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University libraries and scholarly
publishing in Quebec: from
collaboration to mutualisation
of services

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« Le savoir comme l'eau
devrait être à la portée de tous. »

— Éva Circé-Côté

- ▶ The Network's name is a tribute to an important figure in Quebec's intellectual world: **Éva Circé-Côté** (1871–1949).
- ▶ A freethinker, journalist, writer and librarian, Éva Circé-Côté has always defended **the free circulation of knowledge**, as well as access to education and knowledge.



Network in figures...



- ▶ More than **50 co-researchers** from the world of research and scholarly communication, including librarians from **Quebec's 18 university libraries.**
- ▶ Nearly **115** associated **academic journals** that publish at least 50% of their research articles in French.
- ▶ 2024 – 2029: a **5-year mandate** to ensure the transition to open access, based on the *Diamant* model, and the long-term future of Quebec's scientific journals.

Organisation

Magazines

Division



Platform Division



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Library Division



Partenariat

des

bibliothèques
universitaires
du Québec

Discoverability

Division



Quebec Research Chair
on the Discoverability of
Scientific Content in
French

Perimeter

- ▶ **French-language** scientific journals from Quebec.
- ▶ Quebec **orphan** scientific journals.





Quebec University Libraries Partnership (QULP)



- ▶ Dreaming and building shared infrastructures.
- ▶ Strategic directions 2024–2027 :

Axis 3: Open science and support for research activities

3.1 Support efforts to develop and disseminate
dissemination of scientific literature
scientific literature

3.2 Establish a shared service offering
in support of scholarly journals

Members of the *Libraries* Unit

- ▶ Executive Committee
- ▶ Implementation committee
- ▶ Team of three dedicated people:
 - Coordinator
 - Expert librarian
 - Business analyst – change management



Analysis of Support Services for Scholarly Publishing in Quebec University Libraries in Quebec: the diagnosis - 2019

Many offer services, most of them on an informal basis.

They are mainly involved in advisory and support services.

The most widely used platform for managing and distributing journals is *Open Journal Systems* (OJS).

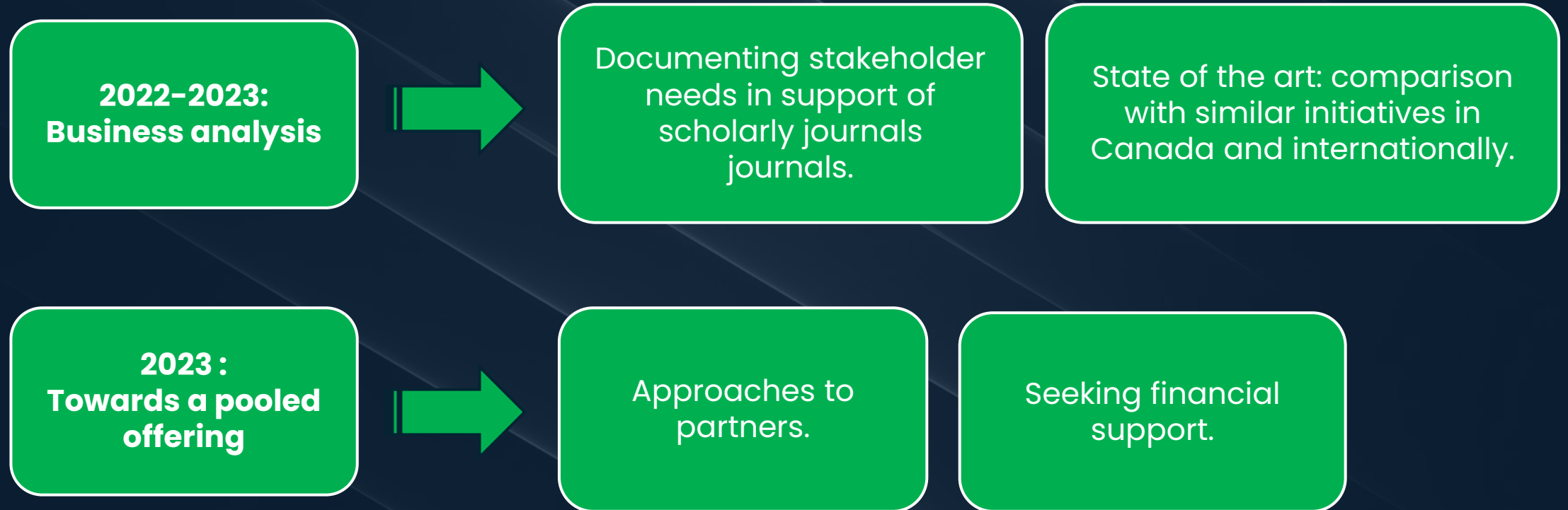
Their main fields of action:

- Indexing and referencing
- Bibliometrics
- Copyright
- Scanning
- Journal management and distribution platform



Canadian libraries lagging behind

Analysis of needs and conceptualisation of a service offering - 2023



Generic objectives: to support magazines in their...



change
management.



legal issues, *Creative Commons* (CC) licences, copyright and good open access publishing practice (norms and standards).



the transition to *Diamant* open access in accordance with the policies of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) and the three councils.

Specific objectives

Develop the shared services offered by Quebec's university libraries.

Complement the service offering with more specialised local initiatives for libraries that so wish.

Sustain the service offer beyond the 5 years of funding.

Working in conjunction with the other centres in the network.



Pooling publishing services



Open Journal System

- Setting up OJS
- Analyse and support editorial processes with OJS (optimisation of use)
- Participating in the development of OJS software in French and its interoperability with other major departments (technical improvements)
- Training and support for libraries in the use of OJS



Supporting magazines in defining their editorial policy



Offer advice on licensing and copyright

Pooling broadcasting services



Improving the visibility of magazines

- Drawing up a roadmap roadmap
- Indexing, interoperability and discoverability



Sharing good metadata practice



Encourage the adoption of standards standards (ISSN, DOI)



Promoting PIDs (ORCID and +)

Development of a community of practice in Quebec university libraries



Supporting and training librarians in Quebec's 18 university libraries (BUQ) to upgrade their expertise



Sharing tools, knowledge and best practice



Produce common documentation and training materials and make them available to everyone



Developing a community of librarians



Become part of a major Canadian and international network



SUPPORT AND ADVICE ON
DIGITAL PRESERVATION,
ARCHIVING AND
DIGITISATION



CONSULTING SUPPORT
FOR DATA SECURITY

Any questions

