



# DIAMAS

Developing Institutional Open Access  
Publishing Models to Advance  
Scholarly Communication

# The DIAMAS project : The landscape survey on EDIB

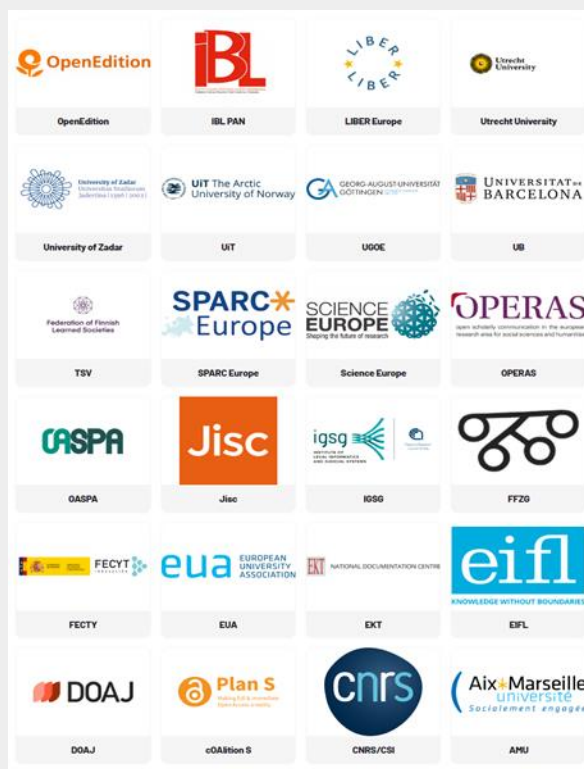


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# Project background

- Earlier research showed problems with the structure of Open Access publishing
  - “A wide archipelago of relatively small journals serving diverse communities”  
Bosman, J., Frantsvåg, J. E., Kramer, B., Langlais, P.-C., & Proudman, V. (2021). OA Diamond Journals Study. Part 1: Findings. Zenodo.  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4558704>
  - Diamond OA an important part of institutional publishing
  - DIAMAS to look at institutional publishing



- ❖ 36 months, €3m, 2022-2025
- ❖ Horizon Europe funding
- ❖ 23 scholarly organizations from 12 European countries

- ❖ Provide the research community with an **aligned, high-quality, and sustainable OA scholarly communication ecosystem**, capable of implementing OA as a standard publication practice across the ERA.
- ❖ Create a community, supporting services, and non-technical infrastructure for **Institutional Publishing Service Providers (IPSPs)** that adopt common standards, guidelines, and best practices.
- ❖ **Common standards, guidelines, and best practices** are co-created and adopted as an Extensible Quality Standard for Institutional Publishing (EQSIP).





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## Understanding the landscape of IPSPs in the ERA



Mapping current landscape of IPSP



Mapping of existing quality standards



Benchmarking of current IPSP

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## Improving coordination, quality, and sustainability of IPSPs

Consultations with IPSP: co-creation of best practices, toolkits, guidelines,



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## Formulating policy & strategy recommendations: dissemination, engagement & impact

Engagement with institutional leaders and managers



Dissemination



## What we did

- Institutional Publishing Service Provider (IPSP) a central term
  - Institutional Publishing (IP) activities
  - Service providers (SP) to such IPs
  - Or combinations of IP and SP
- No data previously collected on institutional publishing as such
- No organisations geared to institutional publishing as such
- Created a survey
- Tried identifying possible IPs and SPs in ERA
- Sent out to more than 5,000 e-mail addresses late March-early May 2023 in 10 different languages
  - And to e-mail lists, and to organisations asking them to distribute to their members

## Survey facts

- March-May 2023
- 685 respondents across the ERA
  - >75% institutional publishers,
  - <25% service providers
  - 90% produce journals
    - 66% publish 1-5 journals
    - 33% publish >6 journals
- Not representative of all activity in Europe but reflect common challenges and opportunities

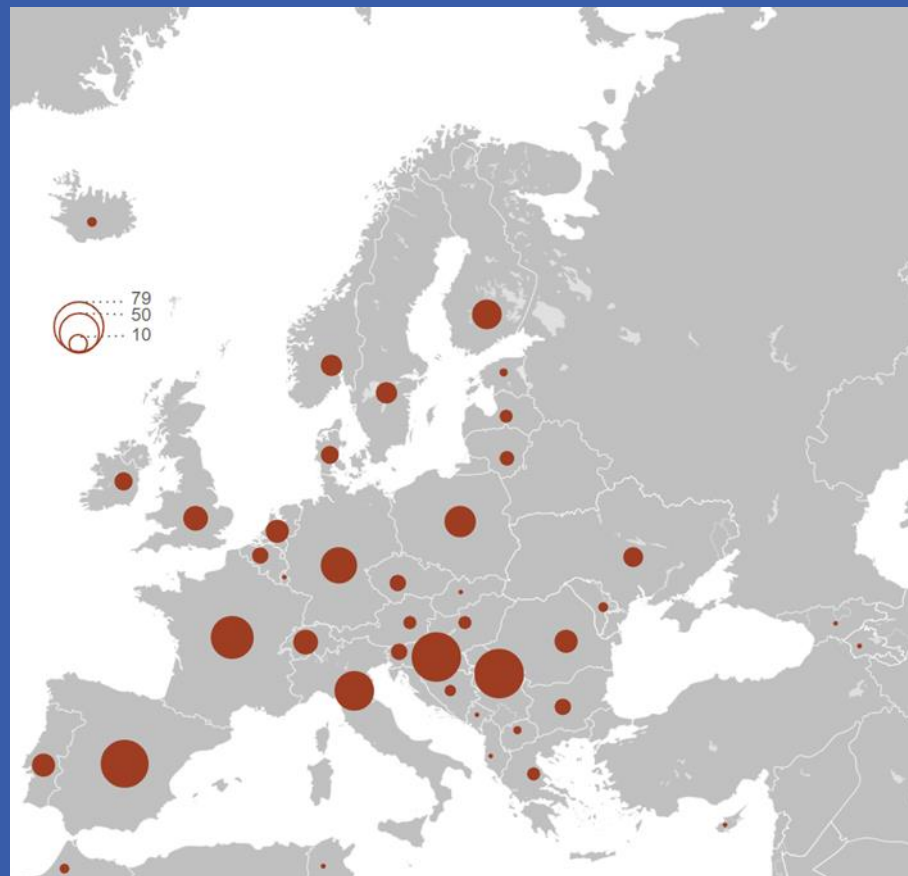


Figure 6, Survey responses per country,  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10022184>

# Areas of focus in survey



- 1. Governance and Editorial Management**
- 2. Open Science Practices**
- 3. Financing and Operations**
- 4. Visibility and Communication**
- 5. Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB)**

## Overall: what did we learn?

### Findings about Institutional Publishers (IPs)

- The typical IP is small and often isolated
- Needs better, more reliable, and more long-term financing
- 70% are willing to cooperate to save costs
- Needs support for aligning best practices and achieve sustainability
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science and good publishing practices

### The national level is very important

- The number of Diamond journals in a country has a strong correlation with a national organisation serving these journals and their IPs:
  - OpenEdition (France, 521 journals)
  - FECYT (Spain, 600 journals)
  - TSV (Finland, 150 journals)
  - HRCÁK (Croatia, 500 journals)



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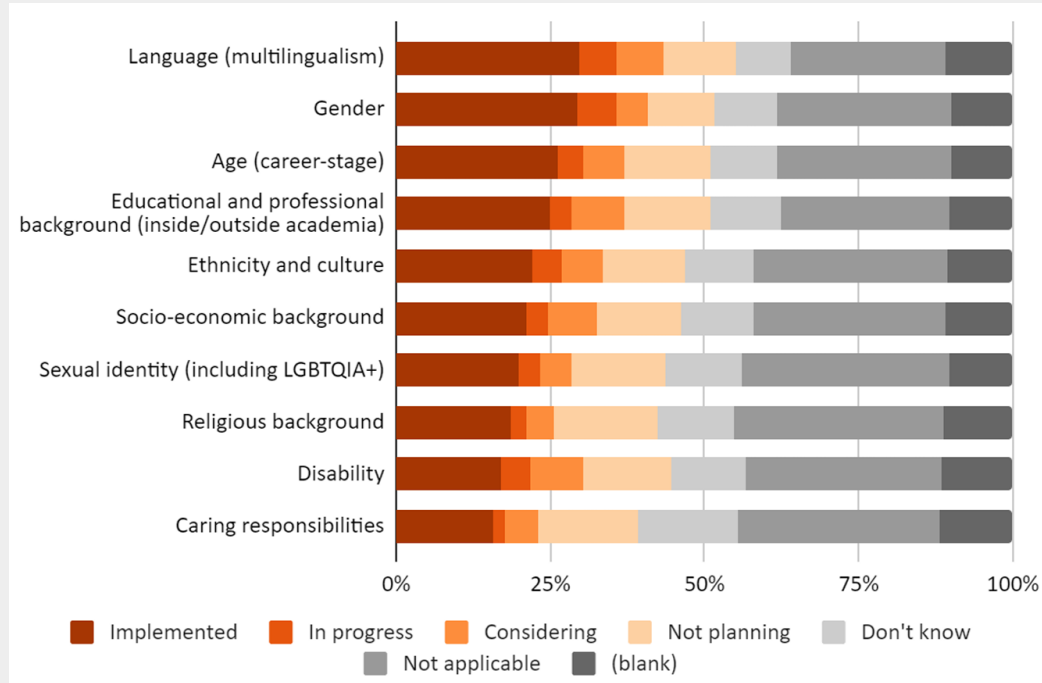
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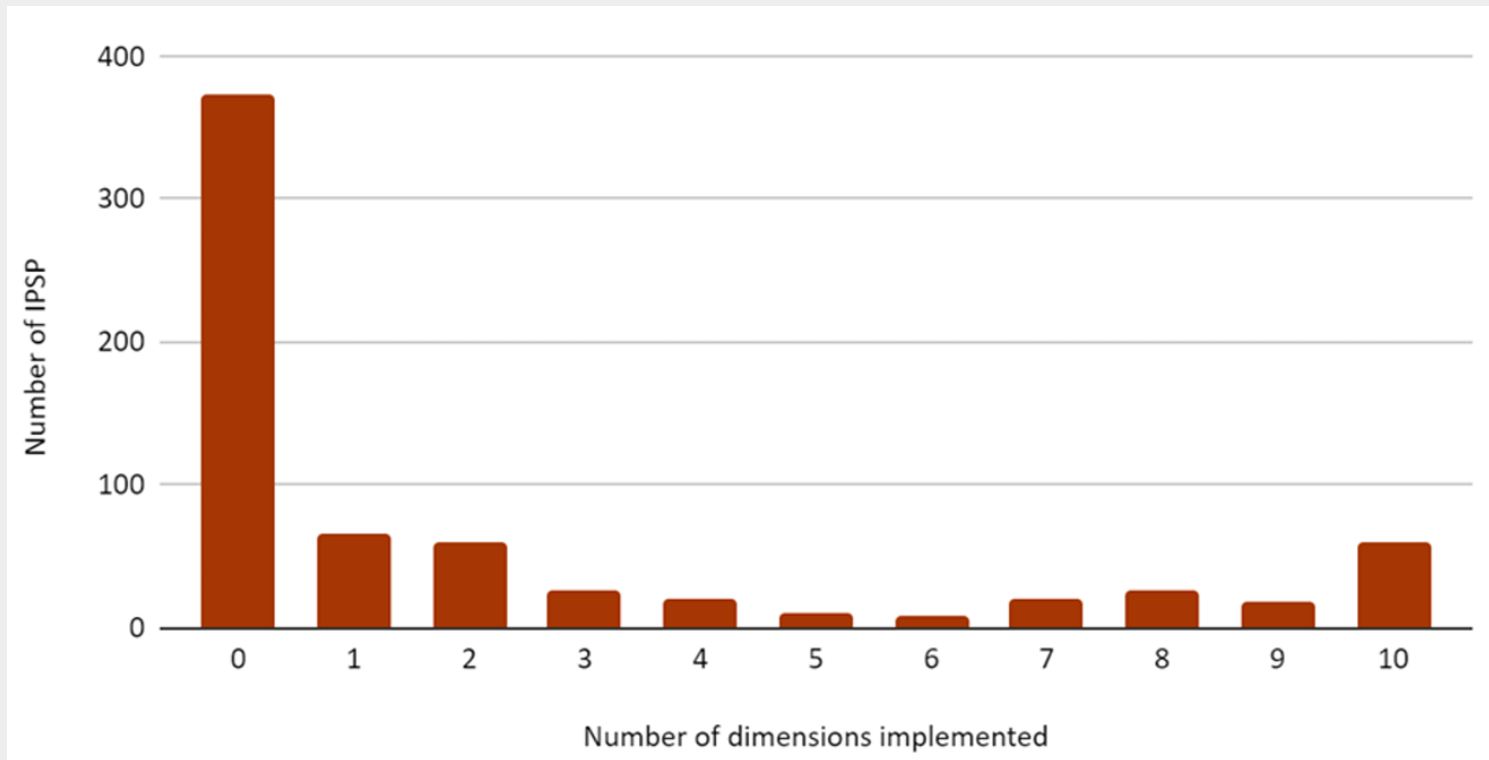
- The typical IP is small and rather alone
- Needs better and more stable, reliable, and long-term financing
- Needs partners to co-operate with
- Needs support
  - Competence must be made available
  - Advice on best practices and how to best align with these
  - Support on how to implement various practices and technical options
- Strong willingness to align with Open Science practices and good publishing practices

## Dimensions of equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging addressed

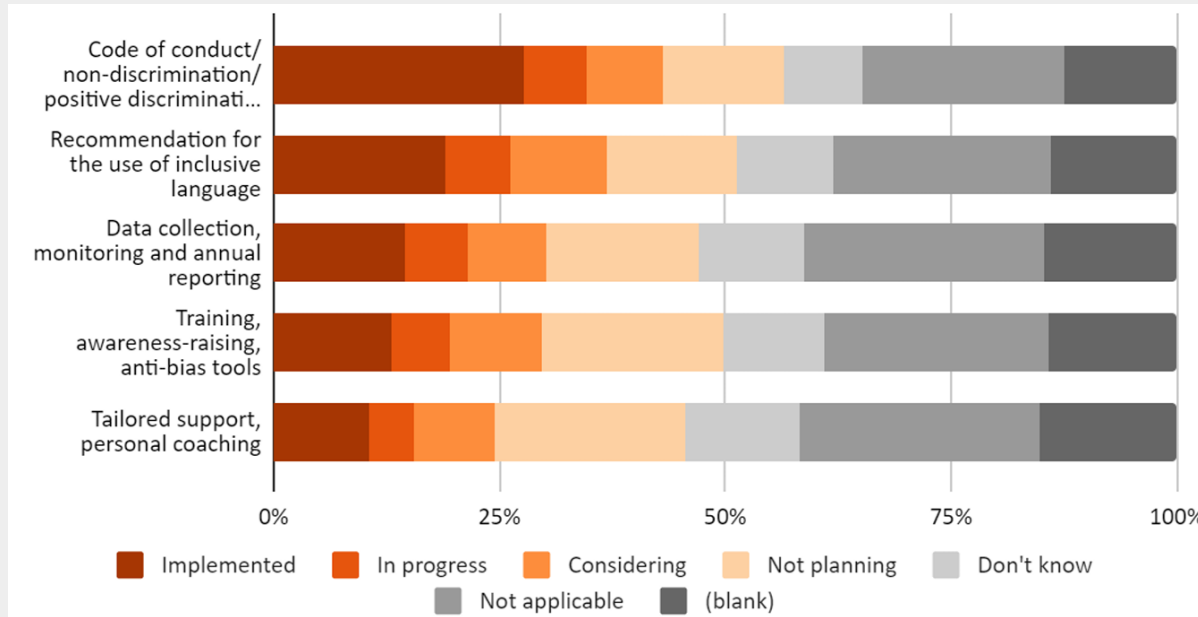


**“Considering the publications/services you provide (e.g., governance, editorial control, authorship), what dimensions of equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging does the IPSP address?”**

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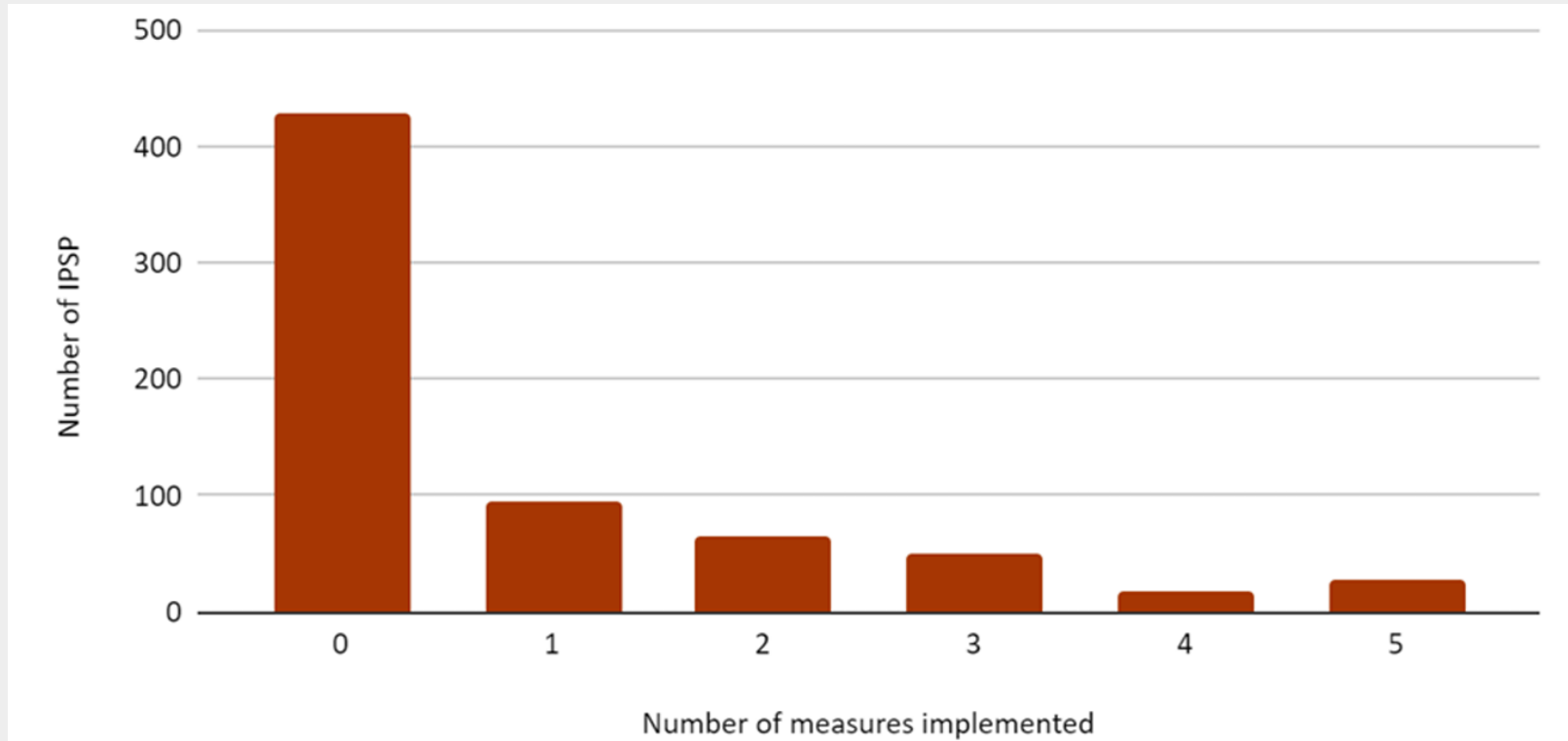


## Measures to promote equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging

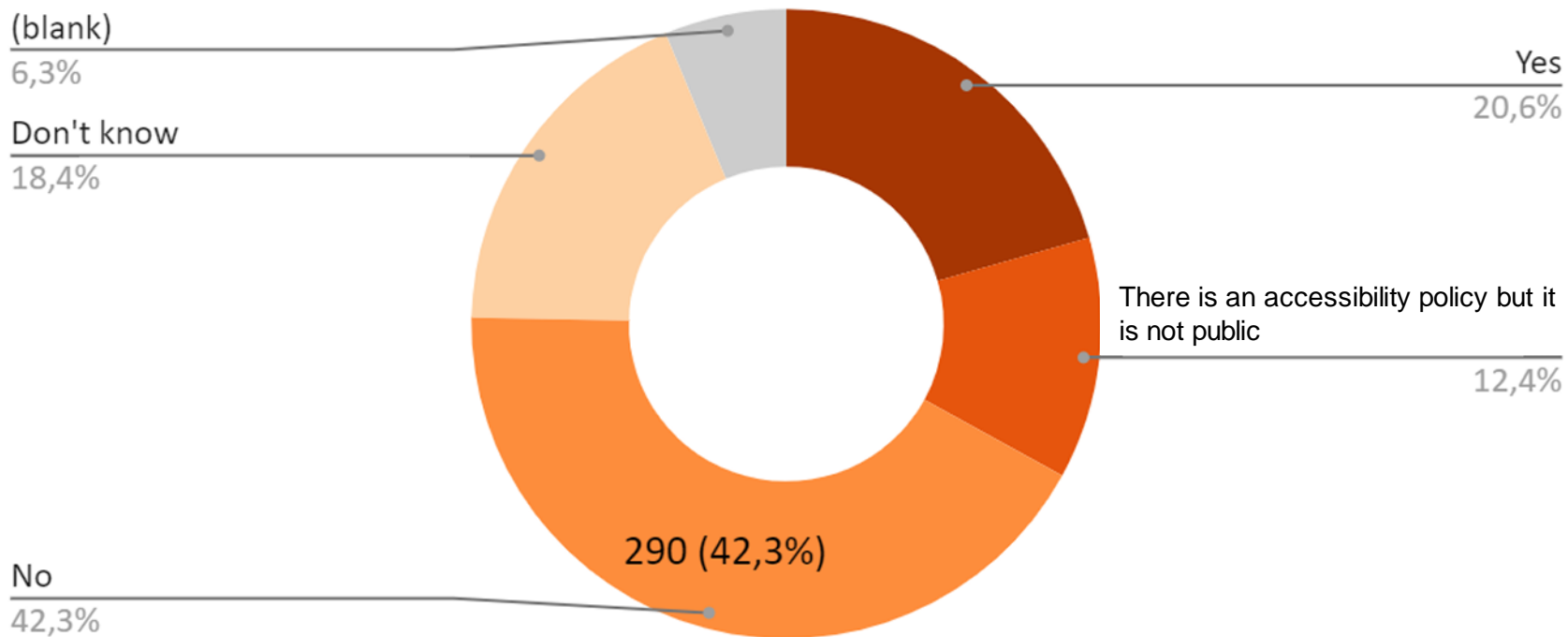


**“What measures has the IPSP taken to ensure and promote the selected dimensions of equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging?”**

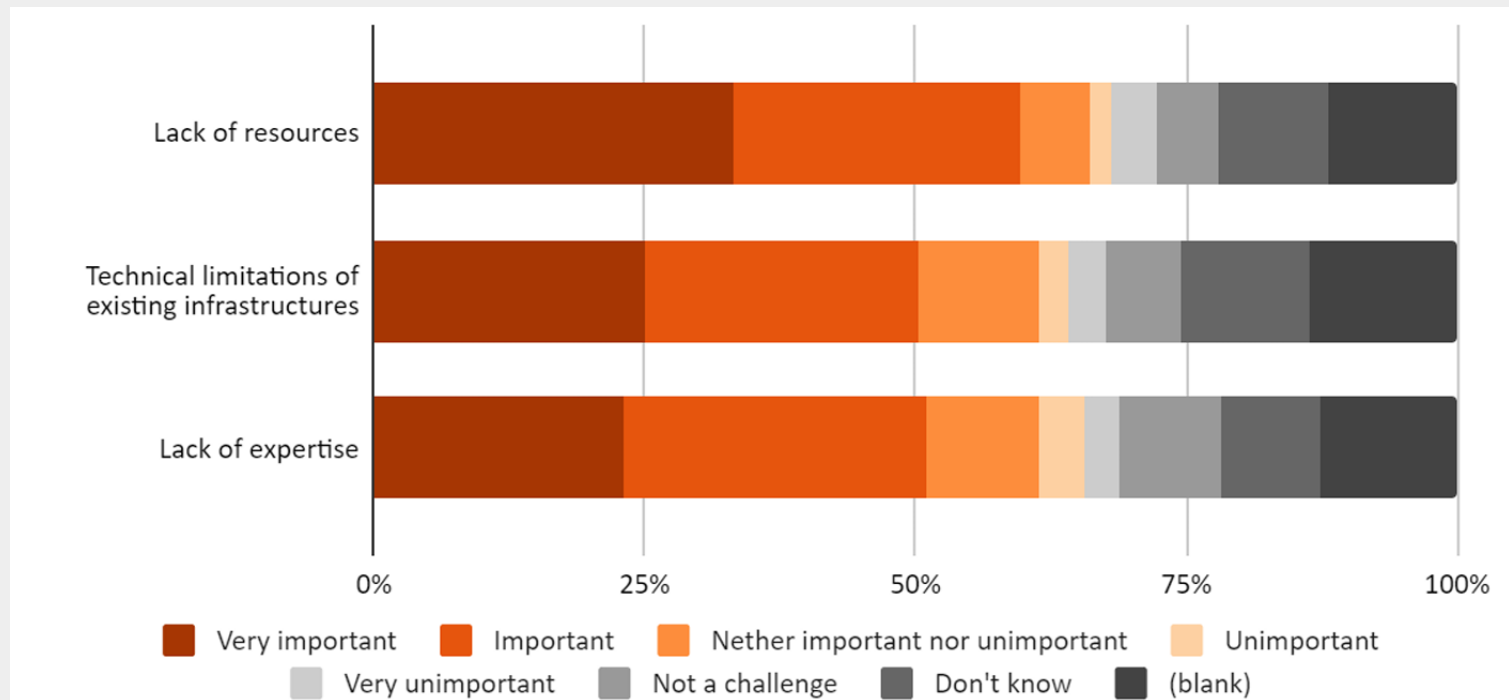
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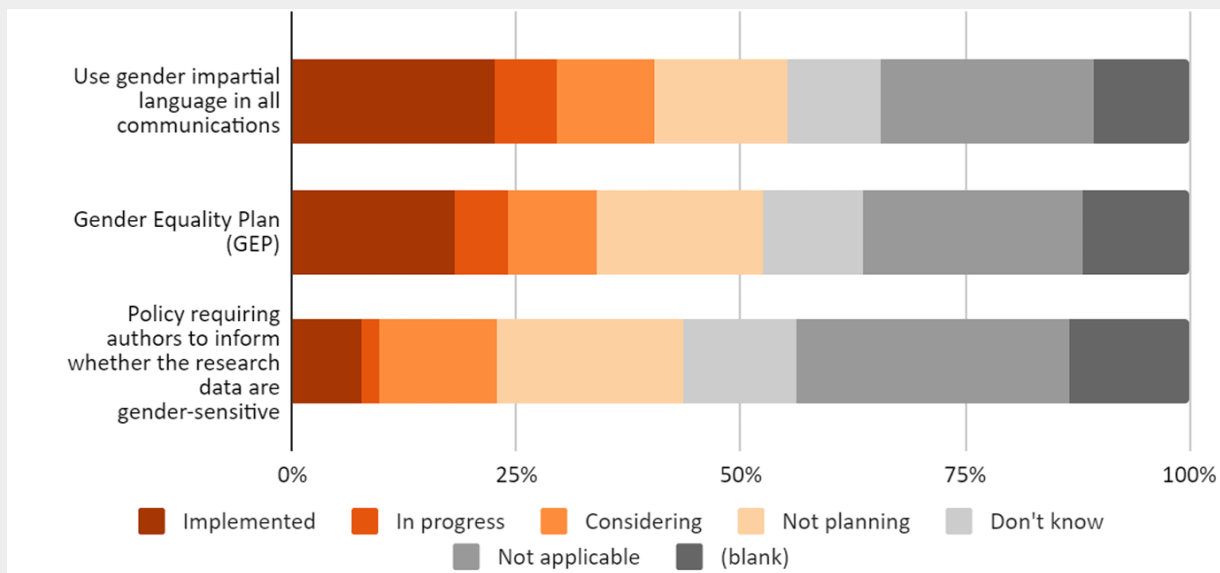
## IPSP platforms with a published accessibility policy



## Importance of challenges in meeting accessibility standards



## Measures taken to ensure and improve gender equality



**“What measures has the IPSP taken to ensure and improve gender equality in services provided by the IPSP?”**



## Summary

- Diamond OA publishing has a lot to develop in terms of EDIB practices and policies.
- As key outputs from the project will be short toolkit articles and guidelines for journals and publishers to read - we would very much like your feedback on them before they are finalized.
- Please follow: <https://diamasproject.eu/> for outputs and future events.



## D2.1 IPSP Scoping Report [10.5281/zenodo.7890567](https://zenodo.org/record/7890567)

Defining some concepts and giving a precise geographical definition

## DIAMAS Survey Questionnaire and Glossary [10.5281/zenodo.10207447](https://zenodo.org/record/10207447)

The English version of the Questionnaire used in the survey, and the accompanying glossary

## **D2.3 Final IPSP landscape Report: Institutional Publishing in the ERA: Results from the DIAMAS survey** [10.5281/zenodo.10022183](https://zenodo.org/record/10022183)

The full-length 237-page report including short country reports

## Institutional publishing in the ERA: Full country reports [10.5281/zenodo.10026206](https://zenodo.org/record/10026206)

A supplement to the above, with longer country reports for some countries

## **The European landscape of institutional publishing - A synopsis of results from the DIAMAS survey** [10.5281/zenodo.10551709](https://zenodo.org/record/10551709)

A short version of the full-length report

## **Institutional publishing in the ERA: Complete country reports** [10.5281/zenodo.10473494](https://zenodo.org/record/10473494)

A companion to the synopsis – the longer country reports for the countries that has one, and the shorter reports for the other countries

## DIAMAS survey on Institutional Publishing – aggregated data [10.5281/zenodo.10590502](https://zenodo.org/record/10590502)

Survey data aggregated on a level that allows us to share them