

Diamonds are forever! or:
(Is there) a way forward for
institutional publishing services
in Norway



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PART 1 about the report on Diamond OA publishing in Norway



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In October 2020, a committee was commissioned with the following tasks
(my translation):

- *Describe current publishing services and platforms in Norway and the Nordic countries*
- *Describe challenges that researchers face in the current publishing landscape, with special regard to Open Science, collaboration and quality*
- *Assess strengths and weaknesses of institutional publishing services*
- *Present different models for a common Nordic publishing service, with concrete examples as a starting point. In the recommended solution, the committee should discuss systems of quality control, models of open publishing, possibilities for collaboration, business models, and technical solutions and standards.*





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REPORT, 27 pp.

DATASET, 151 journals

Replication Data for: Felles publiseringstjeneste i UH-sektoren



May 3, 2021 - UiT Open Research Data

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In October 2020, Universities Norway (Universitets- og høghskolerådet) nominated a committee to explore possible solutions for a national or Nordic platform for institution-based open-access journals edited by Norwegian research communities. One of the tasks of the committee was t...

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Institutional Open Access publishing in other Nordic countries:

Finland <https://journal.fi/> ≈100 journals, hosted by an umbrella organisation for societies

Sweden some institutional publishing services, e.g. Stockholm UP. Also, a national service in the making, based at Kungliga Biblioteket

Denmark <https://tidsskrift.dk> 165 journals hosted by Kongelige Bibliotek, some with delayed OA or even subscription only (not OA)

All running on Open Journal Systems (Public Knowledge Project)

But with very different roles and policies

Bleak prospects for *immediate* Nordic collaboration

Instead, the committee suggests stronger, formalised *national* collaboration





Existing Norwegian institutional publishing services:

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OsloMet	Open Access Journals at OsloMet	https://journals.hioa.no/
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	UiS Scholarly Publishing Services	https://ebooks.uis.no/index.php/USPS
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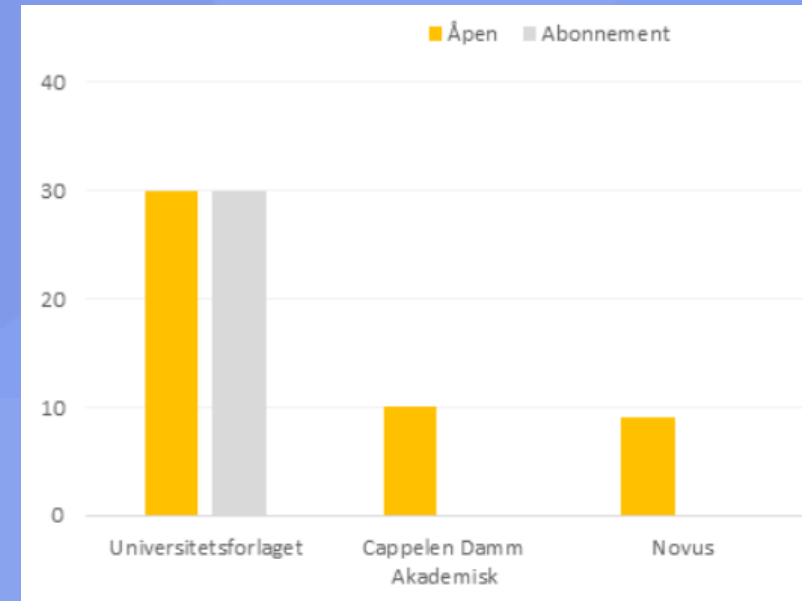


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OsloMet	Open Access Journals at OsloMet	https://journals.hioa.no/
UiS	UiS Open Journals	https://journals.uis.no
	UiS Scholarly Publishing Services	https://ebooks.uis.no/index.php/USPS
UiA		https://journal.uia.no
MF	MF tidsskrifter	https://journals.mf.no

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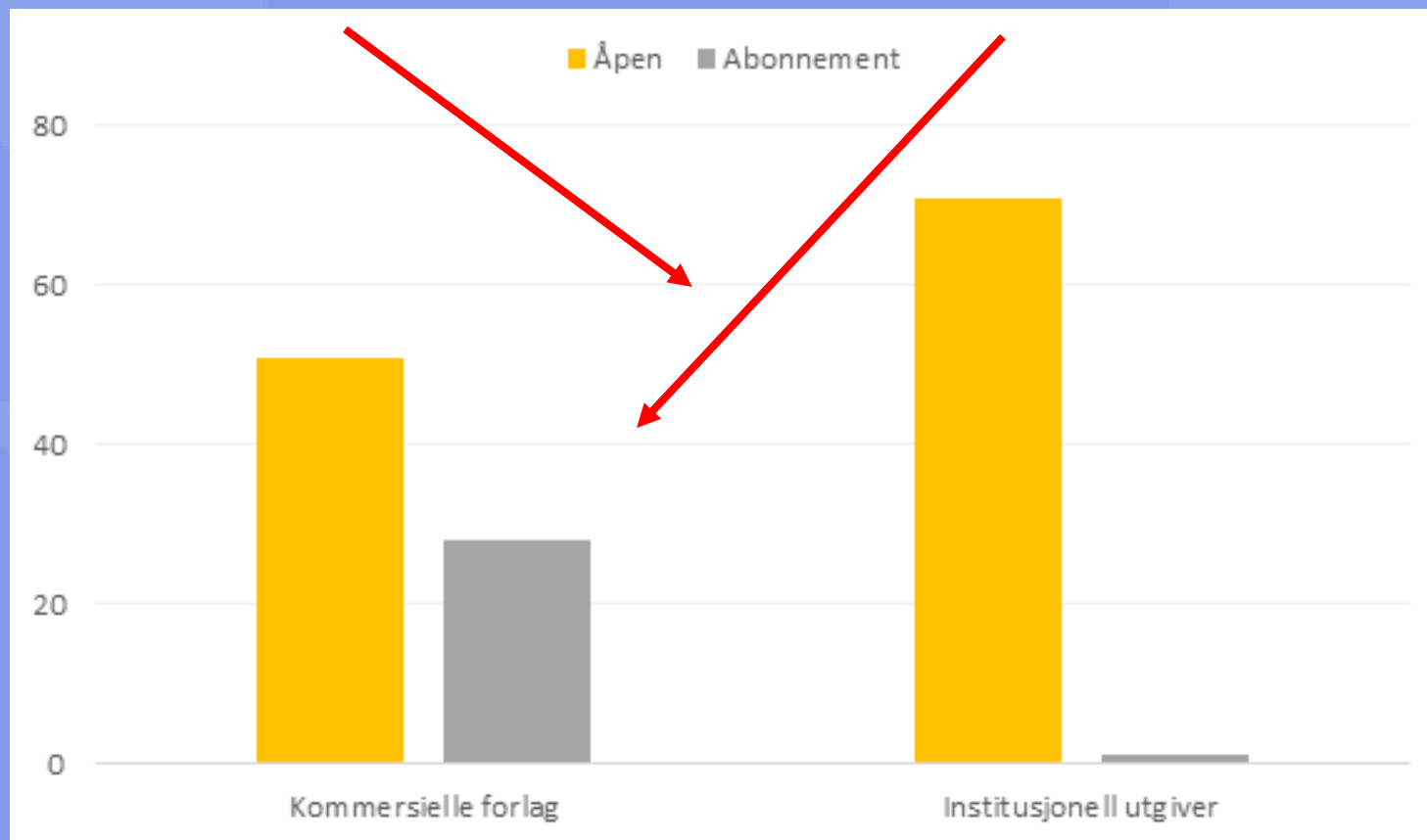


3 publishers, in total **51** open-access journals



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POSSIBLE MODELS FOR INSTITUTIONAL PUBLISHING IN NORWAY

1, Continuing the current situation with local platforms

*NOT ROBUST ENOUGH. UNEVEN
QUALITY CONTROL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT*

2, Merging the local platforms into a Nordic platform

TOO DISPARATE POLICY SITUATIONS

3, Outsourcing the publishing services to (a) commercial service provider(s)

TOO EXPENSIVE & MONOLITHIC

4, Merging the local platforms in a national platform

*HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY
AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST*



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UiS	UiS Open Journals	https://journals.uis.no
	UiS Scholarly Publishing Services	https://ebooks.uis.no/index.php/USPS
UiA		https://journal.uia.no
MF	MF tidsskrifter	https://journals.mf.no

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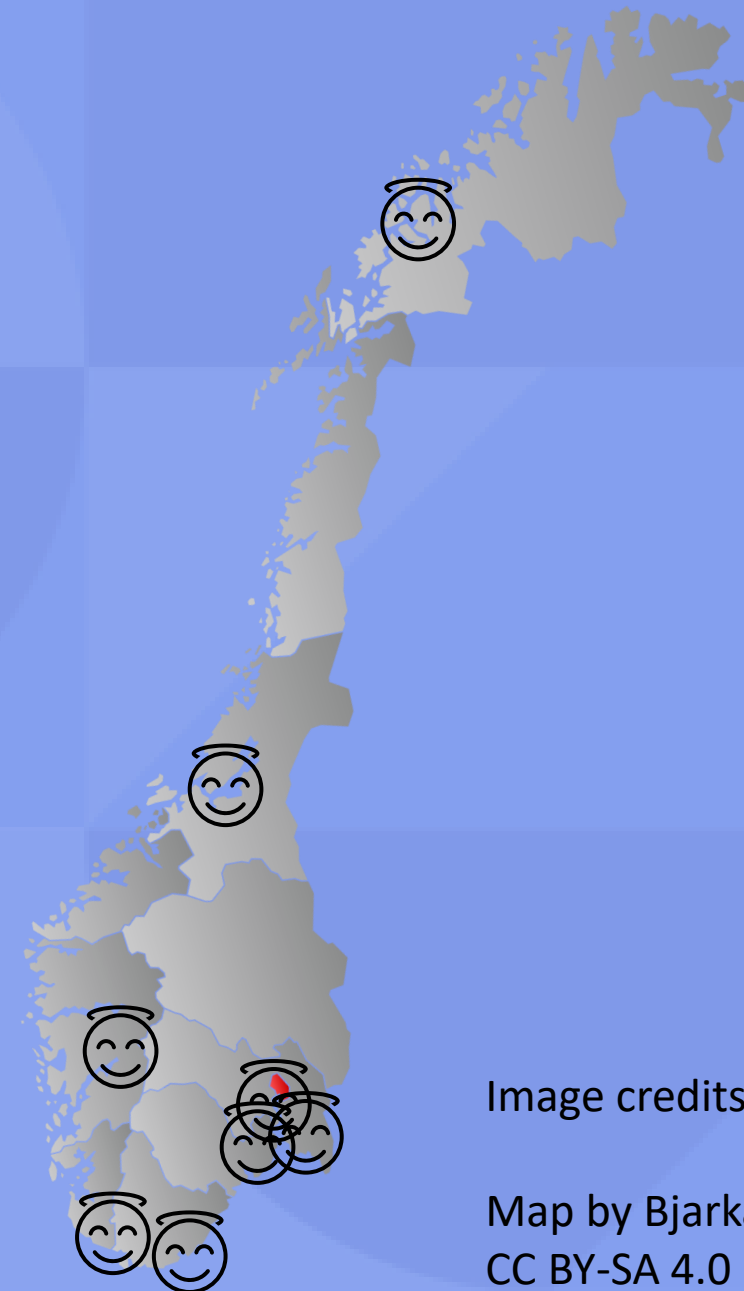


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1 COMMON platform publishes
?? peer-reviewed, open-access journals
according to strict, coordinated quality criteria
with support staff distributed across the country

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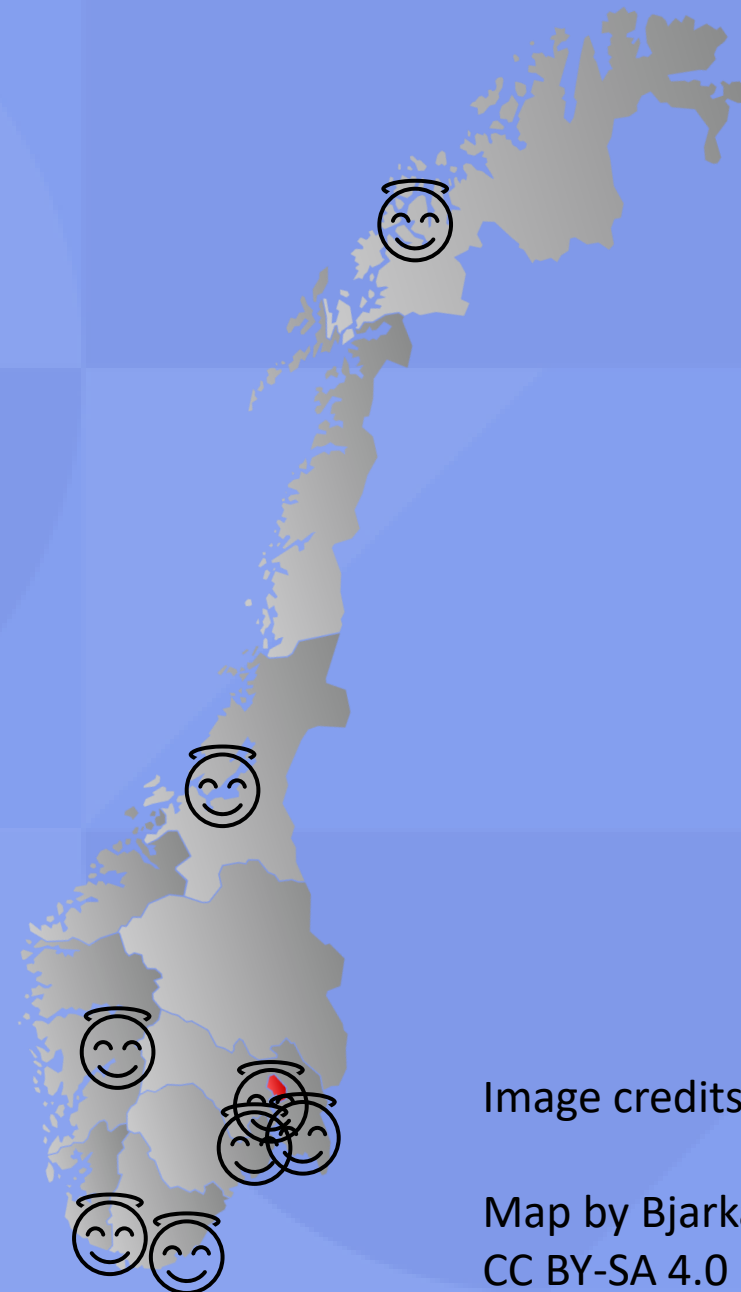


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The committee sees it necessary to establish a more uniform publishing service

The local representatives shall help ensure that all journals have

- strict, transparent systems of peer review and editorial work
- attractive design, both on journal webpage and individual articles
- XML (>Epub/Html-formats, universal design)
- systematic use of plagiarism software
- DOI is a necessity, inclusion in DOAJ likewise

.... *and whatever comes next in open-source based,
community driven open access publishing !*



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What might happen next ? (PERSONAL THOUGHTS)

Commercial publishers will probably continue to thrive in Norway

STRONG OA POLICY + STRONG CULTURAL POLICY REG. NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE
+ A CERTAIN RELUCTANCY TO GIVE UP ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION

= PUBLIC MONEY WILL CONTINUE TO REACH OLD, HIGHLY ESTEEMED PUBLISHING HOUSES
WITH THE STRICT CONDITION THAT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE OPEN ACCESS

Institutional publishing will hopefully begin to *really* thrive in Norway

EXISTING COMPETENCE WITHIN INSTITUTIONS + MANY HAPPY EDITORS AND AUTHORS AS «LOBBYISTS»
+ A CERTAIN RELUCTANCE TO OUTSOURCE EVERYTHING, ESPECIALLY NOT AT ANY COST

= PUBLIC MONEY WILL BE (RE)DIRECTED TOWARDS DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS, WITH THE STRICT CONDITION
THAT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE QUALITY ASSURED

What might happen next ? (PERSONAL THOUGHTS)

INTERNATIONAL PUSH & PULL FACTORS – POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY

+

HAPPY «CUSTOMERS» WORLD WIDE: RESEARCHERS REALISE THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH

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DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS IS LIKELY TO GROW

What might happen next ? (PERSONAL THOUGHTS)

Diamonds are forever?

Indeed !

Is there are a way forward for institutional publishing services in Norway?

I certainly think so !