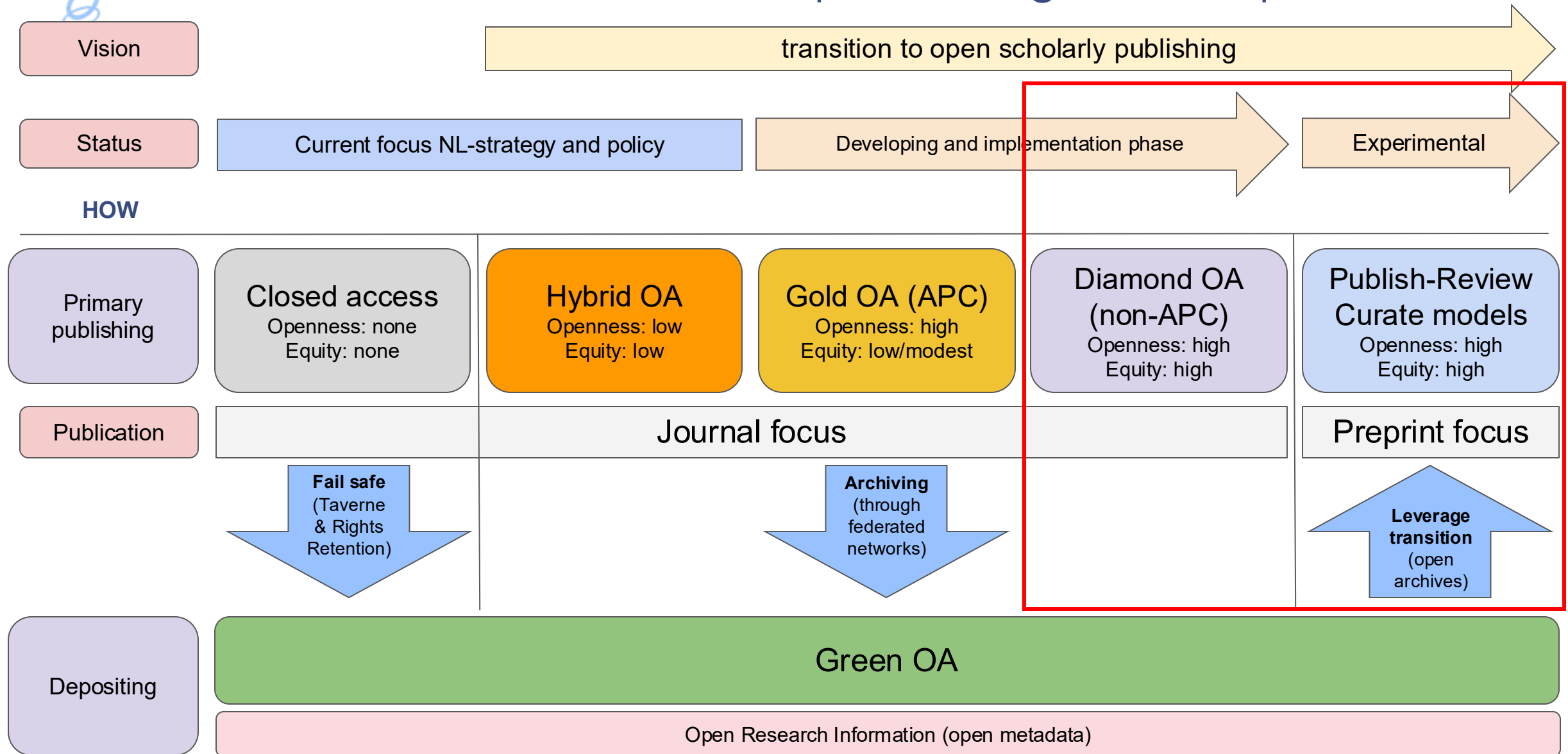
Open to all authors: authorship in the journal should not be limited to any type of affiliation.

Community-owned: the journal title must be owned by public or not-for-profit organisations (or parts thereof) whose mission includes performing or promoting research and scholarship. The journal should explain its ownership status on its webpage.

Persistent identification: the journal should have a valid and confirmed ISSN.



How DOA sits in the Dutch publishing landscape



DOA developments in recent years (2018-2023)



- Financial support for DOA publishers and national publishing infrastructure **(dedicated NWO OS-infra budget)**



- Institutional support for DOA publishers and infrastructure **(often non-structural and fragmented)**



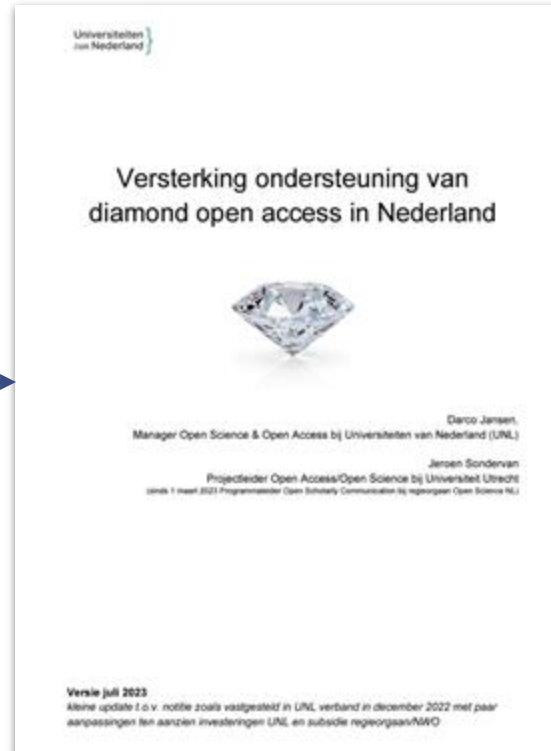
- Diamond funds (e.g., UvA / Groningen University and UU)
- Library support for making the 'right' choices



- First steps to establish a network of 6 university presses
- DOA journals and books

Increased coordination (2022-2023)

Strengthening Diamond Open Access in the Netherlands

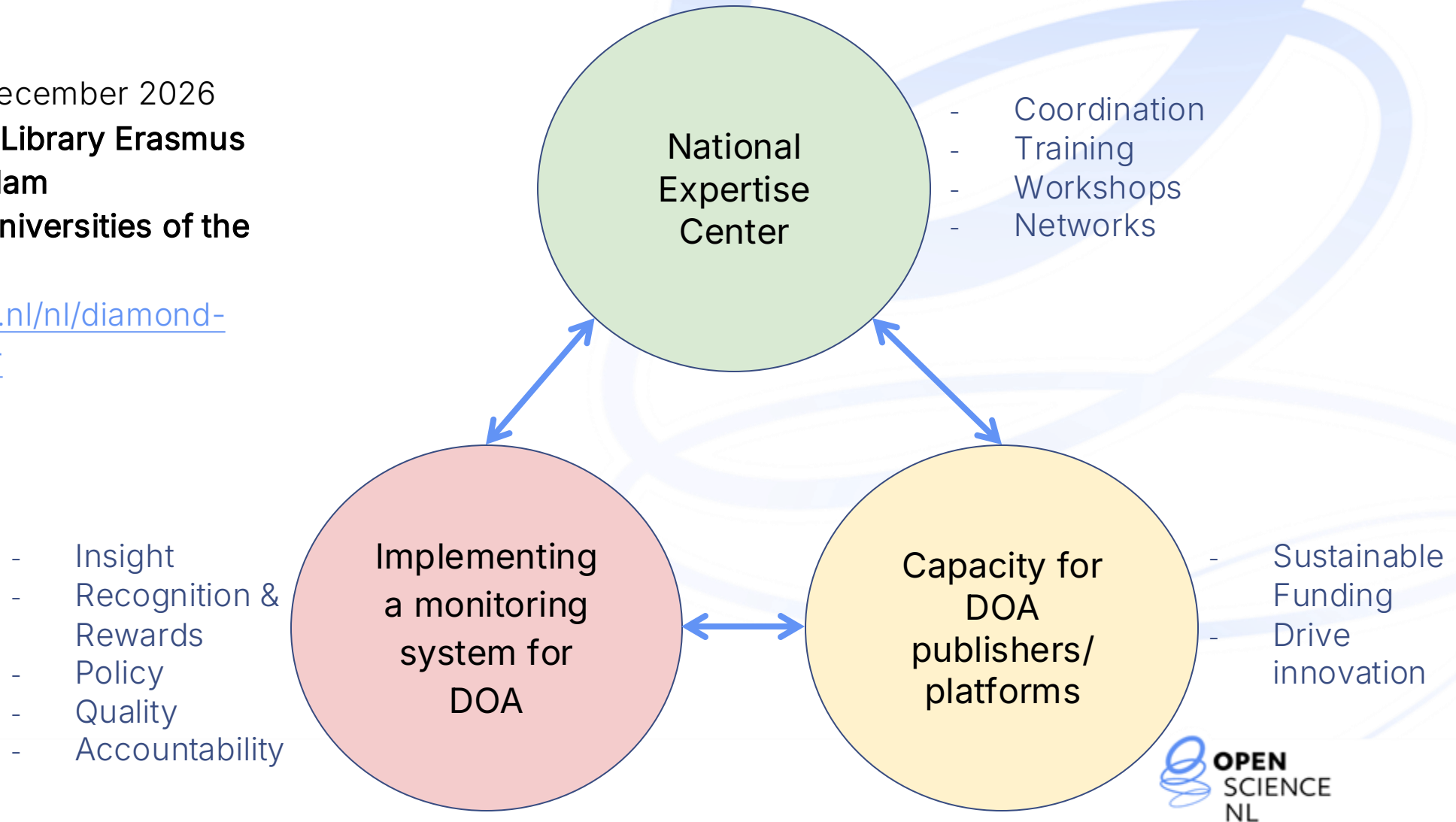


Recommendations

1. A project with funding
2. Aligning stakeholders
3. Capacity Building
4. Expertise Center
5. Collective funding for DOA
6. Alignment with international stakeholders and projects (EC, DIAMAS, CRAFT-OA, etc.)

Project: Strengthening Diamond Open Access in the Netherlands

- January 2024 – December 2026
- Project secretary: **Library Erasmus University Rotterdam**
- Project funding: **Universities of the Netherlands**
- www.openaccess.nl/nl/diamond-open-access/over



Awareness campaigns: "Community over Commercialisation" (2024)

Pledges:

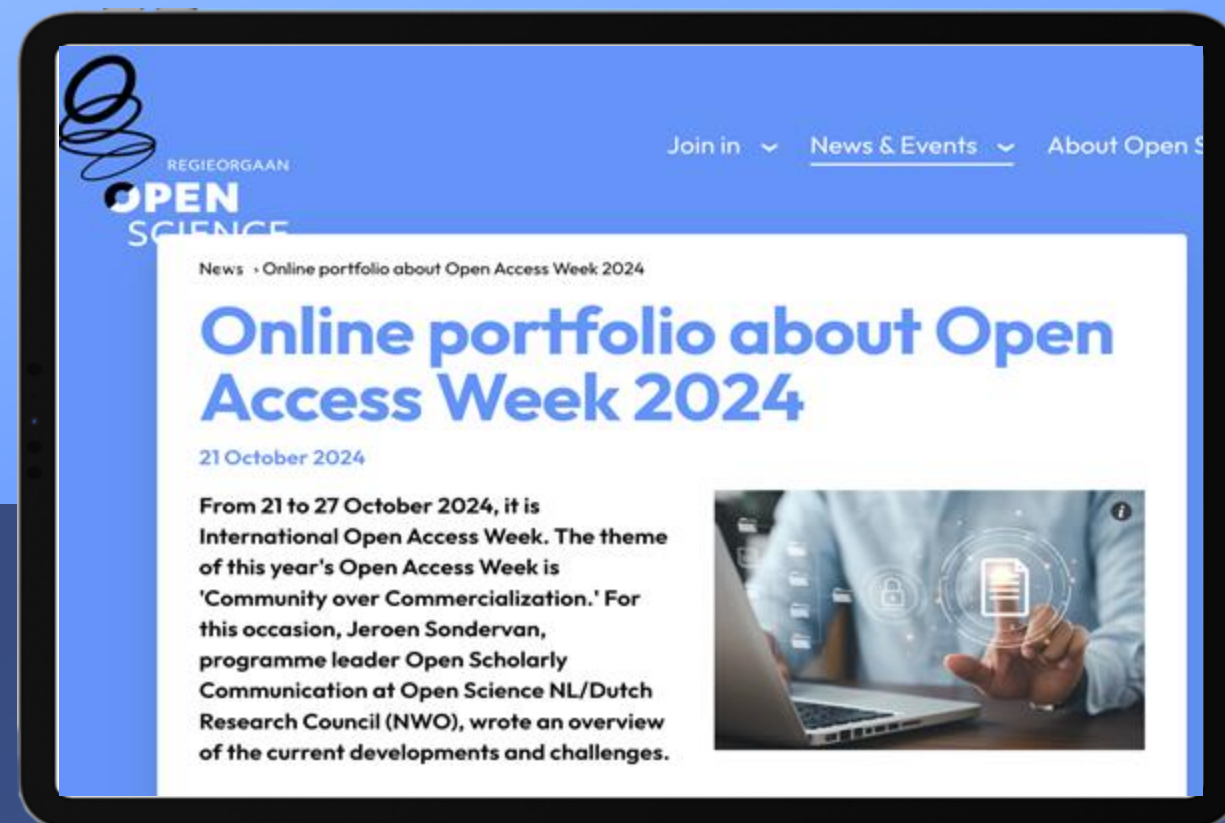
Collective Action In Science Diamond

Publish one diamond open access article in 5 years

Academics are growing tired of the current publishing system which prioritizes profit over knowledge dissemination (see here for a recent discussion). We therefore call upon researchers who agree that the current publishing system is unjust. In order to tackle this we start with a broad but interconnected field of cognitive... [\[Read More\]](#)



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<https://www.openscience.nl/en/cases/towards-a-fairer-and-more-equitable-scientific-publishing-landscape>

Issues in the scholarly publishing landscape

- For-profit driven publishing (still) in the lead
- Read & Publish deals are article focused, expensive and non-transformative
- The APC-model is not sustainable and only increases inequalities between the rich and poor authors, institutions, countries, and global regions
- The influence of AI on the research/publishing workflow
- Pressure to publish ('publish-or-perish')
- Predatory publishing
- Domestic (non-English) languages are squeezed out
- Technical / infrastructure barriers



State of affairs: publishing models based on copyright / ownership

- Exclusion
- Lack of control
- IP & data exploitation for e.g., AI LLMs

Publishers/
service providers
(the 'market')

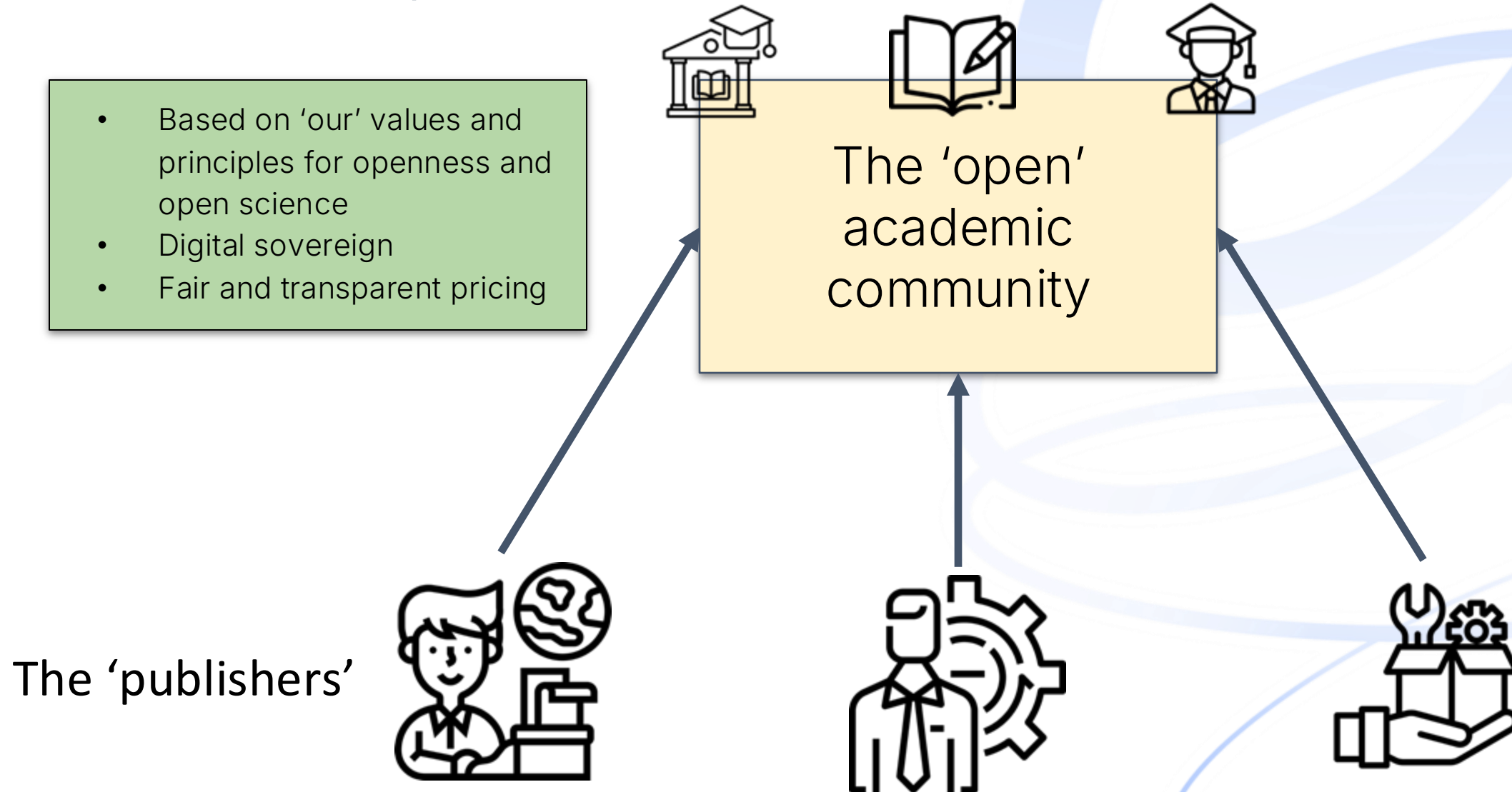


Academic
communities



Models based on services: increased agency and ownership

- Based on 'our' values and principles for openness and open science
- Digital sovereign
- Fair and transparent pricing



The 'promise' of Diamond Open Access?

- **Reduces financial barriers**
→ e.g., more equitable access and participation
- **Less commercial pressure**
→ e.g., better editorial decisions
- **Community governance**
→ e.g., better standards; accountability
- **Transparency**
→ e.g., visibility of questionable practices and fraud detection. Willingness to support open peer review, data sharing and other open science publishing practices?



Discussions

- **Breakouts**
 - What are the (perceived) barriers to adopting diamond OA?
 - How can (or should) institutions support diamond OA initiatives?
 - What policies could promote research integrity in diamond OA publishing?
- **Round of Feedback**
 - Each group shares key insights
 - Can the group formulate concrete recommendations?



Thank you!

Questions?

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