Publishing Platforms and service providers: DOAJ

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https://doaj.org

About DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals

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A unique global index of diverse peer-reviewed open access journals.

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Mission to raise profile, visibility and impact of all quality OA journals, globally regardless of discipline, geography or language.

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Journals in DOAJ must meet clear standards around editorial quality, transparency and licensing.

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DOAJ is widely used by researchers, libraries, funders and discovery services to identify trustworthy OA journals
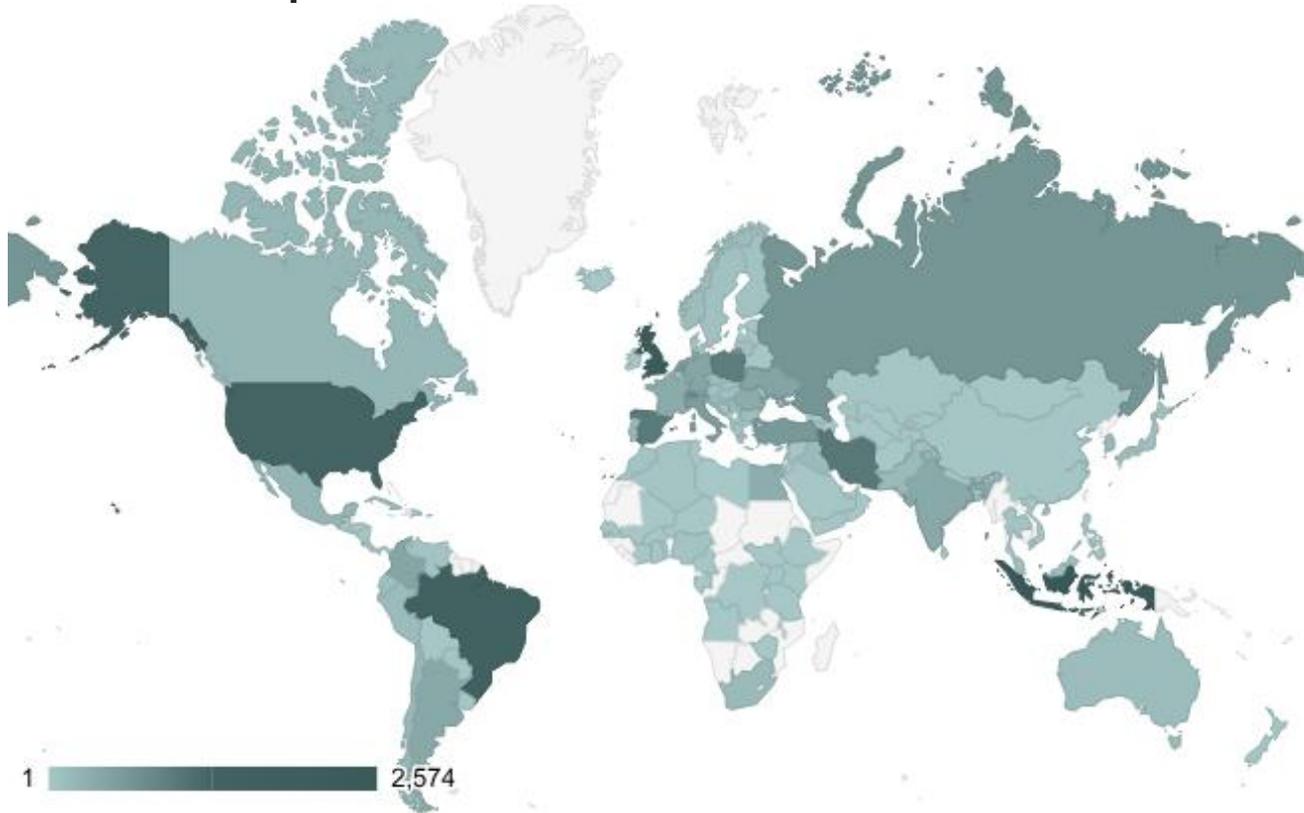
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91 languages

140 countries

More than **22,500** journals

Overview of publisher countries indexed in DOAJ

1 — 2,574

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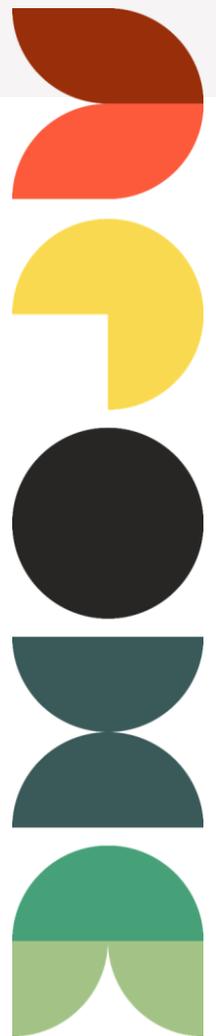# 63% journals indexed
charge no fees

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Why is community governance important?

- Our community Board model means that DOAJ is governed by the priorities of the community, not shareholders
- Our values are community values - multilingualism, bibliodiversity - and is reflected in our service
- Our focus is on improving standards rather than acting as a gatekeeper

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Influencing the development of DOA responsibly

- DOAJ improves publishing standards of journals through
  - our application and feedback processes
  - our ambassador programme
- It's important to understand and reflect on local publishing contexts, rather than impose standards
  - Eg persistent identifiers, long-term preservation

Challenges for DOA journals with DOAJ indexing

- Understanding of licensing and copyright
- Technical issues
- Poor publication practices, eg endogeny

These problems reflect systemic issues in:

- Lack of technical resources and expertise
- Sustainability

Navigating between delivering efficiency and delivering diversity

We receive 8,000 applications each year so need to process these efficiently

Projects and partnerships
Ambassador programme
Extra support for smaller journals

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DOAJ collaborations and aligns with many other services to support sustainable DOA

- Technical interoperability to ensure **visibility**
- Providing **quality assurance** to journals through other services
- **Capacity building** through collaborations with national and regional platforms

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Thank you