

A comparison of selected Open Journal Systems (Dec 2016)

	<u>PKP Services</u>	<u>Openjournals</u>	<u>Cogitatio</u>	<u>EKT</u>	<u>Scholarly exchange</u>
<u>URL</u>	https://pkpservices.sfu.ca/content/journal-hosting	https://openjournalsystems.com/	http://www.cogitatiopress.com/ojs/index.php/index/index	http://epublishing.ekt.gr/en	http://www.scholarlyexchange.org/free.html
<u>Sector</u>	Private- Linked to Simon Fraser Uni	Private	Private	Public	Private
<u>Hosted in</u>	Canada	Tempe, AZ (US)	Portugal (TBC)	Athens with Backups in Patras and US	US?
<u>Available Space + Bandwidth</u>	10 GB/ Commercial grade bandwidth	15 GB space/ 2TB bandwidth	TBC, quite fast when site used	Unlimited space, bandwidth TBC (but reasonably fast when used)	TBC
<u>Indexing, Archiving and Preservation</u>	LOCKSS and OAI compliant, PKP/PS	LOCKSS and OAI compliant	LOCKSS and OAI compliant	LOCKSS and OAI compliant	LOCKSS and OAI compliant
<u>Technical Support</u>	Security+bug fixes, 2 hours initial training, 2 hours/year expert support, unlimited basic support	Either 300 USD or 600 USD depending on level of support. Apparently included in Professional hosting package.	Included in the fee. Helpful and reliable.	Free and reliable	Minimal
<u>Migration Support</u>	Yes	Yes, if Premium Support package included in hosting package, otherwise 99 USD per 100 articles	TBC	Yes. Copy of content uploaded up to migration time has to remain to EKT to be made available as a public good.	TBC
<u>Security</u>	SSH	SSH	TBC	SSH	TBC
<u>Statistics</u>	Piwik open source analytics platform	Full server stats		Full server stats and Google analytics	TBC
<u>XML Publishing</u>	No (Yes if Professional Membership paid)	Yes, at extra cost	No but publishing is part of the fee	Yes, in the next few months	No
<u>CrossRef registration (normally 275 USD plus fee per article)</u>	No (Yes, if Professional membership paid @ 2700 USD total)	No, but provide training for integrating DOI with OJS and cross linking to CrossRef	Yes as part of the fee	Yes, EKT pays fee per article to CrossRef in order to register DOI.	No
<u>Design/ Theme</u>	Custom pre-packaged theme for free. Individualised custom theme for extra fee via 'webkitchen' design company	Wide range available, classic theme presumably included in hosting package, otherwise starting from 350 USD	Customised pre-packaged	Customisable pre-packaged banners, typefaces, colours etc. Put together by EKT for free if AESOP send logos, banners etc.	Customisable pre-packaged banners, typefaces, colours etc.
<u>OJS e-journal Experience</u>	More than 10 years, 80+ journals and repositories of big institutional users	Around 3 years, 55+ journals	Around 2 years, 4 journals	More than 4 years, 25 journals+ repositories etc	More than 15 years, 33+ journals
<u>Price per year</u>	Hosting+ Theme: 1500 USD or 2700 USD with CrossRef registration and XML publishing	Professional Hosting package: 600 USD but type of support and design theme included need to be clarified. Classic	Institutions can choose between post-paid membership (900 euro per article) or pre-paid flat rate	Free. Plan is to keep it so until 2020 but 6 months notice will be given if fee policy changes	Free in YR1, then 750 USD

		<u>theme and Basic support are likely.</u>	<u>payable by the institution. Exact price of pre-paid TBC but it should be a multiple of 900 euro.</u>		
Comments	<u>The service is offered by the inventors of OJS and has prestigious clientele. Their design 'theme' looks fine. The option to upgrade to XML publishing and register with CrossRef is a major bonus.</u>	<u>Commercial service, seems well organised and competitively priced. Offers a modular solution ie you buy only the module you need (Hosting, Theme, Support) and also offers copyediting service. Responded promptly but vaguely to my query.</u>	<u>Commercial service but has received good reviews: efficient and helpful.</u>	<u>This is a public service offered by the National Documentation Centre. It hosts some of the oldest social science publications in the country. Helpful support. It would offer a good service for literally no cost.</u>	<u>This is a service which started off as a not-for-profit and is administered by the Library of the University of Pittsburg. It calls itself 'a facilitator, not a publisher'.</u>
Contract info	<u>Off-the shelf solution, minimum negotiation.</u>	<u>Off-the shelf solution, minimum negotiation.</u>	<u>Commercial, needs to be negotiated (TBC)</u>	<u>Non-commercial. Standard contract available.</u>	<u>Off-the shelf solution, minimum negotiation.</u>

If CoRep accepts, in principle, to move on to an OJS platform for the management of the AESOP Journals (*PlaNext* and *Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning*), it would be possible to proceed with 3 options, starting with EKT since it is a public sector organisation and free, with very good features. In case that options appears unfeasible through the contacts and negotiations to be made, there should be the option to move to the 2nd and then the 3rd on the list. The *Transactions* working group recommends PKP as the 2nd option (appears to have more of a public sector ethos and is university-based, although more expensive). Openjournals also appears to be a good option, so it could be the 3rd on the list.