



# Our journey to the DOAS

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# Topics

- KoBSON's support to OA publishing in Serbia
- Collaboration and support to the journal's publishers and editorials
- KoBSON's engagement with the DIAMAS project



# Collaboration with scientific journals/editorials

## When and how everything started?

- 2004 – National Library of Serbia (NLS) established Digital Repository
- 2005 - Establishment of doiSerbia repository
- 2010 – doiSerbia established collaboration with DOAJ



# Digital Repository of NLS



## Digitalni repozitorijum Narodne biblioteke Srbije

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Evidencija o dostavljenim sveskama u Digitalni repozitorijum Narodne biblioteke Srbije

U skladu sa dogovorom sa ministarstvom nadležnim za nauku, potrebno je da uredništva časopisa polažu papirnu i elektronsku verziju svih objavljenih svezaka u Repozitorijum Narodne biblioteke Srbije. Cilj polaganja svezaka je trajno čuvanje i upotreba u okviru programa Ministarstva o praćenju, vrednovanju i promovisanju domaćih naučnih časopisa.

Ministarstvo nadležno za nauku usvojilo je Pravilnik o kategorizaciji i rangiranju naučnih časopisa, koji je stupio na snagu 8. januara 2021. godine. U cilju poboljšanja kvaliteta domaćeg naučnog periodičnog izdavaštva, u okviru Pravilnika se nalazi i Prilog 1 koji detaljno opisuje uslove za uređivanje naučnih časopisa. Korisnici se, za sva pitanja ili nedoumice u vezi sa primenom novog Pravilnika, mogu obratiti predstavnicima ministarstva nadležnog za nauku putem imejl adrese: [jelena.mandic@nbs.rs](mailto:jelena.mandic@nbs.rs).

Usled čestih pitanja i nedoumica obaveštavamo uredništva domaćih časopisa da su, nezavisno od uspostavljene saradnje sa pojedinim nevladinim organizacijama, i dalje u obavezi da polažu sveske svojih časopisa u Digitalni repozitorijum Narodne biblioteke Srbije (u skladu sa preporukom ministarstva nadležnog za nauku).

Detaljnije o postupku kategorizacije, praćenju časopisa, postupku uređivanja i obliku izlaženja časopisa možete pročitati u sledećem [dokumentu](#).

Izdavači novopokrenutih časopisa ili časopisa koji se ne nalaze na Listi kategorisanih časopisa u cilju svrstavanja na određenu listu, a radi praćenja, odnosno kategorisanja i rangiranja časopisa potrebno je da popunjen i skeniran [Upitnik](#) u formatu PDF/A dostave na imejl adresu [jelena.mandic@nbs.rs](mailto:jelena.mandic@nbs.rs).

Sveske časopisa koje su do sada položene u Repozitorijum NBS (izaberite naziv časopisa):

Uputstvo za polaganje časopisa u Digitalni repozitorijum Narodne biblioteke Srbije:

U Repozitorijum se polaže po jedan primerak štampanog izdanja, kao i elektronska kopija sveske, isključivo u PDF-u. Kopije moraju u svemu biti identične verziji za štampu (camera ready). Dostavljanje sveske se obavlja neposredno nakon publikovanja štampane verzije jer se datum prispeća u Repozitorijum uzima kao pokazatelj redovnosti publikovanja.

Svu odgovornost za vernost kopija originalu snose uredništva časopisa.

Papirni oblik sveske dostavlja se na adresu:

Narodna biblioteka Srbije  
Odeljenje za naučne informacije (za Repozitorijum)  
Skerlićeva 1  
11000 Beograd,

a elektronski istim putem na CD-u ili elektronskom poštom na adresu: [repozitorijum@nb.rs](mailto:repozitorijum@nb.rs).

- Established in 2004 as a service of the Ministry responsible for science for depositing electronic copies of Serbian scientific journals
- in purpose of the Project of Journal categorization conducted by the ministry
- not regular repository – it is an evidence of deposited material
- 1000+ journals deposits material
- 400+ are categorized as scientific from the Ministry (mostly Diamond OA)





doiSerbia

Digital Object Identifier (DOI) Repository that contains articles from the leading Serbian scientific journals. [All articles](#) are published under Open Access.

[National Library of Serbia](#)

[KoBSON](#)

## Facts (Updated 11.4.2025)

Number of articles added last month - 212  
Total number of articles in full text - 57992  
Number of journals - 67

## News

### 10/28/2011 · Open Access success stories

Making Serbia's scientific journals part of international scientific publishing: [Interview with mr. Biljana Kosanovic](#)

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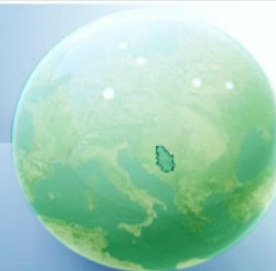
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Driving force behind open access

## Open Access

Authors: their work is not seen by all their peers – do not receive the recognition they deserve  
Readers: cannot view all research literature they need – less effective  
Libraries: cannot satisfy information needs of their users



Search example: Economic Annals Milovanovic korupcija

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Applicable Analysis and Discrete Mathematics

Archive of Oncology

Archives of Biological Sciences

Balcanica

Biotechnology in Animal Husbandry

Botanica Serbica

Bulletin: Classe des sciences mathematiques et naturelles

Chemical Industry and Chemical Engineering Quarterly

Comprehensive Plant Biology

Computer Science and Information Systems

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Processing and Application of Ceramics

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Publikacije Elektrotehnickog fakulteta - serija: matematika

Science of Sintering

Serbian Astronomical Journal

Serbian Journal of Electrical Engineering

Sociologija

Spatium

Srpski arhiv za celokupno lekarstvo

Stanovnistvo

Starinar

Stomatoloski glasnik Srbije

Temida

Theoretical and Applied Mechanics

Theoria, Beograd

Thermal Science

doiSerbia

OA Repository of Serbian  
Scientific Journals

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Established in 2005  
financially supported by  
[EIFL](#), later by the Serbian  
ministry responsible for  
science

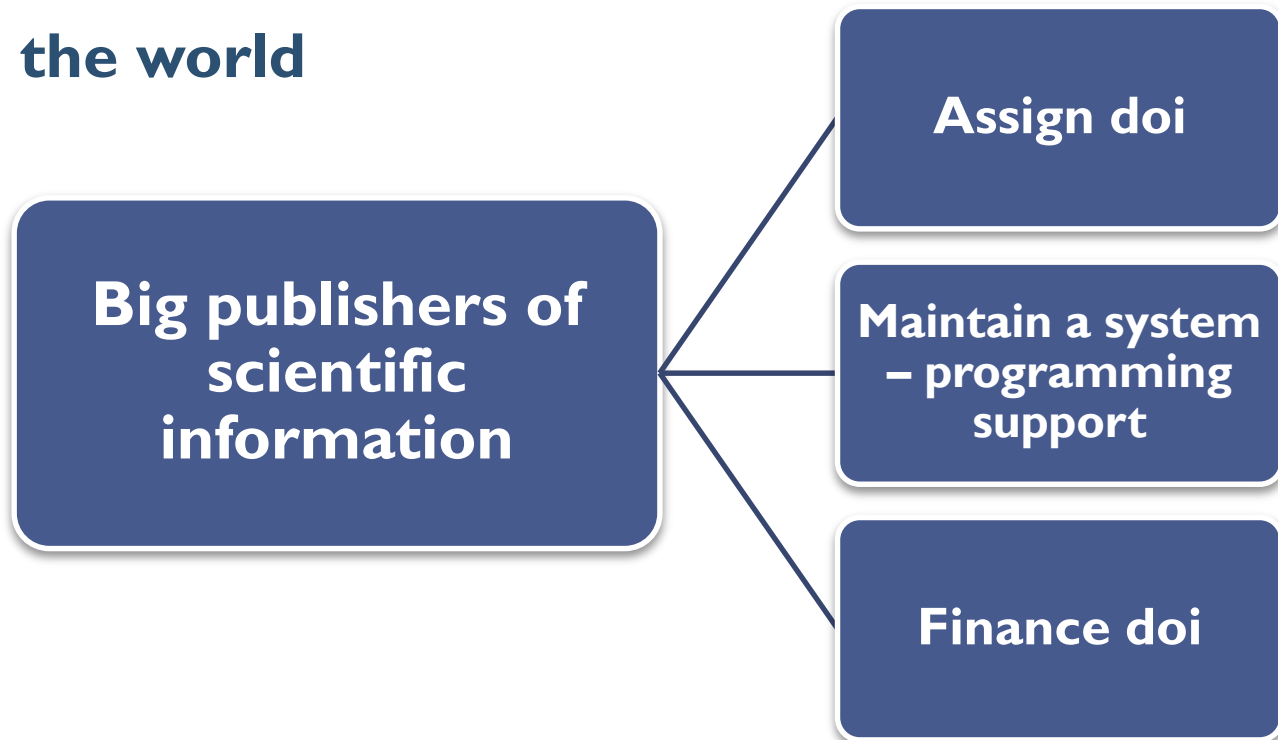
66 journals – 56 active

Full texts coverage -2002  
- current

# Why the National Library of Serbia?

(global and local perspectives)

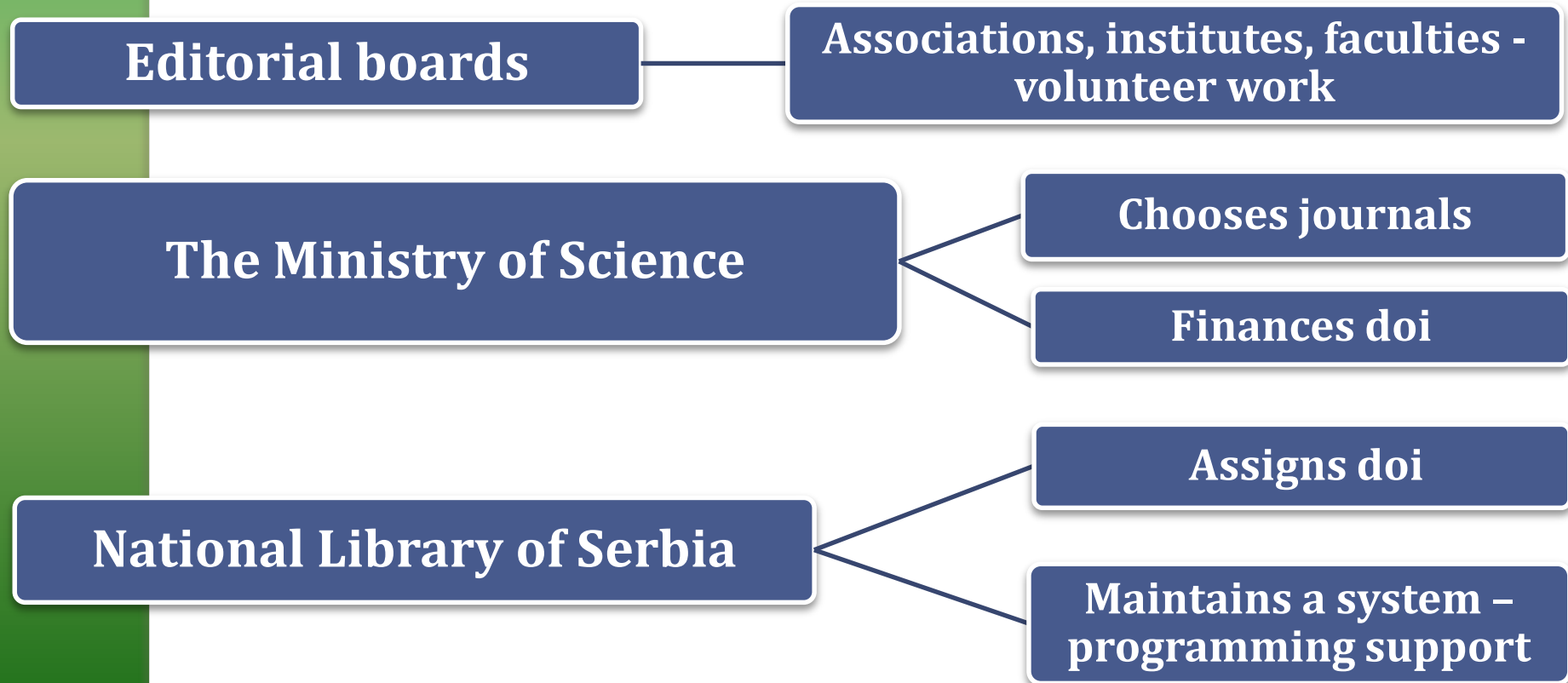
## ➤ In the world



# Why the National Library of Serbia?

(global and local perspectives)

## ➤ Locally



# Rights and obligations

## The Ministry of Science



## National Library of Serbia



## Publishers

### Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation:

- determines the list of journals
- finances
- enlists National Library of Serbia

### National Library of Serbia:

- conducts the DOI system (we implemented an in-house platform for hosting selected journals (providing landing pages for DOIs))
- creates and maintains a digital archive
- assigns DOI numbers
- forms metadata
- uploads XML files to CrossRef (the “online first” articles, retractions and corrections)
- collaborates with the publishers
- governs copyright (publishing agreement)
- provides permanent access
- tracks the number of accesses
- improves the system

### Publishers:

- *The supported journals must adopt OA*



# Later... several new platforms

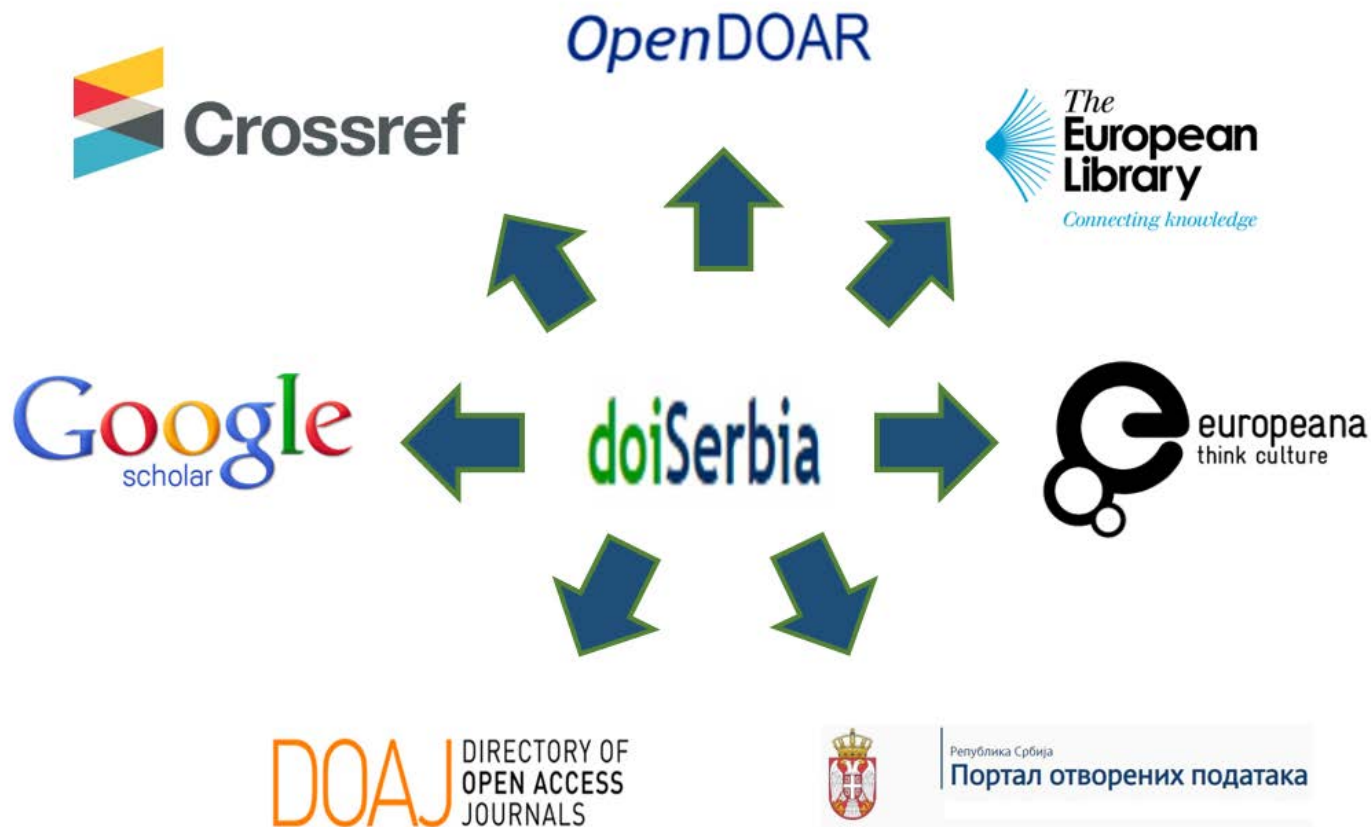
- CEON/CEES (Center for Evaluation in Education and Science) (SCIndeks - Serbian Citation Index)
- University of Belgrade - Faculty of Philology (doiFil)
- University Library of Kragujevac (DOI UBKG)
- Few other providers (scientific institutes)
- Individual journals

In 2024 Serbia had more than 300 journals assign DOIs to their articles (Journals subsidised by the government are required (recommended) to assign DOIs to their articles and to support/adopt Diamond OA)

- 2005 – 5 journals
- 2025 – 300+journals



# Improving visibility - doiSerbia in:



# DOAJ -

- 33 journals from doiSerbia repository are indexed in DOAJ by handling communication and metadata delivery
- We started with applications in 2010, in 2015 reevaluation process with new, more strict evaluation criteria – related to the journals websites, instructions to the authors, publishing policies, CC licenses etc.
- Again, EIFL supported OA publishing in Serbia through the project Revisiting Open Access (OA) Journal Policies and Practices in Serbia which had a major impact on improvement of the Serbian journals and scientific publishing. (March 2016/January 2017)



# Revisiting OA Journal Policies and Practices in Serbia (2016/2017) – in action

The project was implemented by the Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition – KoBSON between 22 March 2016 and 22 January 2017 leading by the EIFL OA Programme Country Coordinator Milica Ševkušić

„The purpose of the project was to:

- offer a solution to the problem of undefined editorial policies, identified during the reapplication process in Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), by devising a policy template
- to raise the awareness of Open Access (especially its technical aspects and electronic publishing), and
- help improve editorial and publishing procedures through education“<sup>1</sup>

We have started with the survey which covered more than 230 OA journals ([report](#)) and provided:

- trainings and workshops (policies, journal websites, OJS)
- helpdesk consultations (in-person and via email)
- [Website with resources for editors and publishers](#) (in Serbian)
- [Journal policy templates \(Serbian and English\)](#)
- Support to journals (re)applying for indexing in DOAJ<sup>2</sup>

1. Ševkušić, M., Janković, Z., & Kužet, A. (2017). Open Access Journals in Serbia: Policies and Practices. National Library of Serbia. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.801673>
2. <https://www.eifl.net/eifl-in-action/open-access-publishing-serbia>





Početna	Kutak za urednike	Kontakt
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- O časopisu
  - ISSN
  - eISSN
  - DOI (Crossref)
- Online izdavaštvo
  - Open Journal System
- Uredivačka politika
  - Pravilnik
  - Modeli
  - Citatni stilovi
- OA
  - Modeli OA
  - Zakon o autorskom pravu
  - CC licence
  - Najveće otvorene arhive
  - Sherpa Romeo
- Referisanje
  - Referisanje u WOSu
  - Referisanje u Scopusu
  - Referisanje u SCIndexu
  - Referisanje u DOAJ**
  - Referisanje u Medline
  - Referisanje u ERIH
- Plagijarizam
  - Plagijarizam
  - PubPeer
  - Retraction watch
- Predatori
  - Predatorski časopisi i izdavači
  - Primeri mailova
- FAQ
  - Često postavljana pitanja
  - Video zapisi sa predavanja
  - Prezentacije sa predavanja
  - OAJ in Serbia: Policies and Practices

**Sadržaj DOAJ-a**  
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**Sadržaj DOAJ-a**

[DOAJ](#) (Directory of Open Access Journals) je servis za pronalaženje časopisa objavljenih u otvorenom pristupu. Obuhvata preko 10 000 časopisa u otvorenom pristupu iz 136 zemalja, a broj dostupnih članaka prevazilazi dvomilionsku cifru. Pretraživanje je omogućeno prema izdavaču, naučnoj oblasti, naslovu časopisa ili naslovu članka, kao i standardnim kriterijumima pretrage (ključnim rečima, ISSN broju, DOI broju itd.). Više od polovine časopisa pretraživo je na nivou punog teksta radova. Pokrivene su sve naučne discipline časopisima koje publikuje preko 2 miliona izdavača.

**Prijavljivanje novih časopisa za referisanje**

Na stranici namenjenoj izdavačima naučnih časopisa ([Information for Publishers](#)) mogu se naći detaljna uputstva o propozicijama za evaluaciju i prijavljivanje časopisa.

Na stranici [Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing](#) su jasno definisani kriterijumi koje časopis mora da zadovolji kako bi bio uključen u DOAJ, odnosno kriterijumi na osnovu kojih se vrši evaluacija časopisa. Pre nego što se časopis odluči za prijavljivanje uputno je da detaljno prođe sve preporuke i unapredi svoj časopis u skladu sa njima.

Stranica [Applying for your journal to be in DOAJ](#) nudi elektronsku formu za apliciranje novih časopisa ([Journal Application Form](#)), sa detaljnim instrukcijama za njeno uspešno popunjavanje. Forma za prijavljivanje časopisa je veoma detaljna, sa velikim brojem pitanja i zahteva određeno vreme za popunjavanje. Stoga se savetuje da se svi neophodni podaci o časopisu najpre prikupe i nakon toga se pristupi popunjavanju forme (Primer pitanja za evaluaciju časopisa iz 2015. godine). Podaci se ne mogu čuvati u toku procesa popunjavanja, već se prijava mora izvršiti u okviru jedne sesije. Ukoliko se neko pitanje izbegne ili preskoči, aplikacija će automatski biti odbijena. Na ovoj stranici su takođe navedeni najčešći razlozi odbijanja nekog časopisa, stoga se treba pridržavati tih pravila i u samom početku ih izbeći.

Nakon uspešnog popunjavanja prijave, na samom ekranu pojaviće se potvrdna poruka, i uredništvo (kontakt osoba navedena u prijavi) će dobiti mejl o uspešnoj prijavi. Preporuka je da se taj e-mail sačuva kao pomoć pri pronalaženju prijave, kasnije, ukoliko budete imali nekih pitanja vezanih za sam tok evaluacije. Takođe, uredništvo će dobiti niz automatskih elektronskih poruka o samom toku evaluacije: kada je časopis dodeljen članu iz uredivačkog tima, kada je on započeo sa radom, kao i poruku o prihvatanju/odbijanju časopisa.

Na ovoj stranici navedeni su i naredni koraci, u slučaju da je vaš časopis prihvaćen ([If your application is accepted](#)) ili odbijen ([If your application is rejected](#)). U slučaju negativnog odgovora biće navedeni razlozi zbog kojih je časopis odbijen, kao i period nakon koga časopis može ponovo da aplicira. Taj rok treba striktno poštovati, jer ukoliko se aplikacija ponovi pre navedenog roka, biće automatski odbijena.

**Kako izmeniti podatke u DOAJ-u**

Sve sugestije i komentare, zahteve za korekciju podataka, mogu se uputiti putem [forme za kontakt](#). Preporuka je da se pre upućivanja zahteva pročitaju najčešće postavljana pitanja i odgovori na njih, koji su navedeni na istoj stranici.

**Korisni linkovi:**

[Časopisi iz Srbije indeksirani u DOAJ-u](#) ([link ka listi na sajtu](#))

**Predavanja:**

[Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\) - Prijava-apliciranje](#), dr Enes Sukić, DOAJ Associate Editor

[Ukratko o DOAJ bazi i referisanju časopisa](#), Tatjana Timotijević, načelnica Odeljenja za naučne informacije Narodne biblioteke Srbije; nacionalni koordinator KoBSON konzorcijuma

A lots of online resources, available on a website

2010 – 33 journals  
2025 – 200+ journals

# Revisiting OA Journal Policies and Practices in Serbia (2016/2017) – goals and achievements

- Defining and developing journal publishing policies
- Improvement of journal websites and setting up OJS
- Improved peer review and editorial process
- Improved awareness of DOAJ and provided support for applying for indexing
- The policy templates have been continuously updated (AI statement etc.)
- Created resources are still used
- KoBSON continued to respond to requests for support and training from open access journal publishers and editors
- Excellent networking between journal editorials, KoBSON and EIFL





# NEW SYNERGIES



# KoBSON's engagement with the DIAMAS project

- Institutional Open Access Publishing Survey (2023)
- Promotion of the Standard for Institutional Scientific Publishing in Open Access developed within the DIAMAS project (2023)
- Webinars for editors and publishers of open access scientific journals - promoting the results of the survey on institutional scientific publishing (2024)
- Open Access Week 2024 DIAMAS webinar "Strength through cooperation in publishing Diamond OA" (2024)
- Everything you need to know about Diamond Open Access in one place (2025)
- Invitation to participate in the DIAMAS conference "The Future of Diamond OA Publishing in Europe and Beyond" (2025)
- Regional webinars for editors and publishers of Open Access scientific journals (during 2024, continuing in 2025)
- DIAMAS - DIAMAS Conversation Series (during 2024, continuing in 2025)
- Poster at the final DIAMAS conference "The Future of Diamond OA Publishing in Europe and Beyond" (2025)





# Endorsement for Diamond OA in the national Open Science Platform 2.0 (2024)

The Ministry primarily supports Diamond Open Access and recommends that when selecting a publication venue priority be given to open access journals, monographs, and proceedings that do not charge any publication fees.

The Ministry stipulates that publishers of scholarly journals subsidized from the public budget of the Republic of Serbia shall align their publishing policies and practices with the principles of Diamond Open Access, i.e. they must charge neither subscription fees to access content, nor fees to publish in open access, and the content must be published under a Creative Commons license (preferably CC BY).



# Establishing the National Diamond OA Capacity Centre in Serbia

The initiative is led by KoBSON (Consortium of Serbian Libraries for Coordinated Acquisition), with support from EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries).

It builds upon the previous work done by KoBSON

It involves collaboration with both formal and informal institutional publishing support centers across the country.

The support of the ministry responsible for science is expected.

Main goals of the initiative:

- consolidate existing capacities
- provide coordinated and continuous support to publishers
- improve professional standards, visibility, and sustainability of open access scholarly journals
- strengthen national and international collaboration

Special focus will be placed on connecting with similar centers abroad and networking with the European Diamond Capacity Hub.

<https://open.ac.rs/index.php/izdavastvo/centar>



## Centar za podršku naučnom izdavaštvu u otvorenom pristupu

U skladu sa globalnim naporima za jačanje dijamantskog otvorenog pristupa, u Srbiji je pokrenuta inicijativa za uspostavljanje Centra za podršku naučnom izdavaštvu u otvorenom pristupu u Srbiji. Inicijativu vodi **KoBSON – Konzorcijum biblioteka Srbije za objedinjenu nabavku** – uz podršku međunarodne organizacije **EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries)**, u partnerstvu sa formalnim i neformalnim institucionalnim centrima za podršku izdavaštvu širom zemlje.



Cilj ove inicijative je da objedini postojeće kapacitete, pruži koordiniranu i kontinuiranu podršku izdavačima, doprinese unapređenju profesionalnih standarda, vidljivosti i održivosti naučnih časopisa u otvorenom pristupu, kao i da ojača saradnju na nacionalnom i međunarodnom nivou. Posebna pažnja biće posvećena povezivanju sa sličnim centrima u drugim zemljama i umrežavanje sa Evropskim čvorištem za razvoj kapaciteta za dijamantski otvoreni pristup (European Diamond Capacity Hub).



# Using DOAS

DOAS brochure and the DOAS Guide for journals have been translated and published on the National Open Science Portal to make it easier for local publishers and editors to understand and adopt best practice.



**Standard za dijamantski  
otvoreni pristup (za  
izdavače)**



**Standard za dijamantski  
otvoreni pristup: vodič za  
časopise**



# Integrating DOAS into journal policies templates

- Defining good editorial policies is a challenge for most non-commercial publishers.
- To address this, KoBSON, within the project *Revisiting Open Access Journal Policies and Practices in Serbia* (supported by EIFL), developed ready-made policy templates as a structured framework that open access journals can easily adapt.
- Templates are available in Serbian and English, for both Diamond Open Access journals and those charging Article Processing Charges (APCs).
- After the project ended, EIFL continued to update the templates to align them with new standards and best practices.
- These templates are generic (not discipline-specific) and meant to serve as guidelines - each journal should adapt them based on the best practices in its field.
- The template for Diamond OA journals is now aligned with DOAS - **By adopting and updating policies journals will also adopt DOAS.**

## Politike časopisa

### Časopisi u dijamantskom otvorenom pristupu

[Dokument na srpskom \(ćirilica\)](#)

[Dokument na srpskom \(latinica\)](#)

[Dokument na engleskom](#)

### Časopis naplaćuje troškove objavljivanja

[Dokument na srpskom \(ćirilica\)](#)

[Dokument na srpskom \(latinica\)](#)

[Dokument na engleskom](#)

## Izjave o autorstvu, sukobu interesa i licenci

[Izjave - srpski \(ćirilica\)](#)

[Izjave - srpski \(latinica\)](#)

[Izjave - engleski](#)



<https://open.ac.rs/index.php/politike-casopisa>

## JOURNAL POLICIES<sup>1</sup>

### (General info)

The journal *Journal's title* is dedicated to define aims and scope.

You may also provide a short history of the journal, the previous title (if applicable, etc.)

The journal is owned and published by \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>2</sup>

The journal is financially supported by \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>3</sup>

The journal *Journal's title* publishes original papers that have not been published previously. (Define article types: scientific articles, reviews, communications, letters, conference papers, etc.).

*Journal's title* is an open access journal that doesn't charge any fees either to readers to read, nor to authors to publish.

Contributions to the journal shall be submitted in **language(s)**, with summaries in **language(s)**.

The journal is open to all researchers globally, regardless of gender, career stage or ethnic and religious affiliation.

The Journal is issued \_\_\_\_\_ times a year.<sup>4</sup>

The journal is indexed in \_\_\_\_\_.

Digital copies of the journal are archived in the \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Edit the red text or remove it if it's not relevant for your journal. The blue text contains instructions and should be removed when you finish drafting your policies.

<sup>2</sup> Adjust the statement if the owner and publisher are different entities. If the journal is co-published by multiple entities, mention all of them. Please note that service providers providing online publishing platforms or technical support are usually not publishers. The publisher name declared on the journal website must be the same as that declared in the record on the [ISSN Portal](#). If the information on the ISSN Portal is not up-to-date, contact your National ISSN Centre (if there is one in your country) or the International ISSN Centre to update the information: <https://www.issn.org/>.

<sup>3</sup> List all entities, programmes and/or projects providing financial support to the journal. Acknowledge in-kind support provided by academic institutions and other entities (e.g. hosting, paid staff assigned to support publishing, etc.), as well as any voluntary contributions.

<sup>4</sup> Continuous publication, where articles are published as soon as they are accepted rather than waiting for a complete issue to be compiled. In this model, articles are usually grouped into volumes or thematic collections.

<sup>5</sup> E.g. LOCKSS, CLOCKSS, Portico.

# DOAS and the community

- Engage Serbian universities and other organizations managing institutional OA journal publishing platforms around DOAS (e.g. analyze their practices against DOAS requirements, identify gaps, plan improvements, etc.)
- Identify areas where additional implementation guidelines are needed
- Engage the community in adjusting and creating resources to support the implementation of DOAS
- Advocate for the integration of DOAS elements into national frameworks for funding and evaluating journals



# Plans for the future



- Strengthening collaboration among publishers at the national level
- Organizing webinars and in-person workshops
- Creating online resources for Diamond OA publishers
- Promoting resources created by DIAMAS and similar projects among local editors and publishers
- Coordinating translation and adaptation of useful resources
- Engaging with the European Diamond Capacity Hub



Thank you for your attention



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