

WGOA annual plan 2026

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 2026?

1. National Open Access Strategy

The WGOA takes an active role in developing a new UNL open access strategy, as well as facilitating the discussion around this topic. In 2026 we will strive to get the new strategy accepted and to start the first phase of implementation. This is an on-going project, expected to continue also after 2026.

Involved WGOA members: Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU) / Dirk van Gorp (RU) / Chantal Hukkelhoven (WUR) / Heleen Palmen (UL) / Giulia Trentacosti (RUG) / Rashmi Shetty (UU) / Ron Aardening (UM) / Pascal Braak (UvA); **led by Sander Bosch (VU)** and with assistance from Arjan Schalken (UKBsis)

2. 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.

Involved WGOA members: Heleen Palmen (UL) / Dirk van Gorp (RU) / Giulia Trentecosti (RUG) / Andrea Tarchi (EUR); with assistance from colleagues of the UKB WG AR (Copyright)

3. Open Infrastructures

In this subproject we are drafting a plan for collaborative funding to strengthen the sustainability of Open Infrastructures that support the advancement of open access.

Involved WGOA members: Anne van den Maagdenberg (VU); with assistance from Arjan Schalken (UKBsis) / Jeroen Sondervan (NWO/OSNL) and Irene Nooren (SURF)

4. National Open Access Books Platform and Community

In 2025, this project officially launched the online community '[Netherlands Open Access Books](#)'. 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 2026, the team will continue to add content to the platform, make plans for its long-term sustainability and explore ways to enhance its visibility.

Involved WGOA members: Beatriz Ferreira (UvT) / Chiara Livio (UU) / Fleur Praal (UL); with assistance from Susanne van Rijn (UNL project Strengthening support for Diamond Open Access)

Overige aandachtspunten / Other points of interest:

- **openaccess.nl**

The [openaccess.nl](#) website is the main point of reference for all policies and procedures related to OA publishing in the Netherlands. In 2026, openaccess.nl continues to develop in line with changes in scholarly communication. The platform focuses not only on informing the research community, but also on strengthening coordination between national stakeholders and increasing the visibility of Dutch contributions to open access across journals, books, and community-driven publishing initia

Involved WGOA members: Andrea Tarchi (EUR) / Beatriz Ferreira (UvT)

- **Communication about AI & openness**

We would like to keep in touch with developments around AI and its implications and opportunities for open access. We would like to see whether it's possible to set up a living guide and improve information about AI on openaccess.nl.

Involved WGOA members: Ron Aardening (UM) / Just de Leeuw (TUD)

- **Expand use of preprinting**

Expand use of preprinting and establish preprinting as a more standard pathway within the academic publication landscape.

Involved WGOA members: Dirk van Gorp (RU)