

## Erasmus Open Access Infrastructure Fund

OA Infrastructures are defined as tools, software, workflows, platforms, and digital services enabling free, open, and fair publishing. The EUR Library considers supporting OA infrastructures that meet the following minimum criteria.

### 1.1. General Conditions

- The infrastructure serves the broader academic community (internationally and nationally).
- The infrastructure supports core library functions: accessibility, sustainable preservation, metadata dissemination, discoverability, and quality assurance.
- The infrastructure is not primarily a publishing platform but may complement scholarly publishing.
- The infrastructure is scholarly-led and not-for-profit.

### 1.2. Evaluation Criteria

An infrastructure will be more favorably considered if:

- It is relevant to EUR researchers and demonstrably used or likely to be used by them.
- It replaces or enhances existing (commercial) services in a cost-effective, open way.
- It aligns with EUR's Open Science and research dissemination strategies.
- It maintains open, machine-readable metadata accessible via international indexes.
- It has transparent financial practices and a scalable service model.
- It has robust governance with community involvement and clarity on long-term ownership (i.e., advisory boards, user councils).
- It ensures authors retain copyright and supports open licensing (preferably [CC BY](#)).
- It adheres to the [European Accessibility Act](#).
- It is aligned with national and international initiatives, such as [SCOSS](#) or the [FAIR Principles](#).

### 1.3. Funding Decisions

Support can be short-term (e.g., seed funding) or long-term, with periodic evaluation. The final decision lies with the EUR Library Open Access Team and is subject to budget availability.