

WGOA annual plan 2025

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.

What are we working on in 2025?

1. National 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.

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2. 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.

Involved WGOA members: Andrea Tarchi (EUR) / Nicole Loorbach (UT) / Pascal Braak (UvA) / Beatriz Ferreira (UvT) / Astrid van Wesenbeeck (KB); with assistance from Hanna de Vries (UU)

3. National Rights Retention Strategy

In this subproject we will write a business case to assess 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.

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4. Framework OA policies

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 RRS and green OA for policy and strategy of Dutch Universities and in the longer term the creation of a national framework for scholarly communication policy in Dutch Universities.

Involved WGOA members: Dirk van Gorp (RU) / Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU) / Heleen Palmen (UL); with assistance from: Tessa de Roo (UL)

5. Open Infrastructures

In this subproject we are exploring possibilities for collaborative funding to strengthen the sustainability of Open (publishing) Infrastructures.

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6. 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.

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