Webinar — Learning from national Open Access platforms

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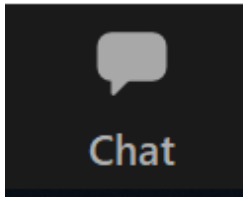

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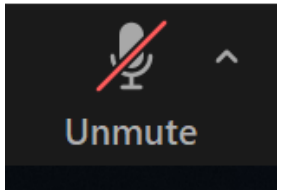

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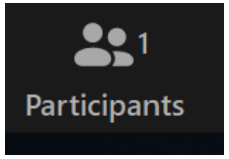

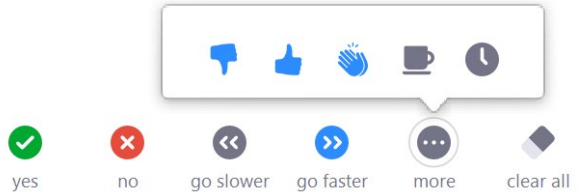

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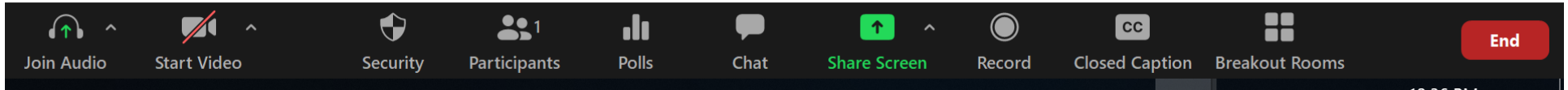

Agenda

1. **Introduction**
   (Ruth Hegarty, RIA)

2. **Presentation journal.fi**
   (Antti-Jussi Nygård & Sami Syrjämäki) (15 min)

3. **Presentation openjournals.nl**
   (Jan Willem Wijnen) (15 min)

4. **Q&A** (moderator – Ruth Hegarty) (25 min)

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What is Publish OA?

- A feasibility study for a national editorial management system and platform for books and journals that publishers want to publish Diamond Open Access

- Publishers, readers, authors and funders are the stakeholders

- Increased knowledge of the needs of publishers and authors to move towards Diamond OA publishing and a practical plan to achieve it

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What will we do?

- Feasibility report
- Digital directory of Irish publishers
- Landscape report of Irish publishing and of the requirements of publishers to transition to Diamond OA
- Publisher engagement, mentoring and a support programme
- National set of OA publishing principles and standards for publishers
- National set of OA publishing principles and standards for authors

Partners

Executive Partners	Readers	Publishers	Authors	Advisory Group
Royal Irish Academy Ruth Hegarty	Publishing Ireland incl. academic publishers	Irish Open Access Publishers	SDG Academy	Federation of Finnish Learned Societies
Trinity College Dublin	TU Dublin	Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies	University of Limerick	Openjournals.nl
	Munster Technological University	Technological University of Dublin	QUB	Directory of Open Access Journals
	Irish Humanities Alliance	Technological University of the Shannon	University of Galway	JSTOR

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Journal.fi

The Federation of Finnish Learned Societies

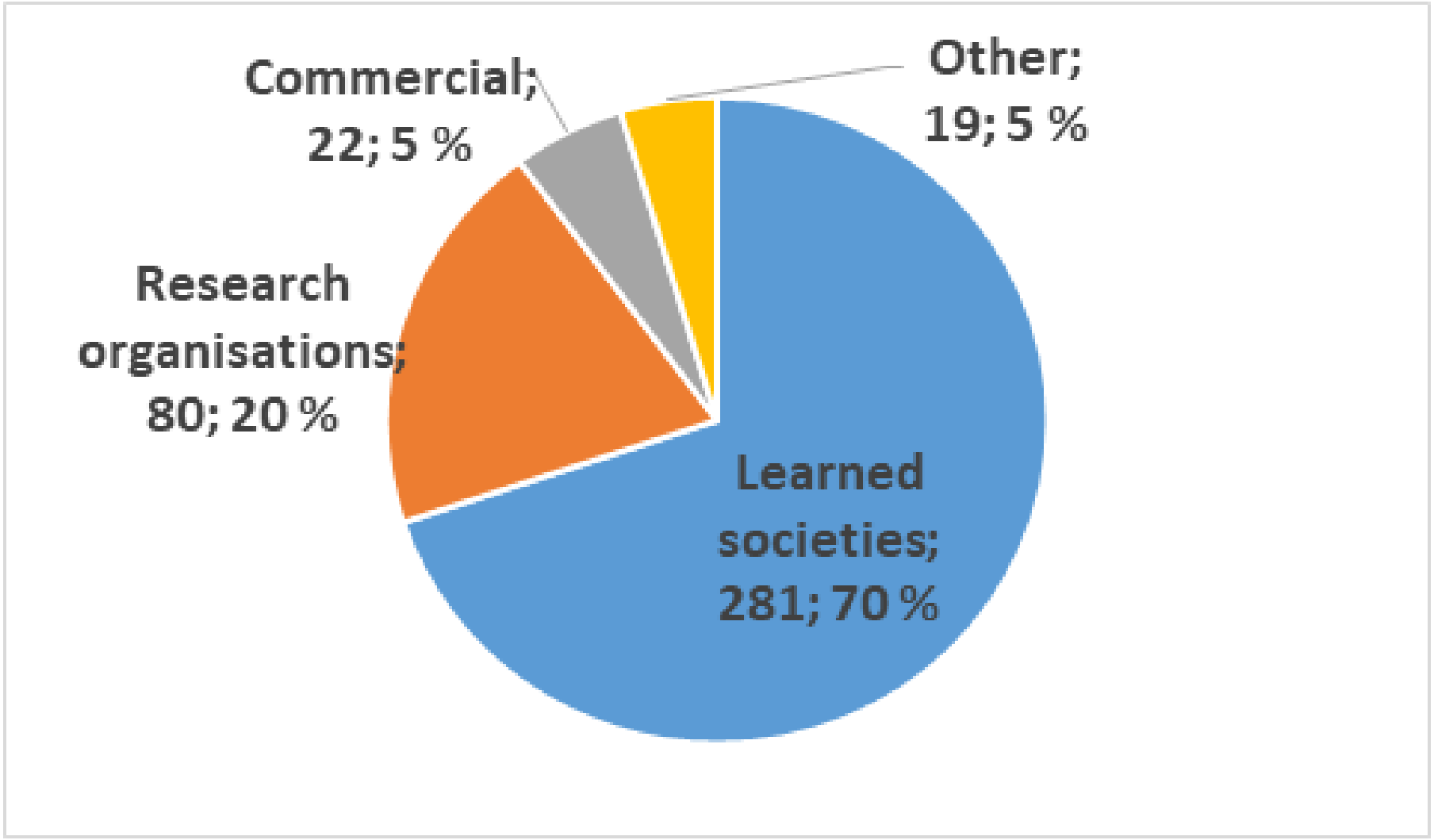
Federation of Finnish Learned Societies

- Established 1899: national co-operative body for learned societies in Finland
- Funded by the state 4 350 000 euros + some own income (360 000 e)
- Directs state publishing and conference subsidies (about 2 000 000 e)
- Staff: about 40 +/- 4 persons (in projects)
- 295 member societies + 4 science academies
- Law on Federation of Finnish Learned Societies mentions three basic tasks:
  - Advance co-operation between learned societies
  - Advance scholarly communication and learned publishing
  - Promote research based information in society
- Nowadays also running Publication Forum and coordinating open Science on national level
- What else? See: www.tsv.fi/en

Publishing services

- Bookstore Tiedekirja (annual turnover about 330 000 euros)
- Logistics central and storage for learned publications (about 200 000 books and journals)
- International exchange centre for scientific literature (based on UNESCO convention)
- Policy work nationally and internationally
- And today’s specialty: Journal.fi and Edition.fi

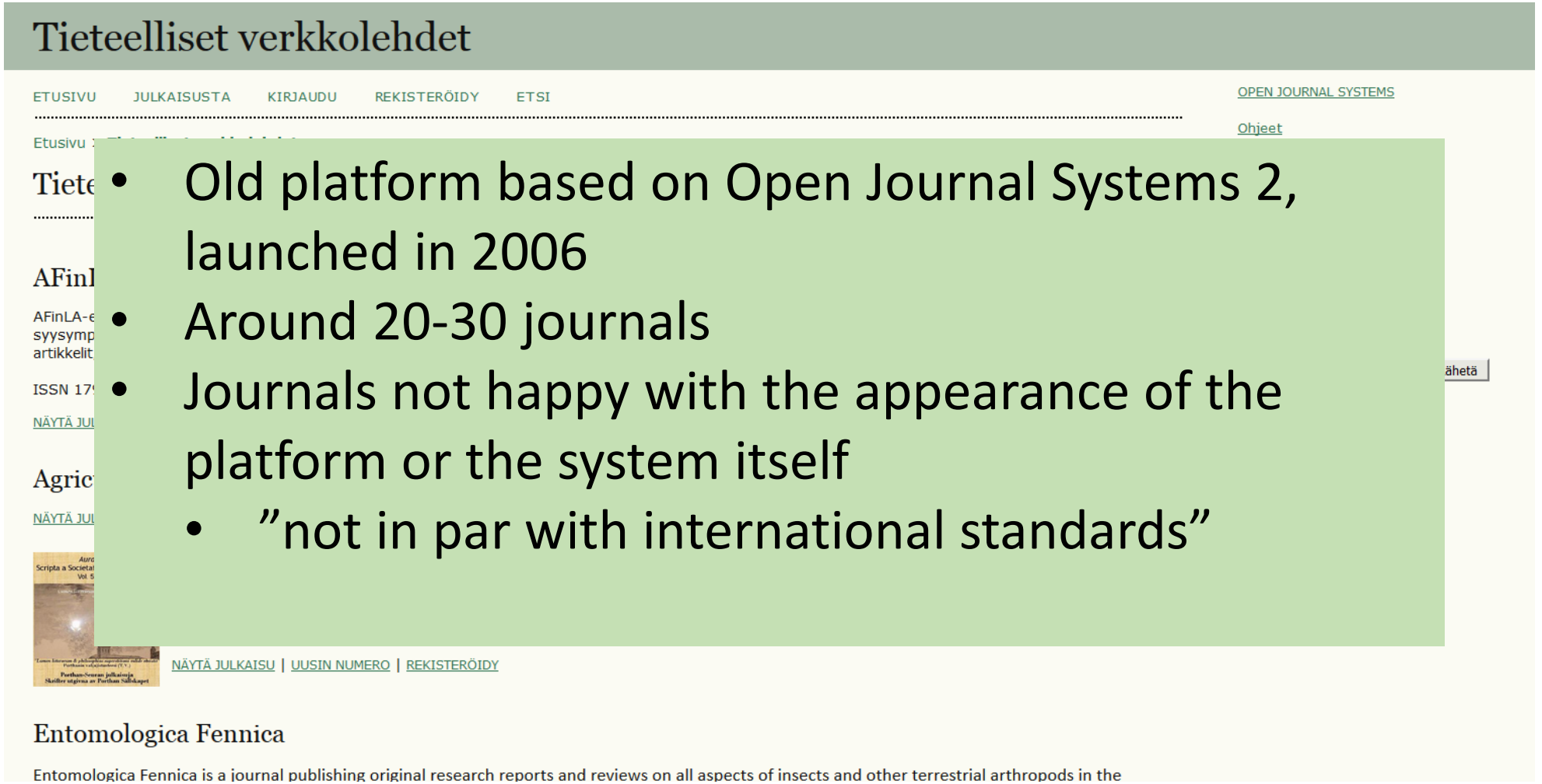
Finnish scholarly publishing landscape



Kotilava project (2015-2017)

- *Journal.fi* is a result of the *Kotilava* project
  - The National Library of Finland & the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies
- *Kotilava* project aimed to make the Finnish academic journals open in a sustainable way and to guarantee that their articles have a wide visibility and impact = *make journals flip to OA*
- Two subprojects:
  - 1) **The tech**: the development of a platform for cutting down the cost of publishing
    - Budget ca. 115 000 euros, mainly for development work
  - 2) **The money**: funding model for Finnish OA journals

Starting point: Scientific Journals Online



- Old platform based on Open Journal Systems 2, launched in 2006
- Around 20-30 journals
- Journals not happy with the appearance of the platform or the system itself
  - ”not in par with international standards”

Four areas of development

Appearance

- New brand: site name, logo, domain name
- Responsive and better looking layouts

Technical infrastructure

- Support for central OA standards like DOI, ORCID, DOAJ, CC etc. and also national services

Journal.fi

Maintenance

- Written agreements with journals
- Internal documentation for maintenance, updates and technical support
- Finnish instructions for OJS 3.0

System development

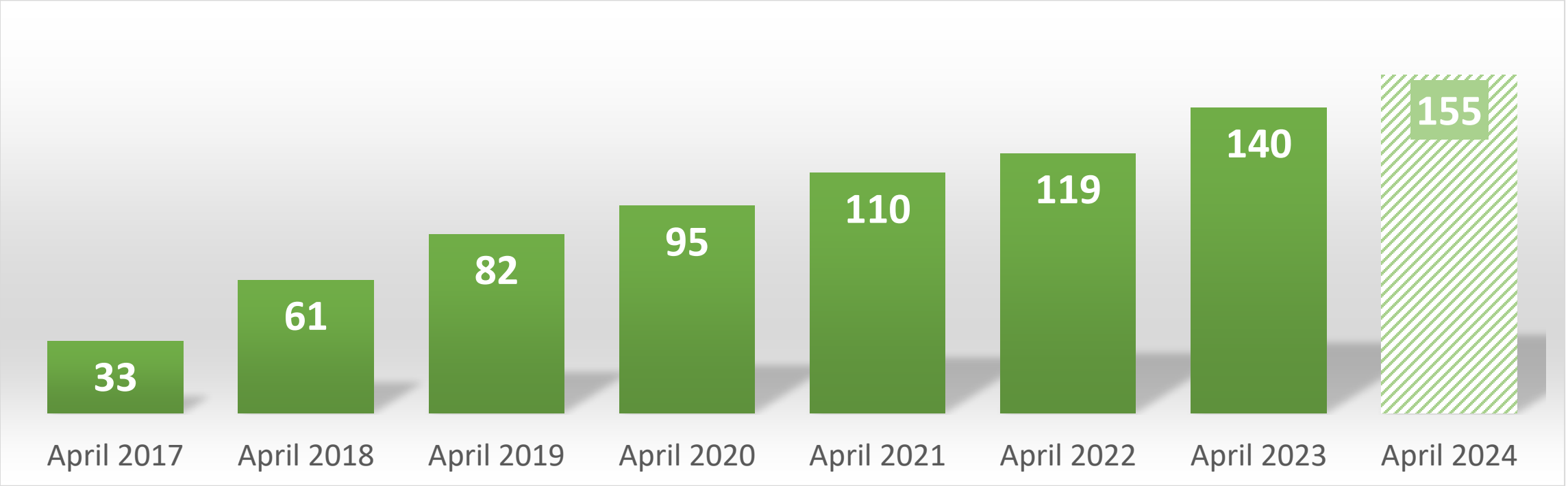
- Upgrading to OJS 3.0
- New Finnish translation for OJS
- Solving reported system deficiencies and bugs
- Creating new features to OJS

Journal.fi (https://journal.fi)

- Test upgrades from OJS2 in late 2016, OJS 3 Workshops for journals
- Launched in January 2017
- Mostly small journals with limited resources, published by member learned societies
- Not officially a national platform

- Based on Open Journal Systems 3 (https://pkp.sfu.ca/)
- Both a platform for publishing journal articles and a tool for editorial work
  - around 30-40% of journals use the editorial workflow
- Hosted on our own server

How many journals in Journal.fi?



- ”Natural growth”, a clear need for a publishing platform
- ca. 120 Diamond OA journals (no APCs)
- ca. 20 with embargo

Journal.fi: criteria for acceptance

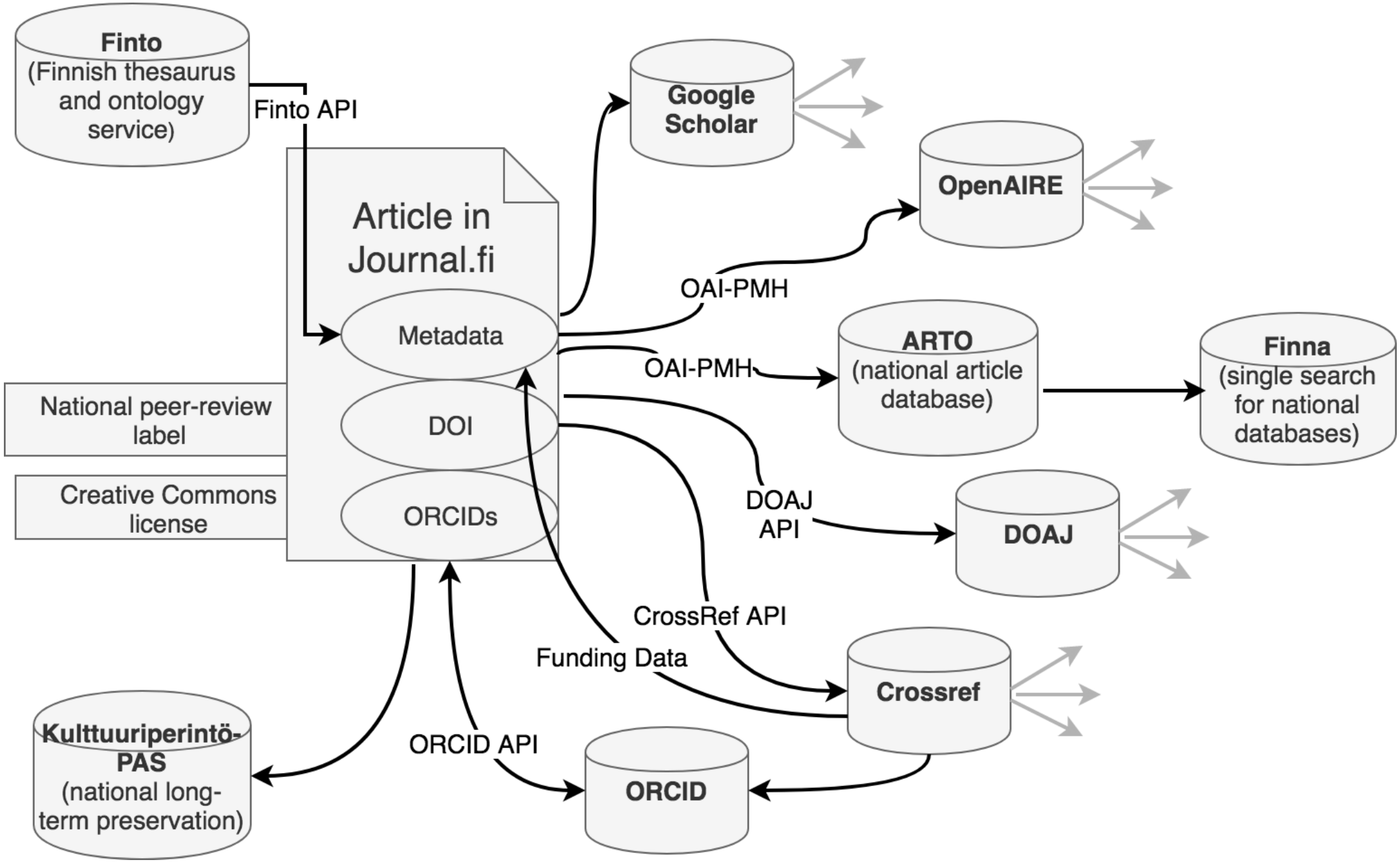
- Publisher has to be Finnish or at least major co-operation with Finnish organisation has to take place
- For member societies:
  - Open, but one year embargo allowed
  - Journal may use only the editorial workflow and publish elsewhere
  - All journals published by member society accepted
- Other publishers
  - Immediately open, no embargo allowed
  - Only peer reviewed journals
- Signed contracts with journals/publishers
- Service is free for member societies, a nominal price for others (about 200 e / year)

Journal.fi: support

- Our support includes:
  - A shared platform and system upgrades
  - Coding services (has to benefit all journals)
  - Online technical support (mostly OJS questions)
  - OJS Workshops for new editors
  - Written guides

- Staff: 1,5-1,7
  - One full time, three employees partly involved in technical support, OJS workshops, management of agreements and server maintenance
  - Platform budget is part of the IT department budget at the Federation

- Actively contributing to the OJS core and maintaining some key plugins for the system available for all OJS users
  - Important part of using an open source software is being a part of the community!
  - Long-term support: making sure the software thrives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(Finnish thesaurus and ontology service)
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DOI
ORCIDs
National peer-review label
Creative Commons license
Google Scholar
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Survey of Journal.fi -users

Role	Users	Share
Student	266	40 %
Researcher	240	36 %
Private citizen	52	8 %
Other expert	49	7 %
Teacher	35	5 %
Journalist	9	1 %
Civil servant	7	1 %
Entrepreneur	8	1 %
Politician	2	0 %
All users	668	100 %

- Just before library lockdowns
- The two largest groups were students (40%) and researchers (36%), followed by private citizens (8%), other experts (7%) and teachers (5%).
- Other identified user roles include journalists, civil servants, entrepreneurs and politicians.

The OpenAccess publishing platform
for scholarly, peer-reviewed journals

Openjournals

Introduction

- Dutch diamond open access platform for scholarly journals
- Launched in 2021, https://openjournals.nl
- Currently 26 journals, adding one new journal every month
- Mainly in humanities and social sciences, but also medical
- For university press, professional organisations, health organisations, independent editorial boards

Openjournals

How it started:

- Project proposal from OA advocates to NWO (Dutch Research Council)
- Develop a DOA platform for journals, particularly in humanities/social sciences
- Platform is infrastructure, journals remain independent
- Part of a wider discussion on Open Science in the Netherlands: NPOS2030
- Seed funding provided by NWO (Dutch Research Council) 2020-2023
- Additional funding from journals and universities

Openjournals: Organisation, governance, reporting

Organisation, governance, reporting

- Now
  - Small project team (project manager, functional support, communication), 1.3 FTE
  - IT support (30-40 hours/month)
  - Steering committee, reporting to NWO
  - Based at research institute (“Huygens Institute”)

- Preparing new structure:
  - Management team
  - Supervisory Board representing all large stakeholders/financers
  - User board

- But who is ultimate owner of openjournals?
- Future owner/organisation/governance/funding

Openjournals: Standards

Standards

- Participating journals are DOAJ registered or work towards registration.
- Diamond open access model
- Agreements with journals in place, also defining/defining open access, licenses, copyright, archiving
- We advise on other indexing services.
- Eager to assist journals in raising standards and/or modernise journals
- Some journals contain more than scientific papers, also have society news

Openjournals: Business Model

Business model

- Openjournals financed by:
  - NWO (Dutch Research Council), through 2 grants, covering ~50-60% costs
  - Some universities provide more support, as part of their own Open Science ambitions
  - Journals (boards, society, university) pay annual fee (now € 3,000)

- Now developing sustainable model, based on shared interest of stakeholders

- Costs openjournals:
  - 1.5 - 2 fte plus IT support, about € 200k/year (including overhead)

- Costs to journals:
  - Annual fee to openjournals, typesetting, editorial assistance, design, communication

Openjournals: Platform and Costs

Platform

- PKP-OJS software (open source software), maintained by local team (~30-40 hours/month)
- PKP-OJS software used by over 30,000 journals worldwide, large community, also large platforms
- Two parts: (1) editorial workflow (2) publication
- No copyediting and typesetting (outside system)

Openjournals: Engagement

Engagement

- Website with news items, newsletters, social media
- Active outreach to connect to new journals
- Interact with main stakeholders (universities, libraries, funders)
- Users day
- National open science events
- Clear position in NPOS2030 plans

Openjournals: Future

Future

- New funding secured for 2023-2028, for implementing growth plan:
  1. *More journals (growing to 80 journals in 2027)*
  2. *More functionality (existing and participate in development)*
  3. *More services (editorial support, promotion, industry standards)*
  4. *More collaboration (among journals, internationally)*
  5. *More outreach (to wider audience)*

Openjournals: Lessons Learnt

Lessons learnt

- Useful to work with OJS, with large community, active forum, well documented
- Manage expectations of editors/journals, be prepared to guide editors/journals
- Long-term plan

More information?

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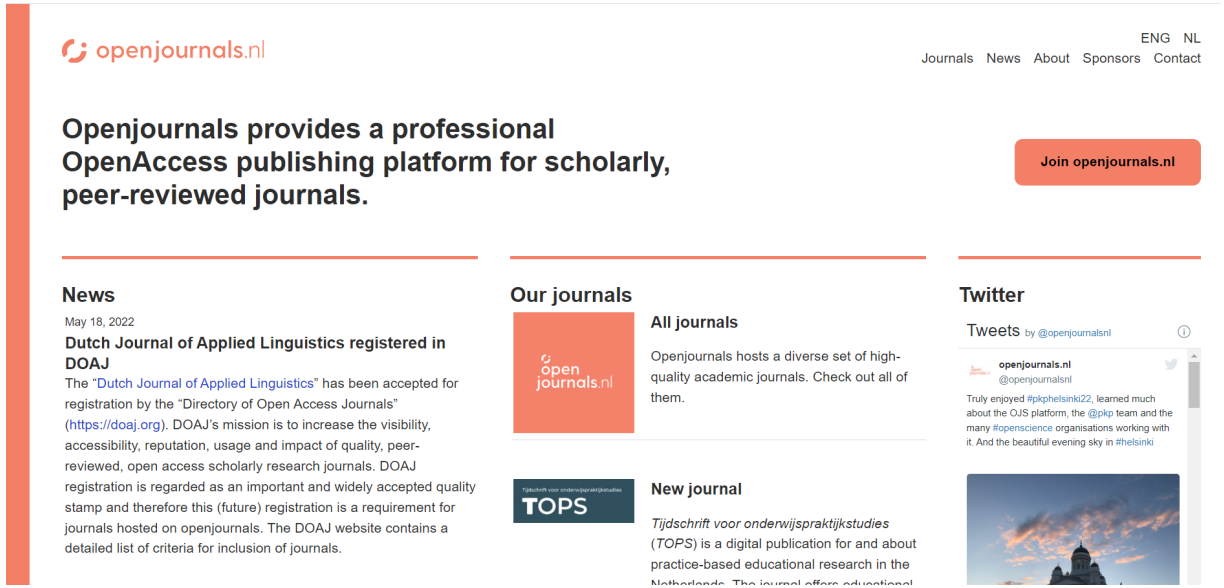
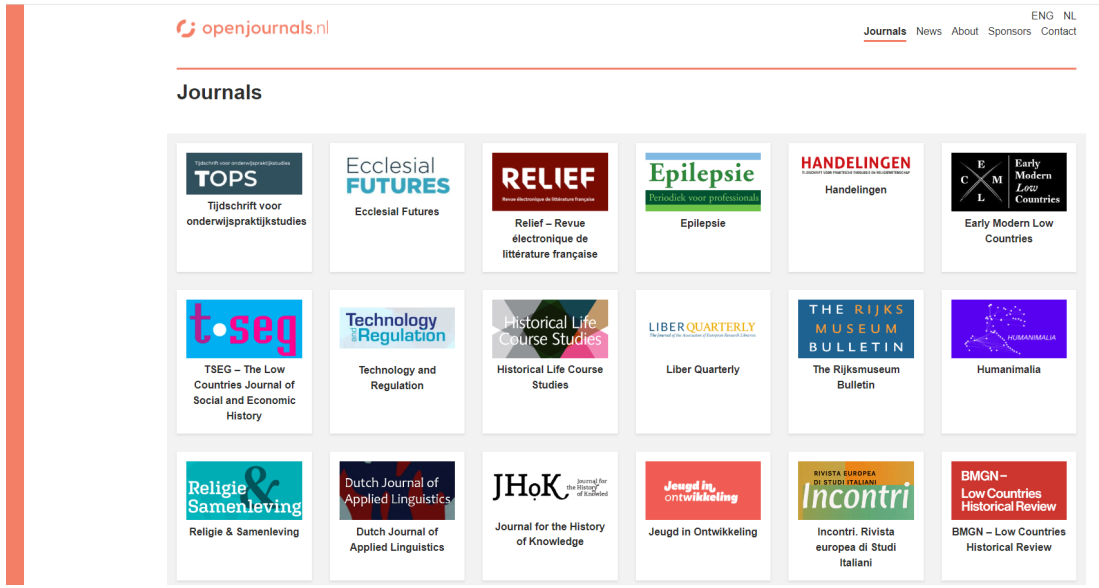
https://openjournals.nl





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