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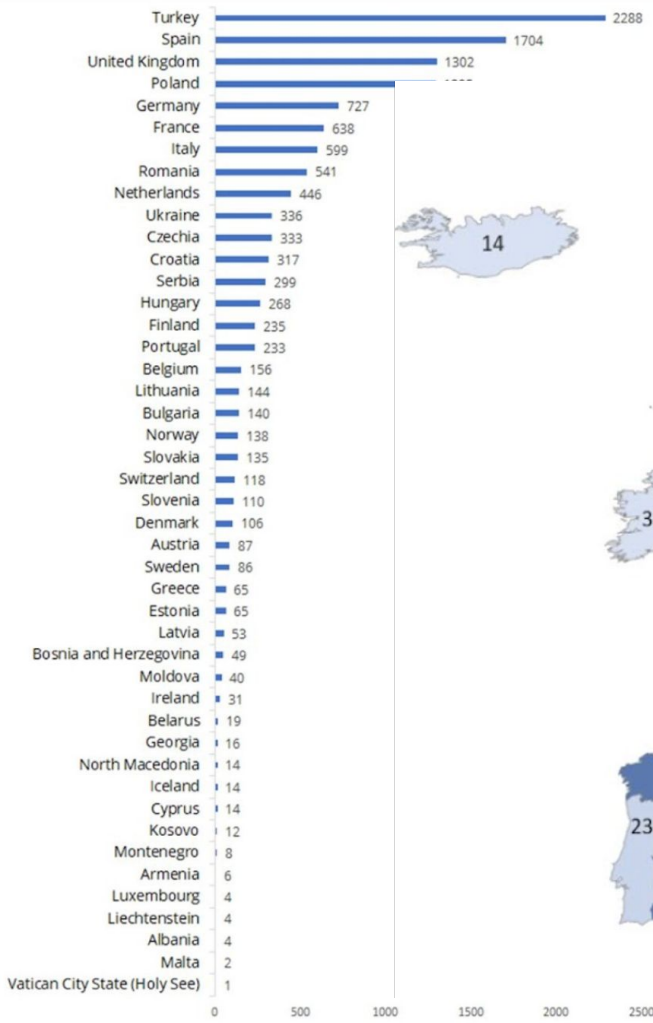
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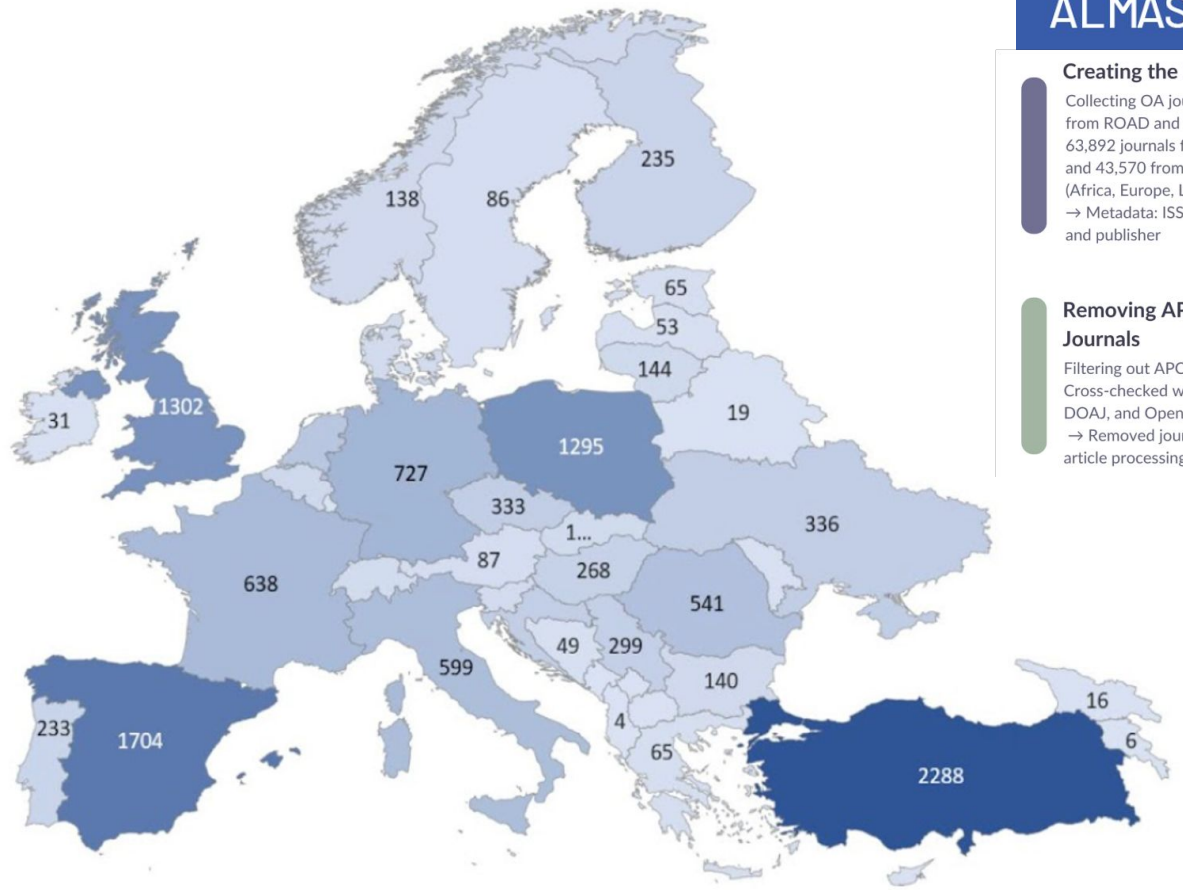
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From Fragmentation to Coordination: The **European Diamond Capacity Hub** and the **National Capacity Centres**

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The challenge: 13,202 Diamond OA journals in Europe







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A STRONG, COORDINATED AND SUSTAINABLE DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS ECOSYSTEM IN EUROPE

To support European national, institutional, and disciplinary Capacity Centers in their mission of Diamond OA scholarly publishing by providing them with coordination, sustainability, technical tools, and services at scale.

Coordination

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Tools and services

Provide tools and services that align Diamond OA journals and publishers in terms of quality provision at the European level.

Sustainability

Support Diamond OA as a sustainable economic model for current and transitioning Diamond OA journals.

A set of integrated services

Community & Visibility

REGISTRY & FORUM

A **Registry** of organisations involved in Diamond OA.
https://registry.edch.eu

A **Forum** for Diamond OA communities of practice.
https://forum.edch.eu

DIAMOND DISCOVERY HUB

The authoritative list of Diamond OA journals that satisfy the 6 operational criteria of Diamond OA, curated by Trusted Sources and National Capacity Centers. https://ddh.edch.eu/en

Alignment

DIAMOND OA STANDARD

An **aspirational standard** and **quality benchmark** for Diamond OA publishing, including required and desired criteria and best practices.
https://zenodo.org/records/13875453

A **self-assessment tool** for journals and publishers to review, evaluate, and improve their operations.
https://selfassessment.edch.eu/

Coming soon:
a **Certification Framework**

AEGIS-OA
Advancing Diamond Open Access Publishing

Improvement

TRAINING PLATFORM

Learning management system with self-paced courses and evaluation for editorial staff.
https://training.edch.eu

PUBLISHING TOOLS

Digital resources, interoperability tools, and publishing software.
https://edch.eu/publishing-tools

RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

A living toolsuite with articles and descriptions of Diamond best practices.
https://resources.edch.eu

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National Capacity Centers (NCC)

- **Coordination of Diamond OA** at the national and European levels **aligns the quality of publications** in terms of the same standards. It promotes efficiency and reduces fragmentation.

At the national level:

- **National Capacity Centres (NCCs)** are national or regional support structures that bring together nonprofit institutional Open Access publishers, service providers, and infrastructures to support high-quality scholarly publications.

- **NCCs are strategically important** because they understand local academic traditions, higher education structures, national policies, and publication in national languages.

- **NCCs provide:**
  - Shared technical infrastructure and tools
  - Training and policy guidance for institutions and funders
  - Advocacy for sustainable publishing models
  - Alignment with the services of the EDCH: Diamond OA Standard, Diamond Discovery Hub



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National Capacity Centers (NCC)

16 established:

Spain	FECYT
Germany	SeDOA (a DFG project)
Finland	Federation of Finnish Learned Societies
France	OpenEdition
Greece	National Documentation Centre (EKT)
Netherlands	Expertise Centre Diamond OA
Norway	Norwegian Network for Diamond Publishing
Nordics	Nordic Capacity Centre for Diamond OA
Portugal	Pub IN (Uni Minho & FCT-FCCN)
Serbia	KoBSON
Sweden	Swedish Node for Diamond OA
Ukraine	Ukrainian Diamond Open Access Capacity Centre (UDOACC)
Lithuania	Association of Lithuanian Serials
Slovenia	Slovene National Centre for Diamond Open Access (SIDOD)
Ireland	Irish Capacity Centre - IOAP
Switzerland	Diamond Open Access CH (DOACH)

6 in the making:

Czech Republic	Masaryk University
Croatia	Croatian Centre for Diamond OA
Hungary	University of Debrecen
Poland	DCC-PL
Belgium	BeDiamond
Italy	Italian Capacity Centre



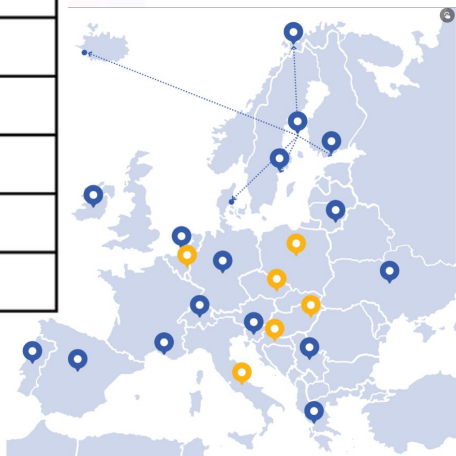
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National Capacity Centers and the AEGIS-OA project

- An EU-funded Horizon Europe (2026-2028) of 24 partner organisations to expand the services of the European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) to integrating open access books and monographs, enhance quality assessment and monitoring, upscale skills, competence, and access to publishing tools, and provide guidance, coordination and alignment across the ERA
- A number of NCCs are associate partners of the AEGIS-OA project, as well as Science Europe

Associate partners (non-beneficiary)		
15 EUR	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (Expertise Centre Diamond Open Access)	NL
16 MWS	Max Weber Stiftung Deutsche Geisteswissenschaftliche Institute im Ausland	DE
17 SU	Stockholm University (Swedish Node for Diamond Open Access)	SE
18 UGOE	University of Göttingen	DE
19 SAZU	National Academy of Slovenia (Slovenian National Capacity Centre)	SI
20 UiT	Arctic University of Norway (Norwegian Network for Diamond Publishing)	NO
21 EKT	National Documentation Centre (Greek National Capacity Centre)	GR
22 SE	Science Europe	BE
23 MU	Masaryk University	CZ
24 UMinho	University of Minho	PT

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