UKB National Working Group on Open Access (WGOA)

This national working group hosts open access specialists from all over the Netherlands. In its bimonthly meetings, this group discusses the major developments in the field of open access all over the country, hence playing an important role in shaping the open access publishing policies for all Dutch universities.

Members of the working group:

- Heleen Palmen (UL) – Chair
- Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU) – Secretary
- Lisa Idebolo (TUe)
- Arjan Schalken (UKBsis)
- Rashmi Shetty (UU)
- Pascal Braak (UvA)
- Giulia Trentacosti (RUG)
- Dirk van Gorp (RU)
- Andrea Tarchi (EUR)
- Just de Leeuwe (TUD)
- Ron Aardening (UM)
- Chantal Hukkelhoven (WUR)
- Nicole Loorbach (UT)
- Beatriz Ferreira (TiU)
- Astrid van Wesenbeeck (KB)
- Hubert Krekels (Liaison UKB)

What are we working on in 2025?

UNL OPEN ACCESS STRATEGY

The WGOA takes an active role in mapping possible scenarios for a new UNL open access strategy, as well as facilitating the discussion around this topic. This is an on-going project, expected to continue also after 2025.
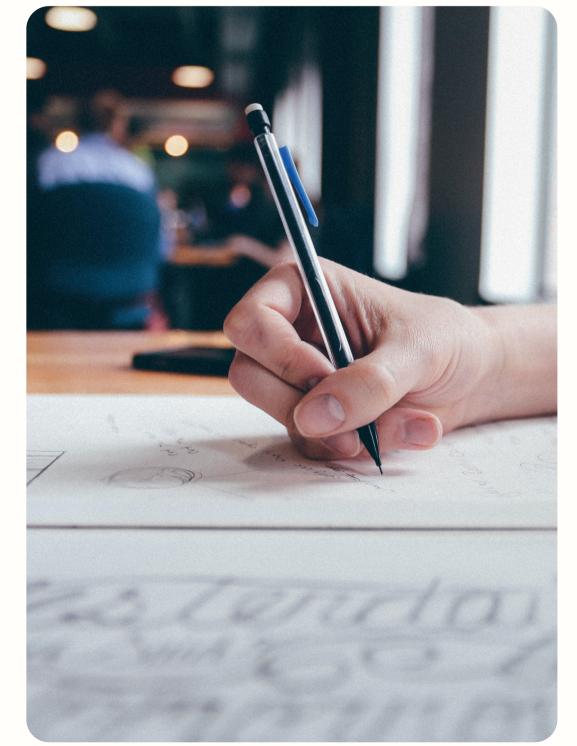

STRATEGY OPENACCESS.NL

The openaccess.nl website is the main point of reference for all policies and procedures related to OA publishing in the Netherlands. The website has now a new and improved design and outlook but still needs a longer-term strategy on its communication and advocacy objectives. In this subproject, we aim to set these goals in alignment with our overall OA strategy.

OPEN ACCESS POLICY FRAMEWORK

This subproject aims to deliver an inventory of existing and/or planned policies around (OA) publishing in Dutch Universities, with a focus on concrete official policies. Moreover, it will investigate the potential of the creation of a national framework for scholarly communication policy in Dutch Universities.

NATIONAL OPEN ACCESS BOOKS PLATFORM AND COMMUNITY

In 2024, this project set up the online community 'Netherlands Open Access Books' on Knowledge Commons. The community will serve as a dynamic hub where Dutch and international librarians can share experiences, best practices, innovative ideas, and solutions to navigate the complexities of open access book publishing. In 2025, the team will officially launch the platform and make plans for its long-term sustainability.

OPEN INFRASTRUCTURES

In this project we are exploring possibilities for collaborative funding to strengthen the sustainability of Open Access Infrastructures.

NATIONAL RIGHTS RETENTION STRATEGY

In this subproject we want to better understand the advantages and disadvantages of a broader rights retention policy in the Dutch context and its possible implementation in order to facilitate the discussion on secondary publishing rights on national and institutional level.