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Research funders and the transition to open access books

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Mission

- increase discoverability of OA books
- promote and build trust in OA book publishing

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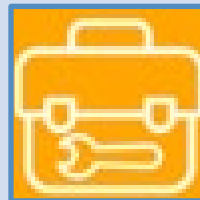
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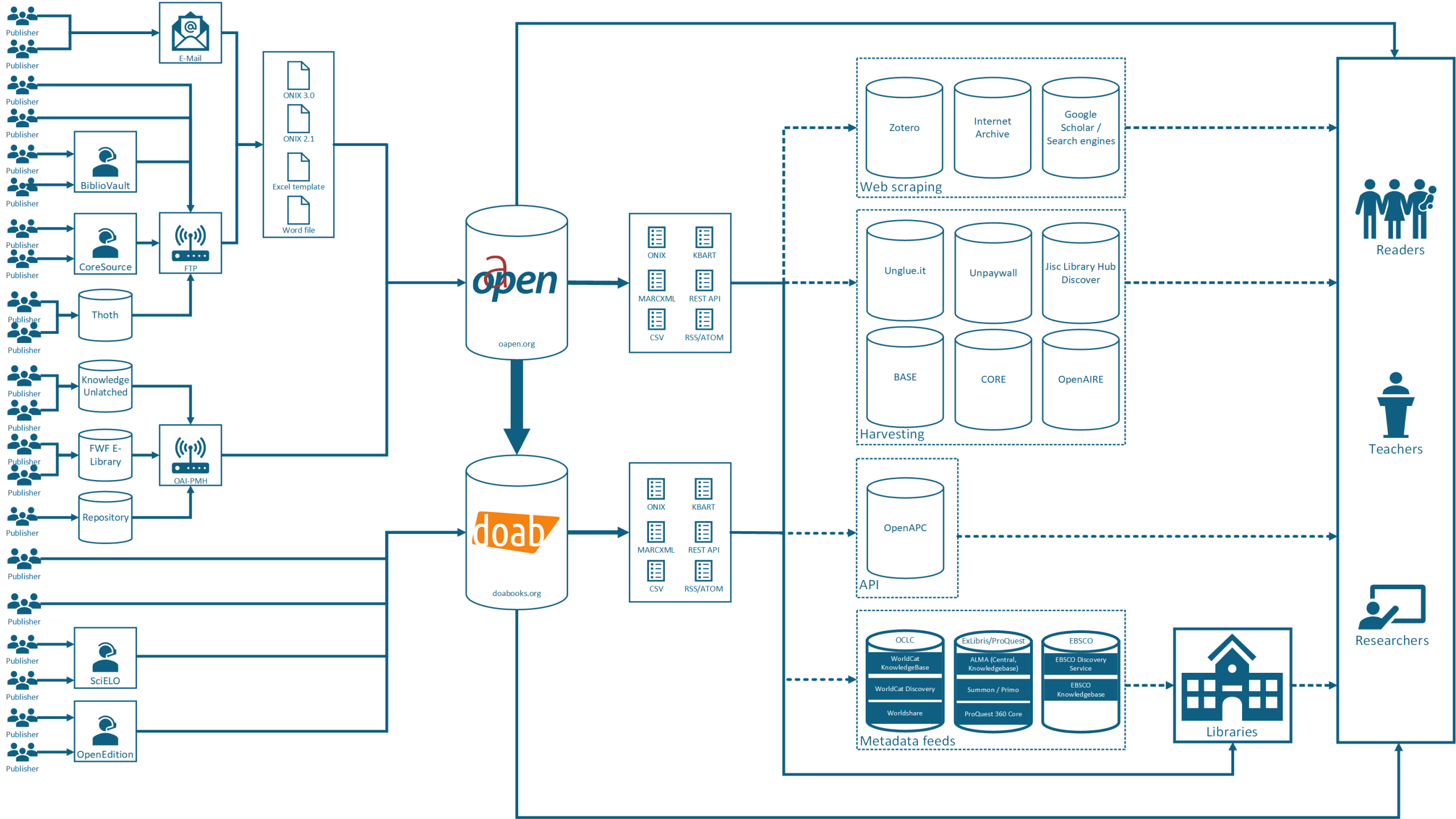
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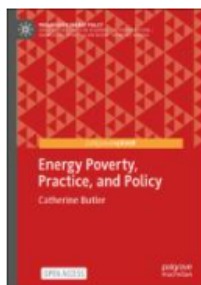
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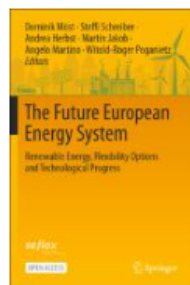
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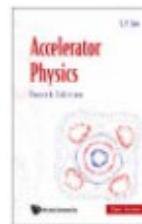
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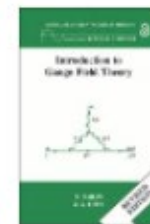
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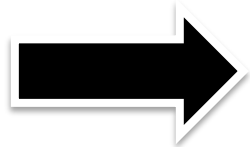


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Policy Alignment of Open Access Monographs in the European Research Area



What are the challenges preventing more research funders from including books in their open access policies and how can these challenges be overcome?



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Key project facts

- 16 partners from across Europe
- Co-Lead by OAPEN and OPERAS
- Runs from January 2023 to December 2024
- Funded through the Horizon Europe call: Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I System (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101094270>)



- [“A Landscape Study on Open Access and Monographs: Policies, Funding and Publishing in Eight European Countries”](#) (2016/17)
- [“Investing in the Open Access Book Infrastructure – A call for action”](#) (2021)
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- ERC-OAPEN-2019 project. Funder workshop and [feasibility study](#) (2022)

Background
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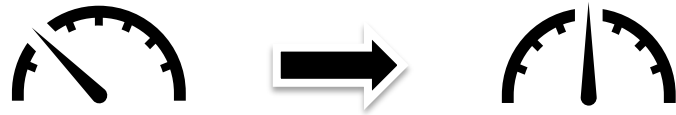
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PALOMERA project objective

Speed up the transition to open access for academic books by aligning and supporting funders to develop OA book policies and plans for their implementation and evaluation



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Specific Objectives (SO)



SO1

Investigate

Qualitative and
quantitative
data

SO2

Understand

PESTLE analysis



SO3

Engage

Validation events
Communication
activities

SO4

Support

Recommendations &
Resources



SO5

Bridge

International
engagement



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Expected results

- ✓ Knowledge Base on the OA book funding and policy landscape as an extension of the [OAPEN OA Books Toolkit](#) (SO1)
- ✓ Report covering the results of the analysis (SO2)
- ✓ Increased engagement around OA books through validation events and OA Books Network (SO3)
- ✓ Actionable and evidence-based recommendations & Funder Forum & Policy Development Tool concept (SO4)
- ✓ Engagement with international research funders (SO5)





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