

UKB Working Group on Open Access (WGOA)



Facilitating the transition to Open Scholarly Communication

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.

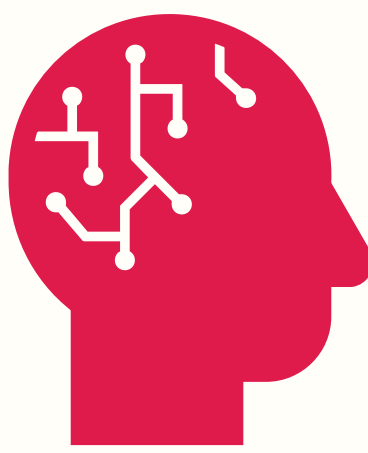
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- Heleen Palmen (UL) - Chair
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- Chantal Hukkelhoven (WUR)
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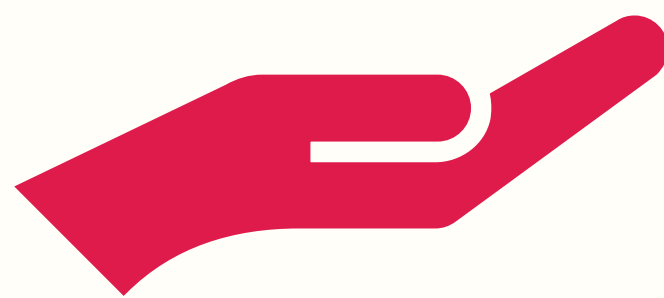
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Advice



Expertise



Support



Communication

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UNL OPEN ACCESS STRATEGY

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



OPEN (METADATA) INFRASTRUCTURES

In this group we are drafting a plan for collaborative funding of open metadata infrastructures, such as the DOAJ, that strengthen the sustainability of open infrastructures support and the advancement of open access.

NATIONAL RIGHTS RETENTION STRATEGY

In this subproject we will write a business case to assess what a rights retention policy in the Dutch context could bring and how its possible implementation could look like to facilitate the discussion on secondary publishing rights on national and institutional level.



OPENACCESS.NL

This 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 initiatives.

NATIONAL OA BOOK PLATFORM & COMMUNITY

The community serves 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.



COMMUNICATION ABOUT AI & OPENNESS

We aim 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.

PREPRINTING

We are working on expanding the use of preprinting and establishing it as a more standard pathway within the academic publication landscape.

Collaborations

