

What is OA and how to be indexed in DOAJ

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What is OA?

- **Is your journal OA?**
- **How open is your journal?**

What is OA?

- **All rights reserved**
- Neither copying and distributing nor creating derivative works is permitted without the explicit permission of the rights holder.
- **Some rights reserved**
- Rights holders choose among a variety of licenses ranging from very restrictive to very permissive ones, to decide which rights are granted freely and which are reserved for individual agreements.

(https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Open_Content_-_A_Practical_Guide_to_Using_Creative_Commons_Licences)

What is OA?

- **Licensing**
- Grant a third party (anyone else except the right holder) the right to use a copyright-protected work.
- Users are aware what they can do, which obligations they have to comply with and what they should refrain from doing.

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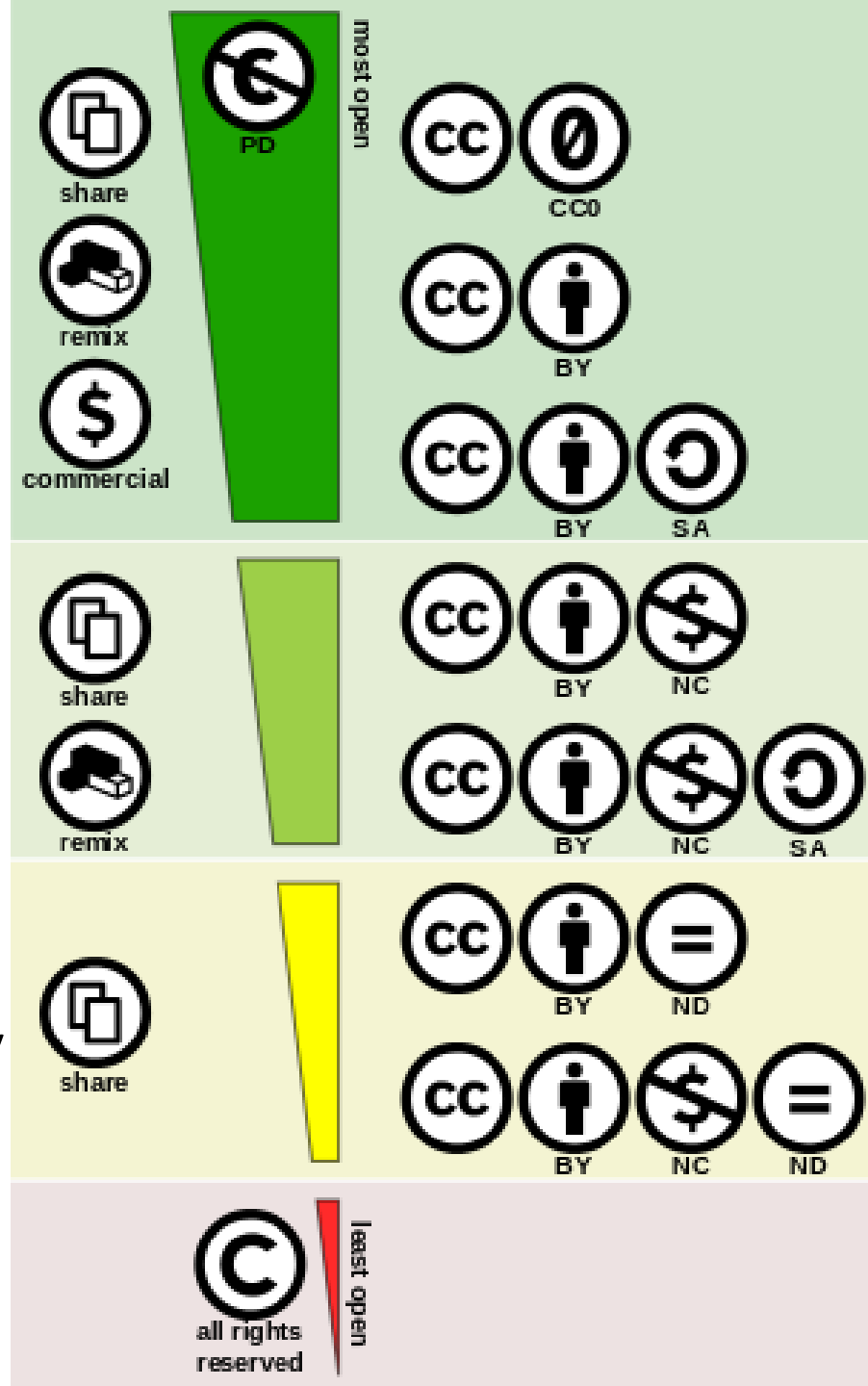
What is OA?

- **Creative Commons licenses**

- **BY:** Attribution
- **SA:** ShareAlike
- **NC:** NonCommercial
- **ND:** NoDerivatives

(<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/?lang=en>;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creative_Commons_license)



What is OA?

- **BOAI definition**
- By "open access" to this [research] literature, we mean its free availability on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself. The only constraint on reproduction and distribution and the only role for copyright in this domain should be to give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited.

(<https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/boai15-1>)

What is OA?

- **There exists a variety of OA**
- **OA ≠ Free to “read”
immediately upon publication**
- **OA = Free to “read”
& “copy, print, distribute with/without conditions”
(& “remix, transform, build upon with/without conditions”)
immediately upon publication**

What is the DOAJ?

- A virtual, multi-national organization with representatives all over the world
- Quality gold open access peer-reviewed journals included across all scholarly disciplines in all languages
- Community-curated not-for-profit database
- Supported entirely by donations or sponsorship
- 100% independent
- Services are free!

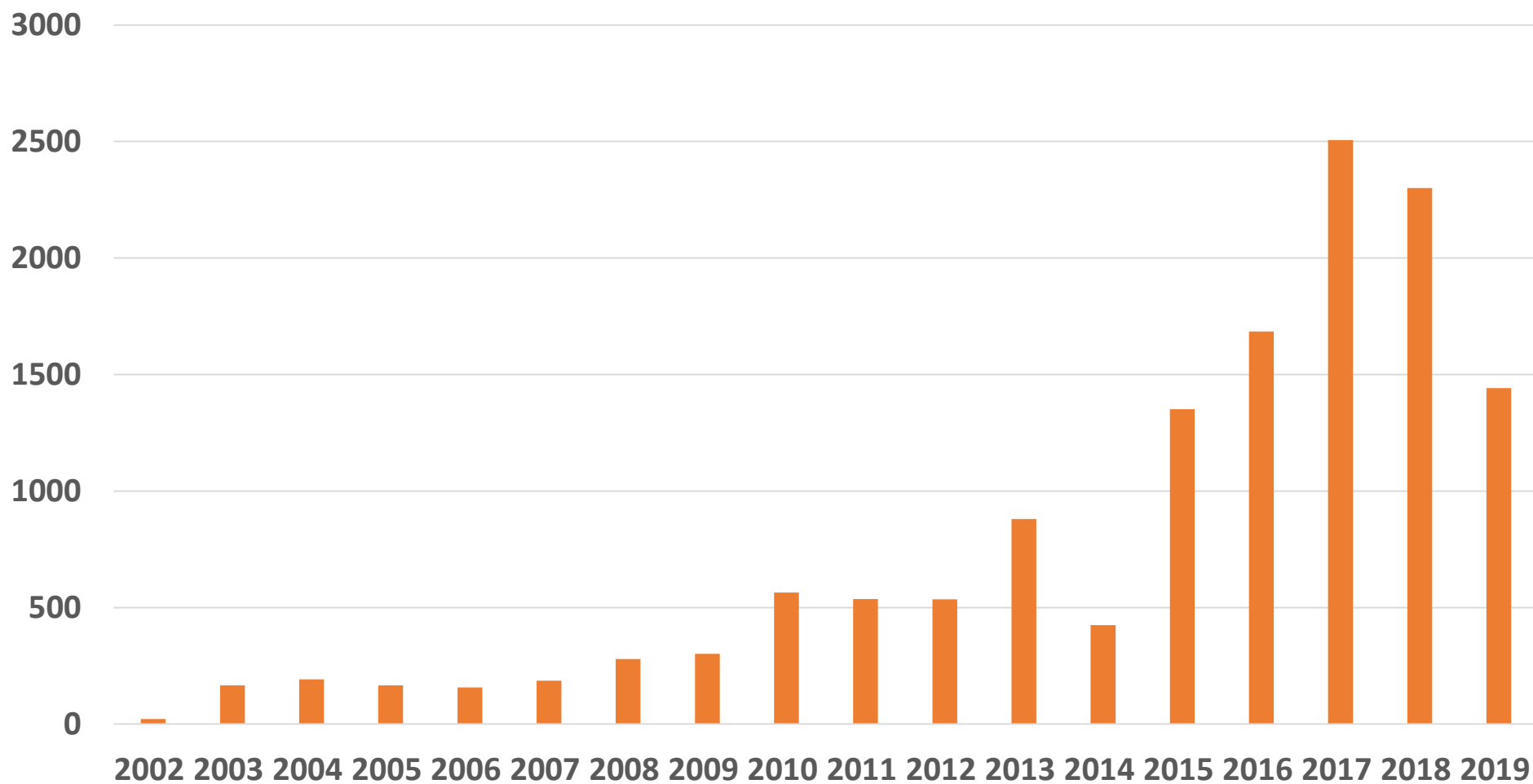
How does DOAJ fit into the open science ecosystem?

- Helping **readers** to find quality OA material
- Helping **authors** to identify where to publish
- Helping **libraries** to highlight OA resources to patrons
- Helping **funders** to ensure compliance with OA mandates
- Helping **publishers** to increase visibility and adopt best practice

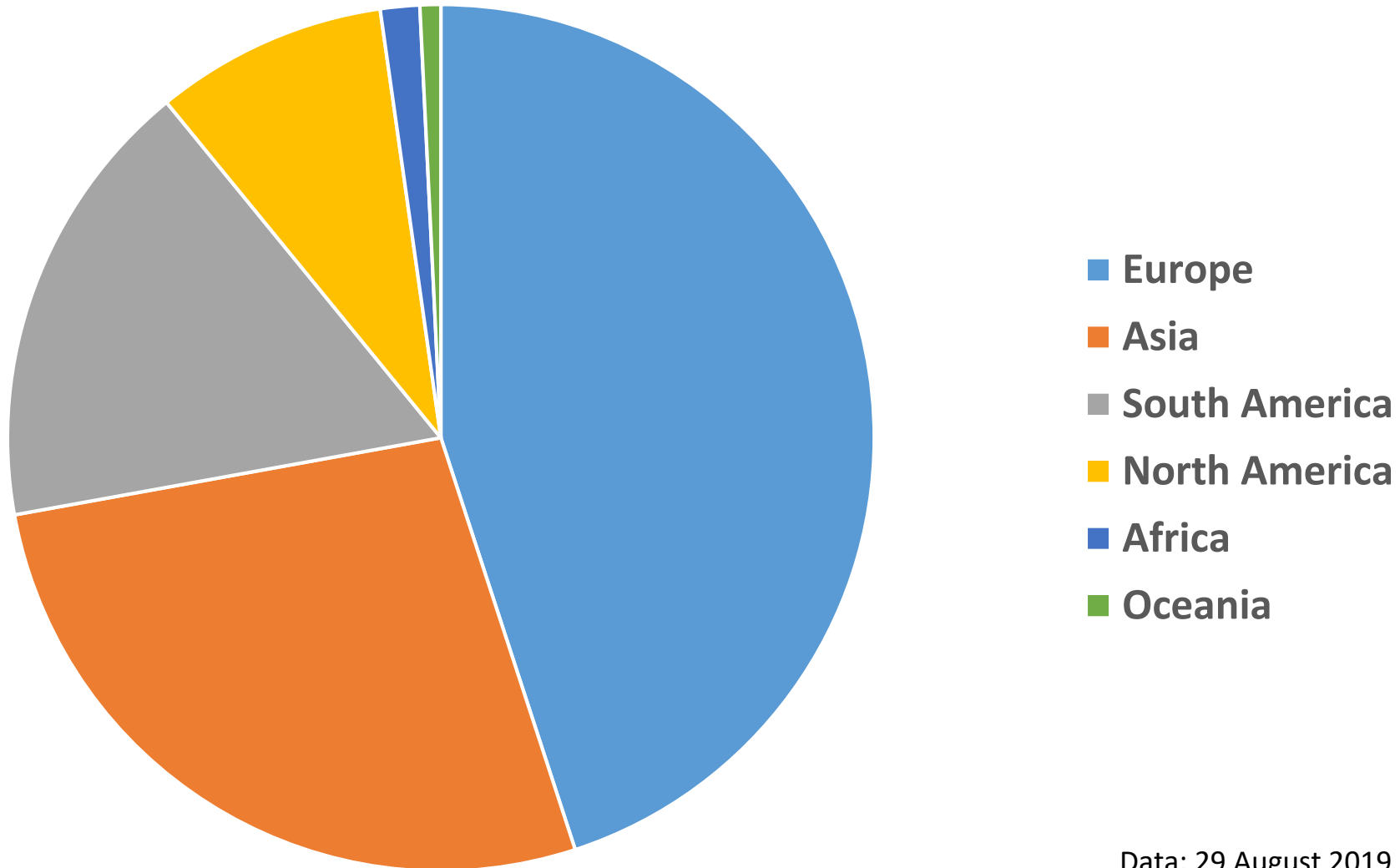
DOAJ data

- 13,000+ journal records and 4.2+ million links to OA articles
 - 130 countries, 77 languages
- Metadata available via API, OAI-PMH, RSS, CSV, full data dump
- Most discovery services incorporate DOAJ metadata into their products.
 - Top referrers to DOAJ are EBSCO, Primo and Summon
- Mandated open access where inclusion in DOAJ is a condition towards releasing research funding.
 - Austrian Science Fund
 - French COUPERIN
 - Science Europe
 - Plan S

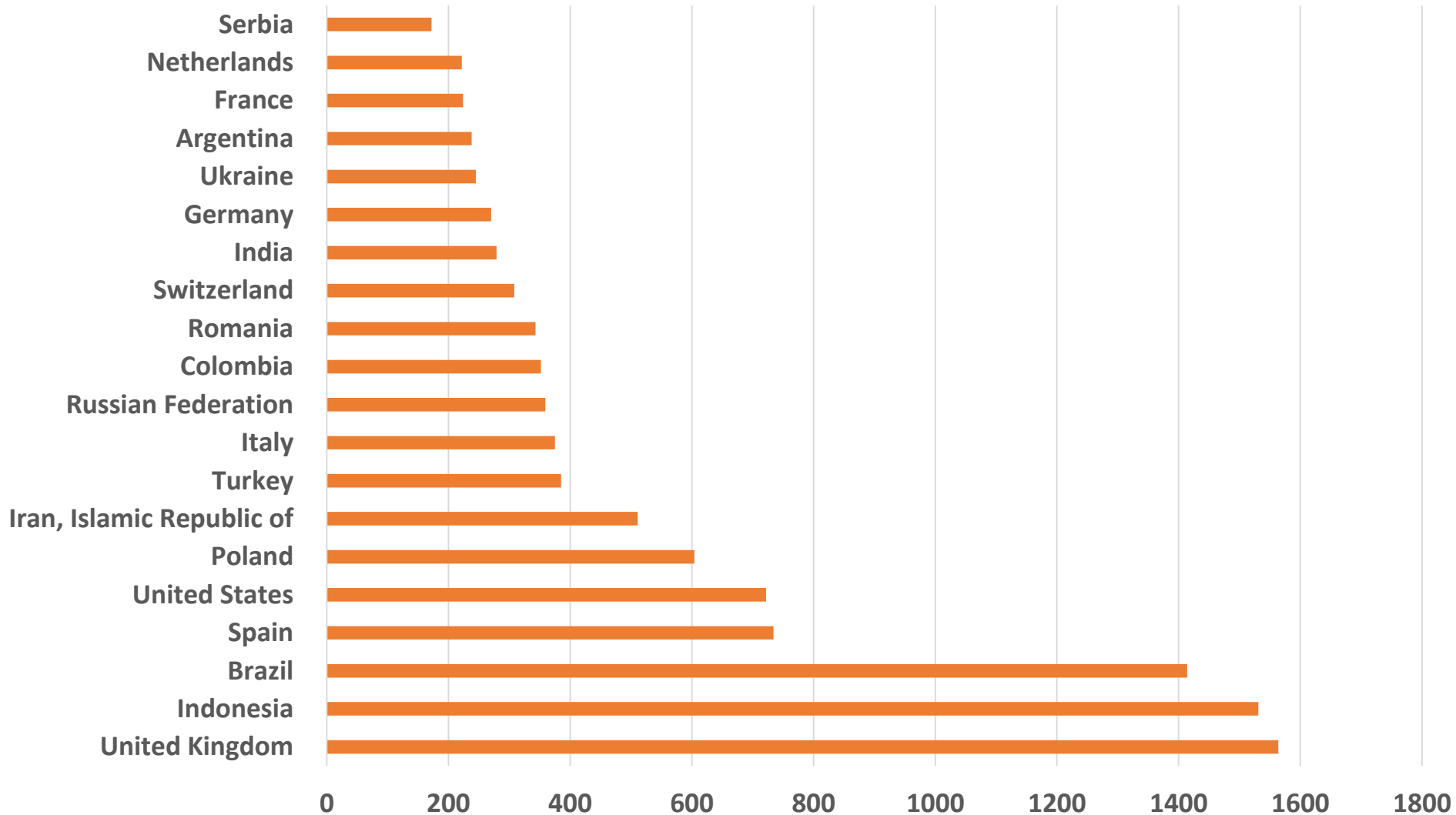
Date added to DOAJ for included journals



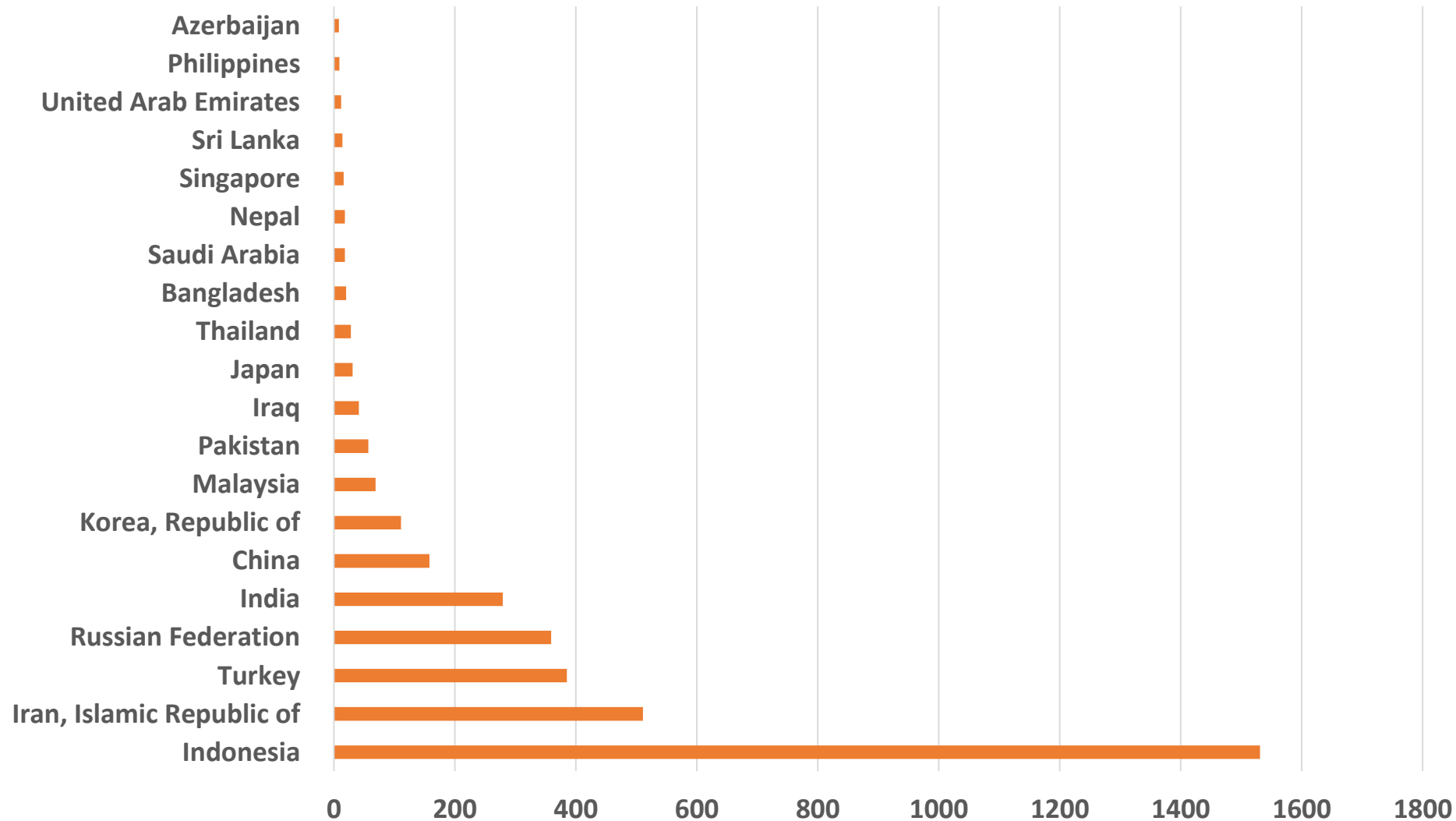
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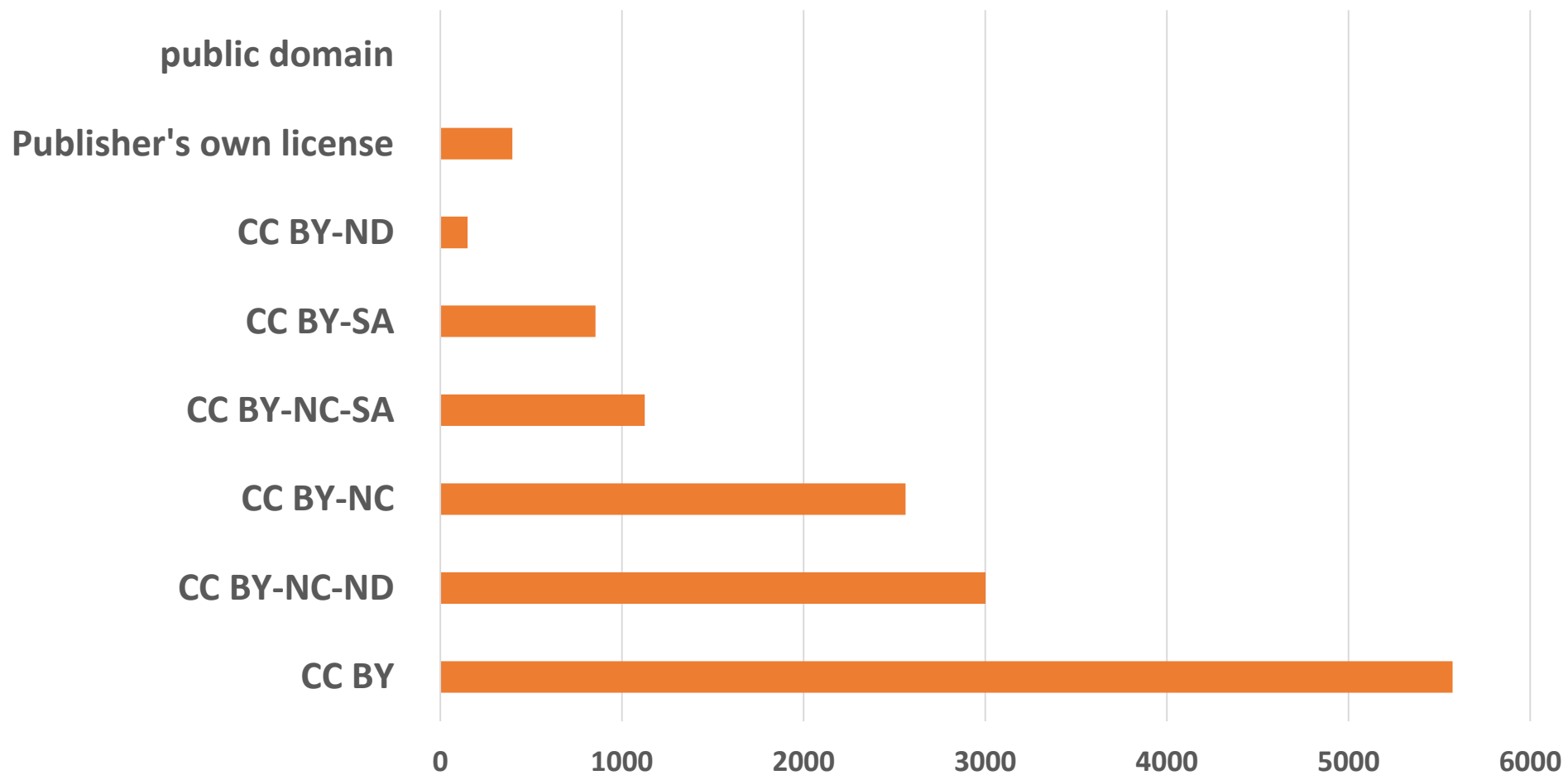
Top 20 countries of publishers for DOAJ included journals



Top 20 countries of publishers for Asian journals in DOAJ



License of DOAJ included journals



Criteria for entering DOAJ

- **Transparency**
 - Full texts available without embargo period
 - All journal info is transparent and hosted on the same dedicated website
 - Web site clear, concise, easy to navigate, transparent, up to date and correct content - high ethical and professional standards
 - Names and affiliations of editorial board members available in the journal website
 - Quality control system (editorial or peer review)
 - Charges clearly stated
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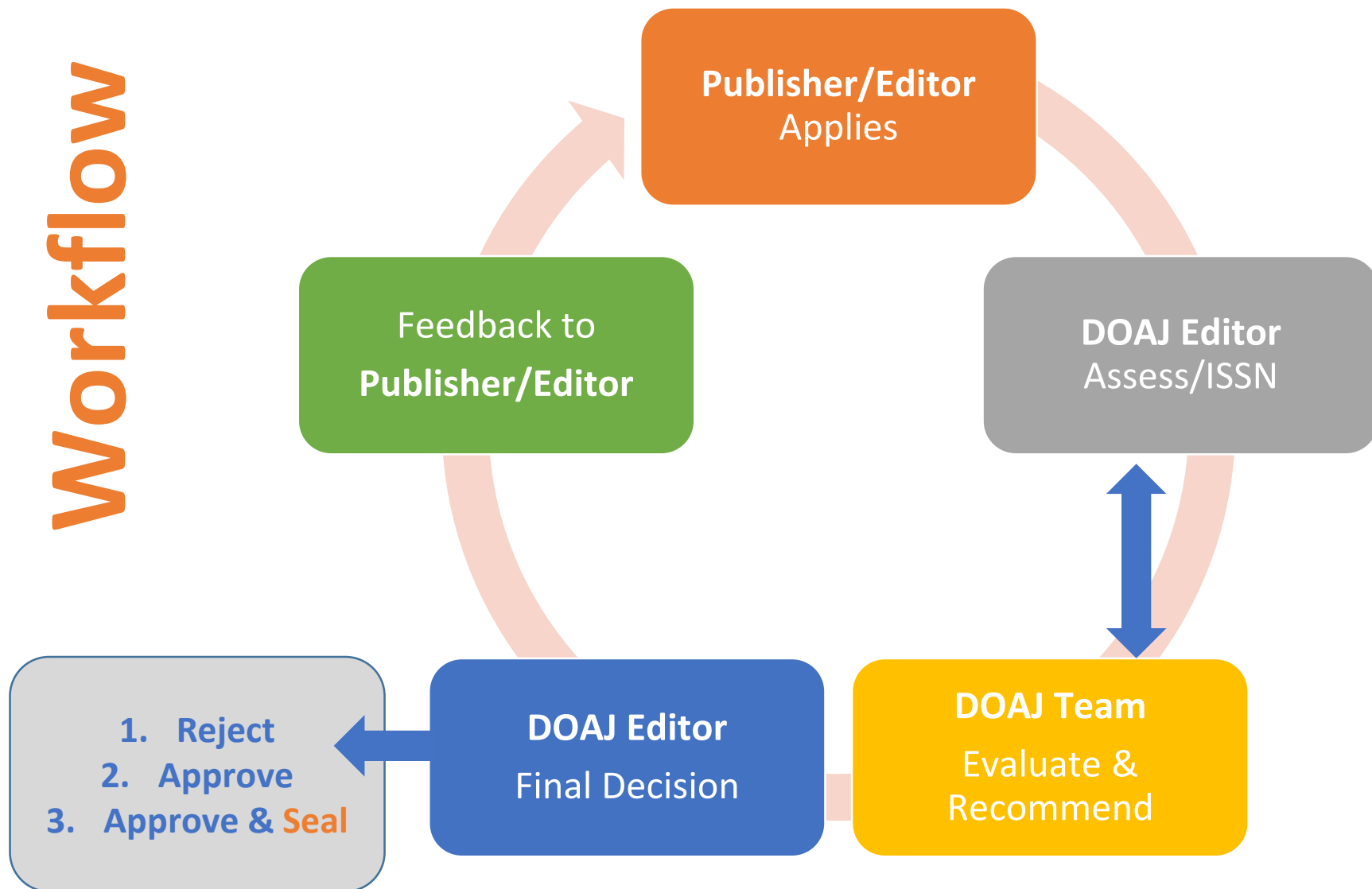
Criteria for entering DOAJ

- **Open access statement**
 - Short open access statement accepted only in combination with a Creative Commons licensing statement, or equivalent licensing statement, on the same page and, preferably, in the same paragraph.
- **Copyright statement**
 - Copyright can be retained by author or publisher
 - Owner of copyright clearly stated

Criteria for entering DOAJ

- **CC license or its equivalent**
- Terms of use and reuse clearly and precisely stated
 - 'Use' is downloading or reading and not much more;
 - 're-use' is making more use of the content, e.g., distributing, making copies, using in presentations;
 - 'building upon' is a special form of re-use in which material is used to produce a new research work and, possibly, a new publication.

Workflow



DOAJ Seal

- A badge showing that the journal meets extra high standards or best practices in 7 areas. (1,329 / 13,694)
 - archival arrangement in place
 - permanent identifiers (DOI, Handle, ARK, etc.)
 - article level metadata provided to DOAJ
 - machine-readable CC licensing info embedded in article level metadata
 - CC BY, CC BY-SA or CC BY-NC
 - deposit policy registered in a deposit policy directory (Sherpa/Romeo, etc.)
 - authors hold copyright without restrictions

Common reasons for rejection

- ISSN is not registered or listed as provisional by issn.org
- Journal title on website does not match what is at issn.org
- Website in English does not match that of local language
- Registration is needed to access full articles
- Full text articles are available only on issue level
- No content has been published in the last calendar year
- Charges info is not available
- Affiliations of editorial board members are not available
- Type of review process is not stated

Common reasons for rejection

- **License statements missing**

Choose a CC license at

<https://creativecommons.org/choose/?lang=en>

and add statements to website

Common reasons for rejection

- **Contradictory copyright & license statements**
 - “All rights reserved” in PDF or HTML articles
 - Copyright is retained by authors, but “© [Publisher Name]” in PDF articles
 - “No part of the journal content can be reproduced without permission of the publisher.”
 - Copyright is retained by authors and CC BY is used for articles. But **exclusive publishing rights or commercial rights** transferred to publisher
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An example - One step to become OA

- **A journal's current status:**
 - Full articles are free to read & download without delay
 - Copyright transferred to publisher
 - No OA or license statements
- **Next step:**
 - Adopt a CC license or equivalent
 - Check copyright transfer form to correct any contradictory info
 - Copyright & license terms stated explicitly on website