

# National Platform for Swedish Open Access Scholarly Journals

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## Financial and technical support for open access scholarly journals

A study within the remit of the National Library's national coordination mandate for open access to scholarly publications (Study 4)

*National Library of Sweden*



# Inquiry Report – 3 recommendations

The inquiry on financial and technical support for open access scholarly journals resulted in three main recommendations:

- That the Swedish Research Council should instigate a support grant for Open Access journals without subject area limitations.
- **That the National Library of Sweden should become responsible for building and maintaining a database for Swedish Open Access scholarly journals.**
- A shared responsibility between the National library and ? to provide support and guidance about publishing and open licensing.

# The Assignment

From the Swedish Government regulation letter 2020:

## **Technical support for Swedish Open Access scholarly journals**

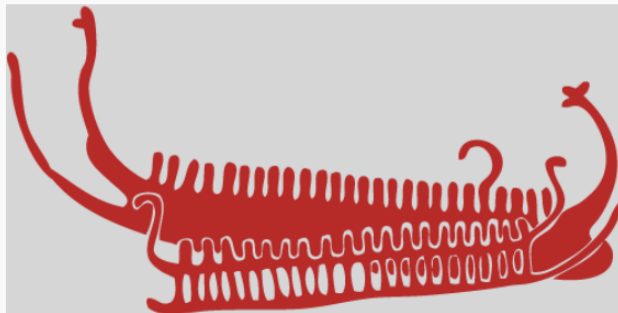
The National Library of Sweden shall set up and maintain a national digital platform for Open Access scholarly journals in Sweden. The assignment should be accounted for in the yearly report from the National Library in 2020.

# Welcome to Publicera!

A platform for Swedish scholarly open access  
journals.

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# The purpose



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The Platform should:

- Offer digital infrastructure support for journals while transitioning to Open Access by:
  - Providing full text articles and metadata according to the objective: immediate Open Access
  - Support journals to meet the requirements from essential databases such as Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and research funding organisations.
- Collecting, making visible, making available and archiving Swedish scholarly journals
- Support 'best practice' for the editorial workflow and thereby consolidate the credibility of the scholarly record.

# Digital infrastructure for journals, but not a publisher

- Voice from the consultation with editors: *"We want full editorial freedom and no control from the National Library over the content we publish"*
- Wording from a white paper from the Council of Science Editors:

*"Scientific and editorial ethics are founded on integrity, competence, and a responsibility to protect the communal and public interest." [...] Editors should have total responsibility, authority, and accountability for the scientific content of the journal, an arrangement that is usually referred to as 'editorial independence.'*

[...]

*The publisher, sponsoring society, or journal owner is usually responsible for financial and other management issues and business policies, but it should always recognize and accept the journal's scientific integrity and objectivity and the editorial independence of the editor, and it should not interfere in the assessment, selection, or editing of journal articles."*

# Requirements for using the platform

## Requirements

- Mainly publish content for an academic audience (peer review)
- Register metadata on article level for all content in Open Journals System (OJS)
- Immediate Open Access to all content (no embargo or rolling paywall)
- Use a Creative Commons license (CC BY is recommended, but others can be discussed)
- Use permanent identifiers (DOI is required, ORCID is recommended)
- Aim to get listed in Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) – see their guidelines

## Recommendations

- Follow guidelines about ethical editing and reviewing from Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Use OJS as the main manuscript management system
- Publish machine-readable article formats (PDF is required but XML strongly recommended)

# The 'Stakeholder Development Council'

- The 'Stakeholder Development Council' should:
  - Give advice about and participate in strategic discussions at a general level regarding the development of the platform and ensuring collaboration between stakeholders, aiming to support the National Library when making priorities
  - Act as advisors in terms of the needs of participating organisations or journals in relation to the platform
  - Contribute to the continued development of best practice guidelines of published material and metadata to ensure its quality
  - When needed, appoint working groups or reference groups for development of specific functions or guidelines for the platform users.



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# Current status

- The platform is working and we are accepting proposals from journals that wants to join
  - Three journals have been working with us as ‘pilots’ during the first iteration of the platform, and they have all published issues recently
- Currently setting up the agreement with CrossRef to act as an agent for minting DOIs
- A plugin to facilitate the feed to an long-term archive server and legal deposit server has been developed and implemented
- First meeting of the ‘Development Council’ takes place in November – to govern the platform work from 2022 and onwards
- Setting up the organisation at the National Library to run the service from 2022 and onwards – with technical support and ‘getting started’-support functions

# Thank you!

- Follow news from the National Library of Sweden about Publicera here <https://www.kb.se/samverkan-och-utveckling/oppen-tillgang-och-bibsamkonsortiet/open-access-and-bibsam-consortium/open-access/national-platform-for-open-access-journals.html>
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