SCOSS
SUSTAINING THE OPEN

Your institution can make a difference by contributing to collectively funding open infrastructure

We invite support from individual organisations. A number of individual libraries have adopted the SCOSS model to directly fund selected infrastructures, making pledging to open infrastructures standard practice.

Ways to Contribute

You can support the SCOSS-endorsed infrastructures in a variety of ways:

- ✅ One-time contributions
- ✅ Longer-term contributions
- ✅ Donations
- ✅ Memberships
- ✅ More!

How to Contribute

Review the list of vetted Open Science infrastructures on our **who to fund** page.

Choose those that you want to support and either contact them directly or contact SCOSS: **info@scoss.org**.

Determine your support level using the suggested tiered pricing, or customize it based on your local needs and resources.

SCOSS Impact

As of 2024, over 345 institutions have pledged support for SCOSS-endorsed, non-commercial, Open Science infrastructure, raising over 6.4M Euro for 15 infrastructures.

Short-term

Through SCOSS's 3-year campaigns, infrastructures have received funding from institutions to undertake activities that have strengthened their core operations. These funds cover costs typically overlooked by traditional funding streams (see Aug 2024 SCOSS blog post), such as upgrading legacy software, purchasing hardware, stabilising their governance model, or hiring staff. Here are some examples:

arXiv hired key staff, including a community engagement manager, software developers, a project manager and documentation specialist and they updated their legacy code.

DOAJ made a significant impact in reducing their backlog, expanding their ambassador network, and training editors to improve application quality.

DSpace hired a part-time coordinator to oversee management and community engagement for the DSpace global community.

OpenCitations developed governance documents, formalised their organisation, recruited a software developer, and streamlined operations by creating a unified index.

PKP/OJS hired staff who played a key role in expanding their membership base, partnerships, and hosted clients.

LA Referencia undertook a crucial project to support the broader Open Infrastructure ecosystem, completing the first phase of dARK, a PID solution for low-resourced institutions globally.

Long-term

SCOSS's long-term impact has been to transform funding models to better support open infrastructure. SCOSS has facilitated the development of relationships and partnerships that help infrastructures secure longer-term support.

What is SCOSS?

The Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS) provides a framework that enables support to community-led, open non-commercial services and infrastructure. Each year, SCOSS rigorously assesses applications from non-commercial, Open Science (OS) infrastructures and endorses a select few. These infrastructures set a funding target and SCOSS connects them with funding partners (primarily libraries and their consortia to date) to build a relationship, which we hope will continue well into the future. SCOSS also helps solidify the OS infrastructure ecosystem by connecting and supporting its infrastructures through common SCOSS Family activities.

Mission

We create connections to sustain vital Open Science Infrastructure.

Vision

A world where research is supported by a sustainable and thriving ecosystem of Open Science Infrastructures

Values

- Community-led
- Expert-driven
- Global in reach
- Collaborative
- Equitable and inclusive
- Practical and outcome-driven

Contact us to learn more. info@scoss.org