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# Open Access Discovery project: Next steps for libraries

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# Goal

**To reflect on the findings from the Open Access Discovery project and discuss next steps to improve OA Discovery for your user communities.**

# Discussion topics

1. Selecting and adding OA to library collections
2. Users' skills and workflows
3. Creating and moving institutional metadata
4. Assessing OA discovery

# Selecting and adding OA to library collections

# What needs to improve

- Evaluating OA titles and collections
- Adding OA to library collections
  - Large amounts, duplicate records, dead links, etc.
- Representation of small Dutch publishers in knowledge bases and central indexes

# What is the opportunity

- Adding OA publications to library collections is likely to enhance their discovery
  - Library search page/catalog 3<sup>rd</sup> most common place where users search for scholarly, peer-reviewed publications
  - Users do not normally search IRs and OA platforms independently
  - OA publications are the most commonly searched for OA resource
  - Looking for an OA version is the most common response when unable to access full text

# Discussion questions

- 1) What is the main takeaway from the findings for your library (10 min.)
- 2) What are next steps for the larger library community to improve OA discovery? (15 min.)
- 3) Summarize discussion outcomes (5 min.)

# Users' skills and workflows



# What needs to improve

- Users' understanding how OA can fit into their discovery journey
  - Full-text is more important than OA until they hit a barrier to access
- Library services for finding full-text access
  - Need to be (and be perceived as) easier and faster to use – e.g., ILL, ask a librarian, OA browser extension

# What is the opportunity

- Enhance users OA skills from creation through use
- Identifying library-wide approaches to effectively integrate OA into users' workflows from creation through use

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# Creating and moving institutional metadata

# What needs to improve

- Creating metadata that is important for discovery of institutional OA publications
- Depositing a copy of the OA publication in the IR
- Not all institutional metadata is picked up and used by aggregations/search engines

# What is the opportunity

- Exposing CRIS/IR content to search engines, databases and discovery systems improves the discoverability of institutional OA publications
- National cooperation among stakeholders around repositories and aggregation is described as successful and provides a good basis for further consolidation

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# Assessing OA discovery



# What needs to improve

- OA policies: identify OA goals and priorities
  - OA publishing, information literacy, collection development, discovery, etc.
- Decide what you need to know about OA
  - Usage, impact, user behavior?
- Determine if/how you can work together

# What is the opportunity

- Knowing and justifying the impact of your efforts
- Improving OA discovery through continuous assessment of library practices

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# Break-out group discussions (30 minutes)

# Reporting back from the break-out group discussions



# Open Access Discovery

[oc.lc/oa-discovery-project](https://oc.lc/oa-discovery-project)