



Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) & Open Access Publishing in European Networks (OAPEN) Infrastructure to support Open Access book publishing

DOAB, the Directory of Open Access Books, explained:

DOAB is a digital directory of peer reviewed Open Access books and Open Access book publishers. The primary aim of the service is to increase discoverability of OA books so that they can reach a broader audience. DOAB harvests books' metadata, which is used to maximize dissemination, visibility and impact. Aggregators can integrate this metadata into their commercial services while libraries can do the same into their online catalogues, making it easier for scholars and students to discover the works. The directory is open to all publishers of academic, peer reviewed books that are published Open Access and that meet academic standards. All publishers included in DOAB are screened for their peer review procedures and licensing policies.

OAPEN, Open Access Publishing in European Networks, explained:

While DOAB is a directory that provides links to OA books, the OAPEN Library is a repository of freely accessible academic books. OAPEN works with publishers and research funders to continue building a quality-controlled collection of Open Access books and provides services for publishers, libraries and research funders in the areas of deposit, quality assurance, metadata enhancement, dissemination and digital preservation.

SCOSS encourages you to support DOAB and OAPEN since they are closely interlinked and share the same goal to support the transition to OA books and to increase trust in OA book publishing.

Why has it been deemed essential infrastructure?

As more institutions, funders, and disciplines support or mandate open access monographs, infrastructure that supports monograph publishing becomes crucial. Sustainable platforms and models that support the humanities and social sciences are an essential component of supporting a vision of open science that is inclusive of all disciplines. The OAPEN network and DOAB service have proven their worth over time and SCOSS can now help them on the road to more sustainability.



SCOSS funding target:

Operational funding for 3 years: € 505.000

How you can help

You can help by committing to help fund DOAB and OAPEN. We recommend that you pledge an annual donation for a period of three years, as shown in the table below, in which funding levels vary according to the size and type of the organisation. Pledging for the full term of three years will provide the service with a secure financial foundation on its path to complete financial sustainability. Your pledge can either be paid in one lump sum, up-front, or on an annual basis.

Financial transactions will take place directly between the funding organisation and the service provider, and not via SCOSS. Organisations wishing to support DOAB and OAPEN should contact them directly at e.ferwerda@oapen.org.

Donation levels

Organisation Size	Annual contribution Level
Large orgs from high income countries	4,000 euros
Small orgs from high-income countries	2,000 euros
Funding orgs	8,000 euros
National or regional governments and international orgs	5,000 euros
Orgs from low- and middle- income countries; small non-profits; orgs with smaller budgets	500 euros

A 25% discount will be deducted from the individual contributions made by members of consortia of 10 or more organisations.

More information

Websites: <https://www.doabooks.org/> & <http://oapen.org/home>

Contact details to DOAB and OAPEN: Eelco Ferwerda at e.ferwerda@oapen.org

DOAB/OAPEN SCOSS Application Form: <https://sparceurope.org/download/7904/>

SCOSS website: <https://www.scoss.org>