

Spreading Publication Cost Information With The Electronic Journals Library (EZB)

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What Is the EZB?

A brief overview of key facts, the most important features and why OA data have powerful potential in the EZB

Key Facts

- The **Electronic Journals Library (EZB)** provides information on more than 110,000 electronic journals from all subject areas, including 74,000 freely available titles.
 - Large-scale, high-quality data basis (data maintained by all partner institutions)
 - Access numbers: 8.2 million title usages in 2021, 124 million links delivered via EZB linking service in 2021
- Over 650 participating libraries and research institutions as of 2022
- => EZB is a data hub
 - EZB data is being re-used by various services such as end-user services as well as services providing literature and research information


Key Features

- Specific views for participating institutions. Users get specific information on:
 - Journal access currently applying at their institution
 - Journal licenses currently applying at their institution
 - Access Information via traffic light symbols
 - OA policies, publisher agreements etc.
- Convenient administration of licenses for participating institutions
- **Centralised management** of journal packages and journal collections by collection managers


EZB User Interface

The most important functions of the EZB user interface at a glance


The UI (subject view)



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Journals

- Journal Search
- List by Subject
- List by Title
- List of new EZB journals

Institution

- Contact Information
- Suggest a Journal
- Choose Institution

Information & Service

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- EZB Services

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English, American Studies

A B C D E FG H I J KL M N O P QR S TU VW XYZ

— The full texts of the journals are

- ☒ ☒ ☐ ☐ freely available
- ☒ ☐ ☐ ☒ not accessible

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— From 10p... to American Rev...

Access	Title
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	10plus1: Living Linguistics
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	16 Renford Road
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	3L: Language, Linguistics, Literature
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	49th Parallel: An Interdisciplinary Journal of North American Studies
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	Acolit: Newsletter of the Association for the Study of the New Literatures in English = Mitteilungsblatt der Gesellschaft für die Neuen Englischsprachigen Literaturen

Key UI Features

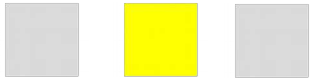
- Access: <https://ezb.ur.de> (DE & EN)
- Uniform access to e-journals and full texts via customizable interfaces for institutions and accessibility
- Traffic light icons visualise journal accessibility in participating institutions
- Journal availability check for institutions via EZB Linking Service

EZB Traffic Lights

- freely available / OA



- free for institution / OA for institution









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





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- ☒    free for the staff and students of the University of Regensburg

(from within the Campus network). For access restrictions please see the Readme.
- ☐    only in part accessible as fulltext (from within the Regensburg Campus network).

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- ☒    not accessible (in many cases you can see the TOCs and abstracts)


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EZB journal detail view

(for
Regensburg)

Nature

Online Availability: Fulltexts available

To the fulltexts: Vol. 385, Iss. 6611 (1997) - 




To the fulltexts: Nationallizenz : Vol. 1 (1869) - Vol. 462, Iss. 7276 (2009) (funded by the ) (funded by the )

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Print Availability: Print version available too

+    print version(s) available

General information on the online edition:

Title: Nature

Latest articles:  [Newsfeed](#) 

Publisher / Provider: Springer Nature
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Subject(s): [Biology](#) | [Biotechnology](#) | [Chemistry and Pharmacology](#) | [General Science](#) | [Medicine](#) | [Physics](#)

Keyword(s): [Allgemeine Naturwissenschaften](#)

Language(s): English

E-ISSN(s): 1476-4687

P-ISSN(s): 0028-0836

ZDB-Number: [1413423-8](#)

Fulltext online since: Jg. 1, H. 1 (1869)

Homepage(s): <https://www.nature.com/>

Type of Appearance: ~~Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) -~~ ~~Fulltext online only~~
project number 457354095

Pricetype: subject to fee

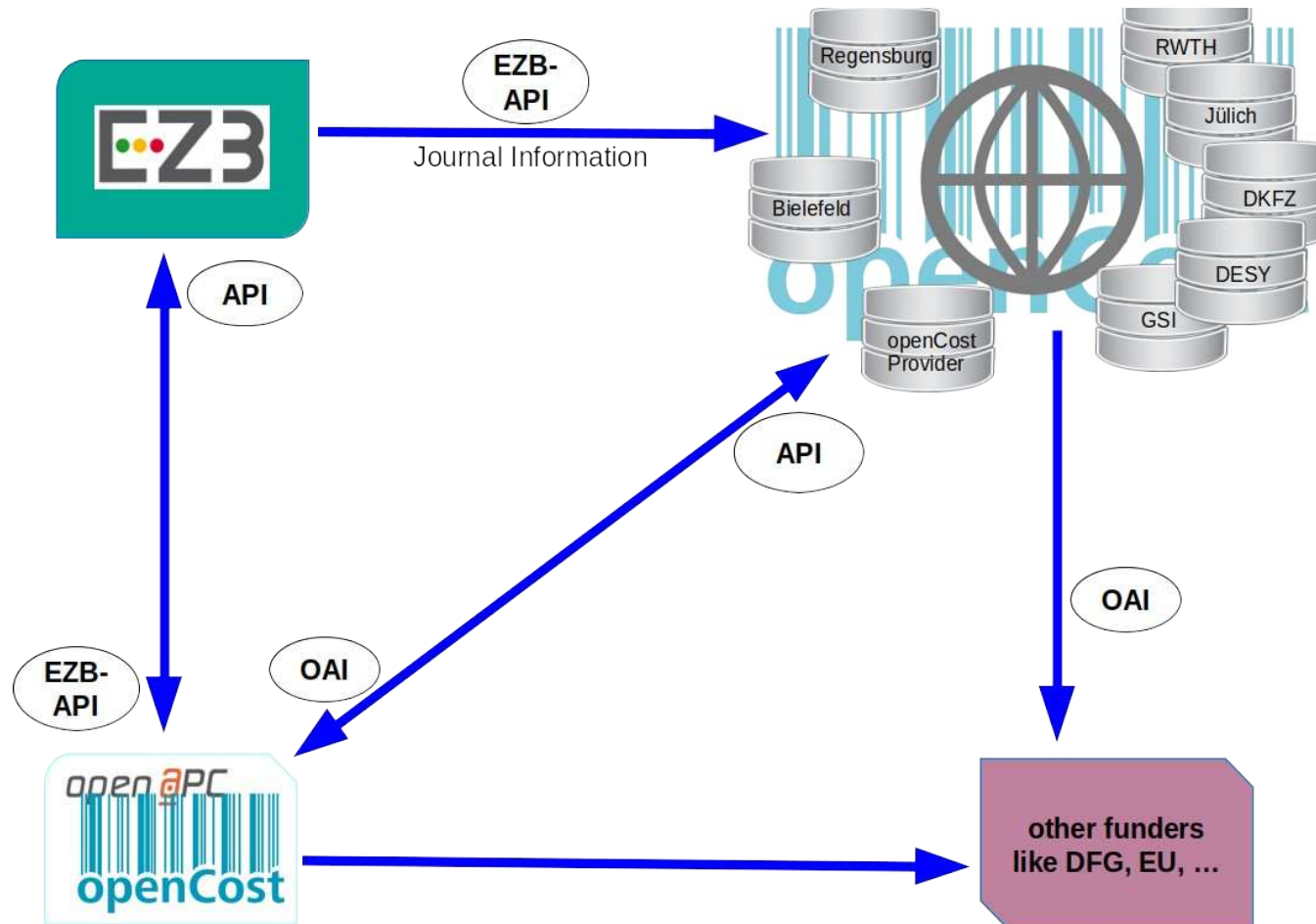
OA and Publication Cost Information in the EZB

How the EZB can collect and present information on
publication costs

The Big Potential for OA and Publication Cost Info in the EZB

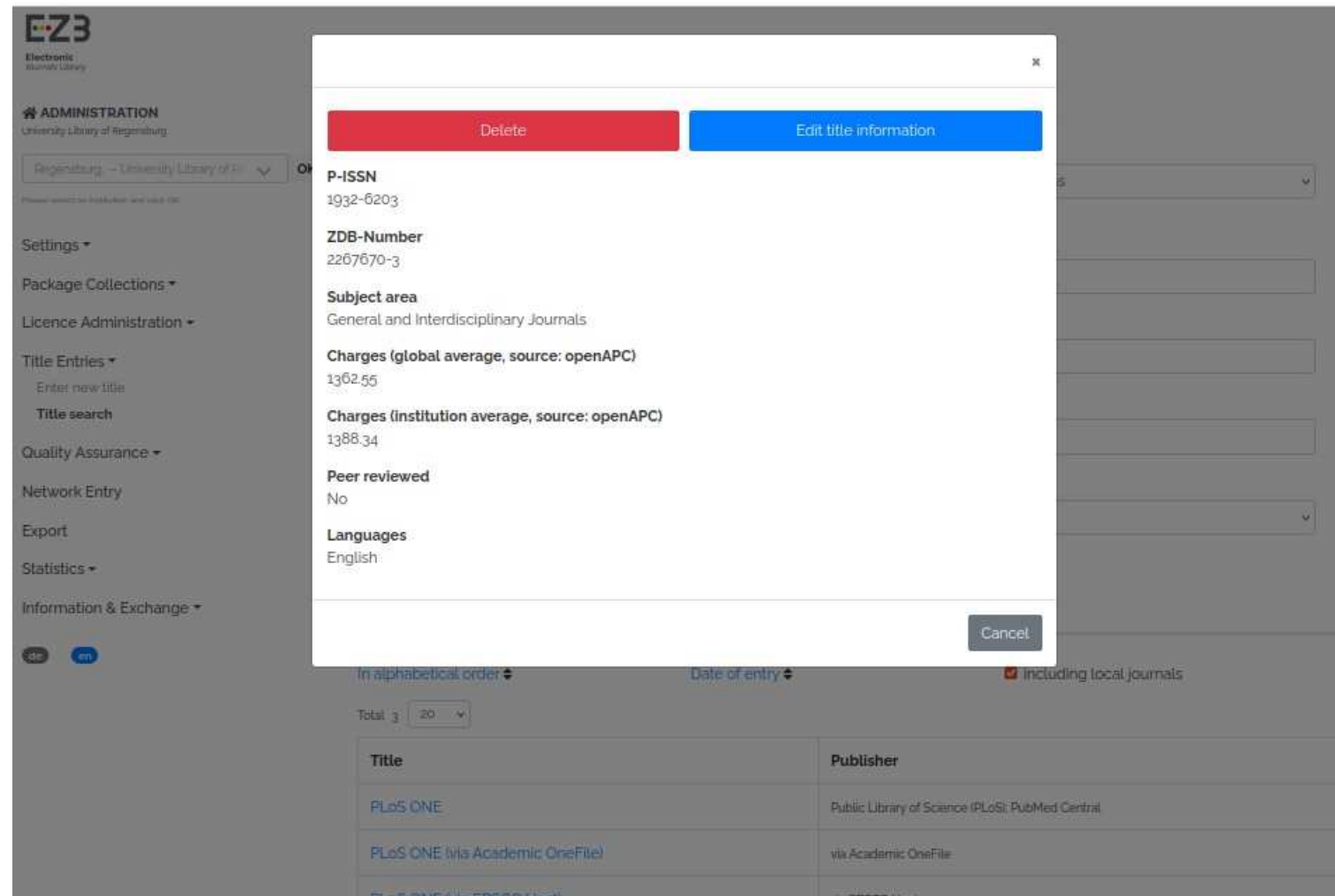
- Active and deeply **engaged community**
- Large-scale and **high-quality data**
 - Regularly updated and well-maintained data sets
- **Variety of interfaces** provide easy access to EZB data
- EZB is a **well-established service in the library world**, almost every higher educational institution in Germany uses EZB:
 - Changes and updates on GUI have a huge impact
- EZB is a **central hub** for journal related data, thus providing more information on OA would have a huge impact
- => many libraries and their users already get information on OA via EZB

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Displaying Publication Cost Information



The screenshot shows the EZ3 Electronic Journals Library administration interface. A modal window is open for editing title information. The modal contains the following fields:

- Delete** (red button)
- Edit title information** (blue button)
- P-ISSN**: 1932-6203
- ZDB-Number**: 2267670-3
- Subject area**: General and Interdisciplinary Journals
- Charges (global average, source: openAPC)**: 1362.55
- Charges (institution average, source: openAPC)**: 1388.34
- Peer reviewed**: No
- Languages**: English
- Cancel** (grey button)

The background interface shows the EZ3 logo, a sidebar with navigation options (ADMINISTRATION, Settings, Package Collections, Licence Administration, Title Entries, Quality Assurance, Network Entry, Export, Statistics, Information & Exchange), and a main area with a table of publications. The table has columns for Title and Publisher. The first row shows 'PLoS ONE' by 'Public Library of Science (PLoS): PubMed Central'. The second row shows 'PLoS ONE (via Academic OneFile)' by 'via Academic OneFile'. The third row shows 'PLoS ONE (via EBSCOhost)' by 'EBSCOhost'.

Extending EZB

Enhanced data services and GUI extensions

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EZB and openCost UI Extension

- **Journal categories** (DOAJ journals, S2O etc)
 - New properties for data retrieval, faceted searches, list exports
 - Glossary: providing standard description texts of categories in both English and German
- Incorporation of **openAPC data** (currently administration only)
 - Using ROR-ID to retrieve specific and global cost data for journals
- Transformative agreements: **ESAC-IDs**
 - Marking EZB collections as transformative agreements
- Extended **data export**: journal categories + IDs
- REST-API services

Journal Categories In Numbers

category name (preliminary)	number of journals (preliminary)
Flip Journal	238
Indexed in DOAJ (auto)	12808
Journal without APC (auto)	8215
Mirror Journal*	47
Subscribe to Open (S2O)	63

*Example data source and description:

Barbers, Irene; Delasalle, Jenny; Elsner, Carsten; Voigt, Michaela; Stanzel, Franziska; Maly, Katja; Schmiedicke, Heidi; Lindstrot, Barbara, 2022, "Open Access Monitor: Mirror Journals", <https://doi.org/10.26165/JUELICH-DATA/JRBK07>, Jülich DATA, V1

A mirror journal is a fully open access version of an existing subscription journal, with the same editorial board, aims and scope, peer review processes and policies and an editorial board with at least 50% of the same members. The journal may have a similar name as the subscription title, but it must have a different ISSN.

Journal Categories GUI Extension

EZB GUI

●○○ INDEXED IN DOAJ Discrete Analysis

Online Availability: Fulltext freely available

●○○ To the fulltexts: (2016) – ...

General information on the online edition:

Title: Discrete Analysis

Subject(s): [Mathematics](#)

Category: [Indexed in DOAJ | Journal without APC](#)

Keyword(s): [Analysis](#)

E-ISSN(s): 2397-3129

ZDB-Number: [2848801-5](#)

Fulltext online since: (2016)

Homepage(s): <https://discreteanalysisjournal.com/>

Type of Appearance: Fulltext, online only

Pricetype: free of charge

Annotation: The nonprofit venture is owned and published by a team of scholars. With no publisher middlemen, access will be completely free for all.

EZB Administration

Journal category

Journal category (tagged manually)

☐ Flip Journal ⓘ

Remarks in
German

Remarks in
English

☐ Mirror Journal ⓘ

Remarks in
German

Remarks in
English

☐ Subscribe to Open ⓘ

Remarks in
German


Remarks in
English

Journal category (tagged automatically)


☒ Indexed in DOAJ ⓘ

☒ Journal without APC ⓘ

Journal Categories Explained (Glossary)



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Glossary

Flip Journal

A flip journal is a journal that has flipped from closed access (CA) to open access (OA).

["Flip Journal" journals in EZB](#)

Indexed in DOAJ

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. All DOAJ journals are automatically tagged in the EZB.

["Indexed in DOAJ" journals in EZB](#)

Journal without APC

Journal with no publication fees. This applies to both Diamond OA and Platinum OA journals (source: DOAJ).

["Journal without APC" journals in EZB](#)

Mirror Journal

A mirror journal is a fully open access version of an existing subscription journal, with the same editorial board, aims and scope, peer review processes and policies and an editorial board with at least 50% of the same members. The journal may have a similar name as the subscription title, but it must have a different ISSN.

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Subscribe to Open

"Subscribe to Open" (S2O) is an approach to converting journals subject to licence fees to Open Access (OA) under the assumption that enough institutions participate as subscribers. Content for specific volumes of these journals is then made freely available without OA publication charges (APCs).

["Subscribe to Open" journals in EZB](#)

Contact & Info

- EZB:
<https://ezb.ur.de>
- EZB User Help:
<https://ezb.ur.de/hilfe?lang=en>
- EZB Services for Libraries:
<https://ezb.ur.de/services?lang=en>
- EZB Team & Advisory Board
<https://ezb.ur.de/services/team?lang=en>

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