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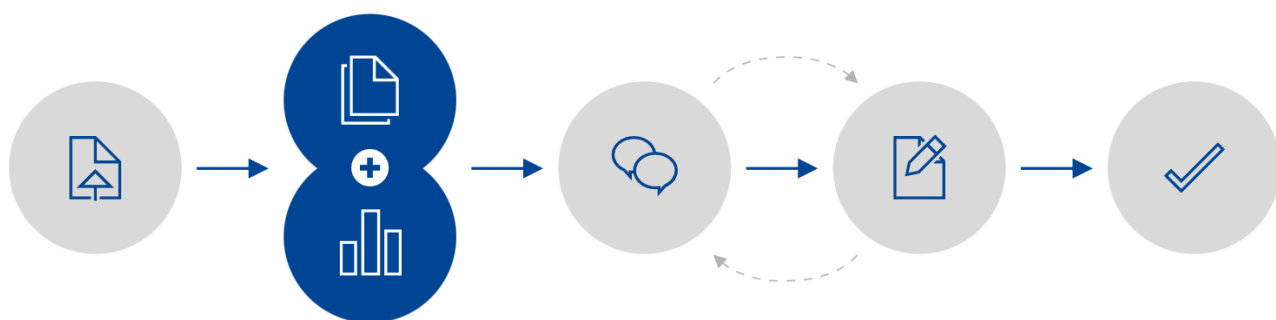
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Q&A

Can I also publish 'submitted' articles elsewhere on ORE? On which bibliographic databases will my article published on ORE be indexed?

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Does the ORE publication platform have an Impact Factor?

Open Research Europe (ORE) does not and will not have an Impact Factor. The intrinsic value of published work is its content, not the container, and the real impact depends on how much this article is shared and reused regardless of the value of the journal or publisher publishing it. The European Commission is spearheading an initiative to revise research evaluation criteria in a more transparent and open perspective and consequently, consistently, will not use the Impact Factor for its publication platform. ORE does however include some traditional indicators such as the number of citations of the article and accompanying data, the number of views, downloads, and shares on social media. Articles are visible on Google Scholar and will be indexed in the main bibliographic databases.

If Open Research Europe has no Impact Factor, why should I publish in it? What is the advantage?

The publication guidelines given by the European Commission in Horizon Europe are clearly aimed at to Open Access and more generally to Open Science, which envisages the development of a system of research evaluation research based both on the notion that the research result is every element of it and not only the final article and on the idea of the actual quality of the research work, no longer linked to the prestige of the publishing house in which it was published. The Impact Factor and the logic of journal rankings are ineffective and widely criticised that have created undesirable effects on scientific communication. In many European countries, thanks also thanks to the DORA Declaration initiative, concrete proposals are multiplying for evaluation systems based on a multiplicity of indicators that include the attitude to collaboration, leadership ability, respect for the diversity of individual disciplines. All Dutch universities, for example, will, as of 2021, have no longer use the Impact Factor in evaluation processes. The European Commission launched the initiative "[Towards a reform of the research assessment system](#)", signed in January 2022 also by the Italian Agenzia nazionale di valutazione del sistema universitario e della ricerca (ANVUR). The advantage of publishing on Open Research Europe (ORE) is that it is the easiest tool, free and immediate way not only to comply with Horizon Europe obligations, but to publish in a more most innovative way: the work is immediately available in preprint form, the data are associated in a transparency and reproducibility, open peer review is activated, which has the value of bringing the scientific community scientific community to the debate and finally the publication is indexed in the main bibliographic databases.

What happens if my article does not pass the peer review in ORE? Do I have to suggest reviewers?

The Open Research Europe (ORE) editorial team asks authors to suggest potential reviewers who have the right skills, in an author-centred editorial process. Before inviting them, the editorial team checks that they are independent and have no common or conflicting interests. To facilitate authors, ORE also provides a Reviewer Finder, accessible directly from the system that manages the editorial flow, and a set of tips on how to find a suitable reviewer. A submitted article in ORE first passes a preliminary check for soundness and congruence and is then sent to reviewers. Until the article does not pass peer-review, it cannot be indexed in the bibliographic databases. Comments and negative comments and judgements from reviewers can always be addressed through a response from the authors (which is published alongside the article) and through revisions of the article that authors can make without deadlines or time limits or time limits. In this way, readers can evaluate the article and the process. The author may request the involvement of an additional reviewer if they feel they have received an unfair or incorrect assessment.

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