

Measuring Quality: Integrity and Quality Criteria in Academic Journal Infrastructure

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Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals, Series and Publishers

In the Norwegian Register, you will find an overview over academic journals, series and publishers (publication channels), and you are welcome to suggest new.

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Assessment of scientific publication in Norway

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The Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills

- Overall, national responsibility for administrative functions within:
 - Higher education
 - Higher vocational education
 - Skills policy
- All training and education of adults aged 19 and older.
- A broader responsibility within internationalisation and career guidance.
- Although most tasks are related to education, the Directorate also owns and manage the Norwegian Register and erih+.



Academic publication in Norway

Definition of academic publication

In Norway the definition of academic publication is:

The publication present new insight.

The publication is presented in a form which makes the results verifiable or usable in new research.

The publication is presented in a language and have a distribution which makes it accessible for the majority of researchers who may be interested in it.

The publication is published in a publication channel (journal, series, publisher, web site) with routines for "peer review".

Reporting of academic publication

The scholars register their publications in The Norwegian Research Repository (NVA).

The institutions makes sure that the registered data is correct and that publications reported as academic, follows the definition.

Sikt (Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research) pass the data on to the authorities for use in the funding models.

Publication points and funding models

Norwegian institutions are credited with publication points if their employees publish scientific publications in approved publication channels.

The institutes and the health sector receives performance-based redistribution of research budgets from the Ministry of Education and Research.

The Norwegian Directorate receives data through the system from the institutions in the University and College Sector for use in the Database for Statistics on Higher Education ([DBH](#)). Some of the data goes into the Norwegian Register.

Database for Statistics on Higher Education

DBH is a data warehouse for higher education and research; it is used as a steering and decision-making tool for the sector.

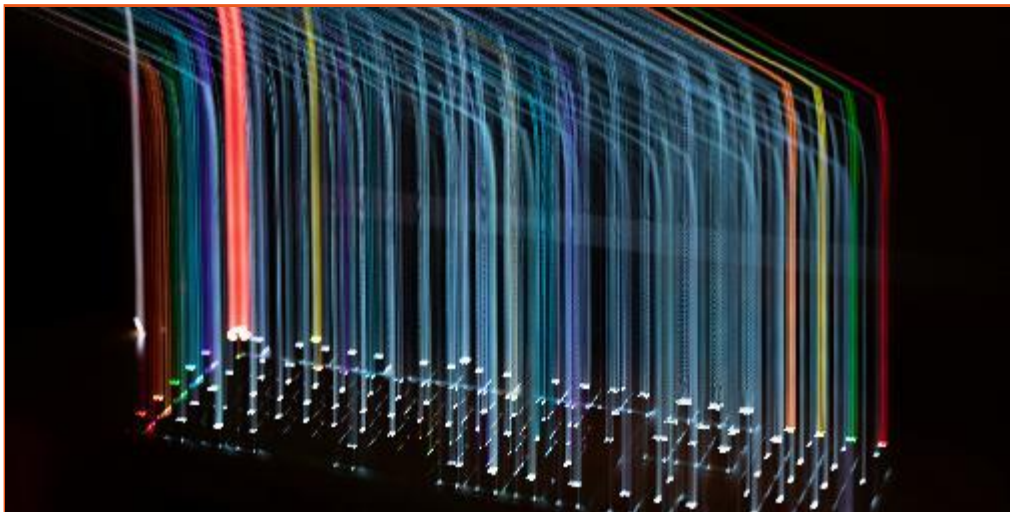


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1 Initiated by the Ministry

DBH was initiated by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research.

2 Quantitative parameters for steering

DBH provides quantitative parameters used by the Ministry and educational institutions as an important steering and decision-making tool.

3 The Norwegian Register contributes

The Norwegian Register plays a part in this role.

Actors involved

Mandate and stewardship

Norwegian Government / Ministry of Education and Research

Originally commissioned the Norwegian register as part of the performance-based funding model.

HK-dir

Owens and manages The Norwegian Register and the system behind; evaluates journals and facilitates processes.

DBH

Displays statistics on publication figures.

Erih+

European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Cooperates with the Norwegian Register.

Scholarly evaluation

The National Board of Scholarly Publishing

Advisory body for scientific publication in Norway; organises evaluation processes.

Publication Committees

Make scholarly decisions about publication channels.

Users

Researchers

Submit and comment on publication channels.

Research administration

Reports errors and omissions; advises on register development; submits on behalf of researchers.

Research institutions

Conduct research and research activities.

Sikt – Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research / NVA

Operate Norwegian Research Information Repository (NVA), which receives data from the Norwegian Register.

The Norwegian Register

A shared infrastructure linking policy, scholarly evaluation, research practice and data services.

The Norwegian Register

2004 Established to make quality-assured publication channels visible and usable.

1

Overview for researchers

Gives Norwegian researchers an overview of quality-checked journals, series and publishers.

2

Documentation of publication

Helps document scientific publication in Norway.

3

Part of the funding model

Was part of the performance-based redistribution of research budgets from the Ministry of Education and Research for higher education institutions, institutes and the health sector.

4

From 2024

The performance-based redistribution of research budgets applies only to the institutes and health sectors.

Policy context

Vekt på forskning
Nytt system for dokumentasjon
av vitenskapelig publisering
Innstilling fra faglig og teknisk utvalg til UHR

Versjon: 12. november 2004

A Bibliometric Model for
Performance-based Budgeting of Research Institutions

Recommendation from the committee
appointed by the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions
on assignment from the Ministry of Education and Research

Publication channel overview and
documented research output and
funding data.

2008

Established to make quality-assured European journals in humanities and social sciences visible and usable.

1

ERIH list – humanities disciplines

Established by European researchers under coordination of the Standing Committee for the Humanities (SCH) of the European Science Foundation (ESF)

2

ERIH PLUS – inclusion of social sciences

Transferred to Norwegian Centre for Research and Data (NSD) in 2014. Renamed due to inclusion of social sciences.

3

Transfer to HK-dir

Transferred to HK-dir in 2021 together with the Norwegian Register and DBH.

4

erih+ – modernisation and OPERAS

In 2023 the website was improved, the criteria for inclusion was revised and the name was rebranded. In addition, erih+ becomes member of OPERAS. National Node for Norway, together with the Arctic University of Tromsø.

From ERIH PLUS to erih+

ERIH PLUS
EUROPEAN REFERENCE INDEX FOR THE
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

erih+

erih+ and the Norwegian Register

01 Shares technological developments

02 Cooperate about data collection

03 Shares the same database

04 Similar criteria for approval

05 Cooperate about the quality

What information do we have?

Bibliometric information and level

Status: **Level 1**

Basic information

Title:	Nordic Research in Music Education
International title:	Nordic Research in Music Education
Predecessor:	Nordisk musikkpedagogisk forskning : Årbok
URL:	https://nrme.no/index.php/nrme/index
Publisher:	Cappelen Damm Akademisk
Language:	Multiple languages
Country of publication:	Norway
Scientific field:	Musicology
ISSN (online):	2703-8041 (Established 2020)
Additional information:	Publishes in Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish.

Index information

Indexing

- ⊗ Not indexed in Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- ✓ [Open Policy Finder](#)
Updated : 24.06.2026
- ✓ Included in publishing agreement.
[Read more about Open Access in the Norwegian Register](#)

OA Agreements with Norwegian consortium

Publishing agreement

Read about [publishing agreements in the Norwegian Register](#)

Taylor & Francis

Valid until 31.12.2026

Consortium agreement

+ **Show who is included in the agreement**

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We plan for more relevant information in the future like:

- Collect data from more indexes to display at the publication channel.
- Diamond OA Journals based on the Diamant OA Criteria by DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA.

What information do we have?

History of level placements and the publication points from the Higher Education Institutions

- Retrieved from DBH through Sikt/the Norwegian Research Information Repository.

We wish to include the publication points from the institute and health sector as well.

Scientific level placements and Norwegian HEIs publication points

2026	
Scientific Level:	1
Author shares:	Coming in May 2027
Publication points:	Coming in May 2027
2025	
Scientific Level:	1
Author shares:	0.0000
Publication points:	0.0000
2024	
Scientific Level:	1
Author shares:	0.0000
Publication points:	0.0000
2023	
Scientific Level:	1
Author shares:	0.3333
Publication points:	1.0614
2022	
Scientific Level:	1
Author shares:	0.2000
Publication points:	0.5814
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Cooperation and communication

Cooperation



The Norwegian Register has a Reference Group!

The Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals, Series and Publishers (the Norwegian Register) has recently established a Reference Group. The purpose of the Reference Group is to collect feedback on the Norwegian Register's features.



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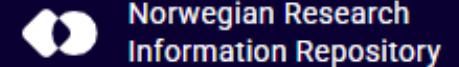


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Data providers

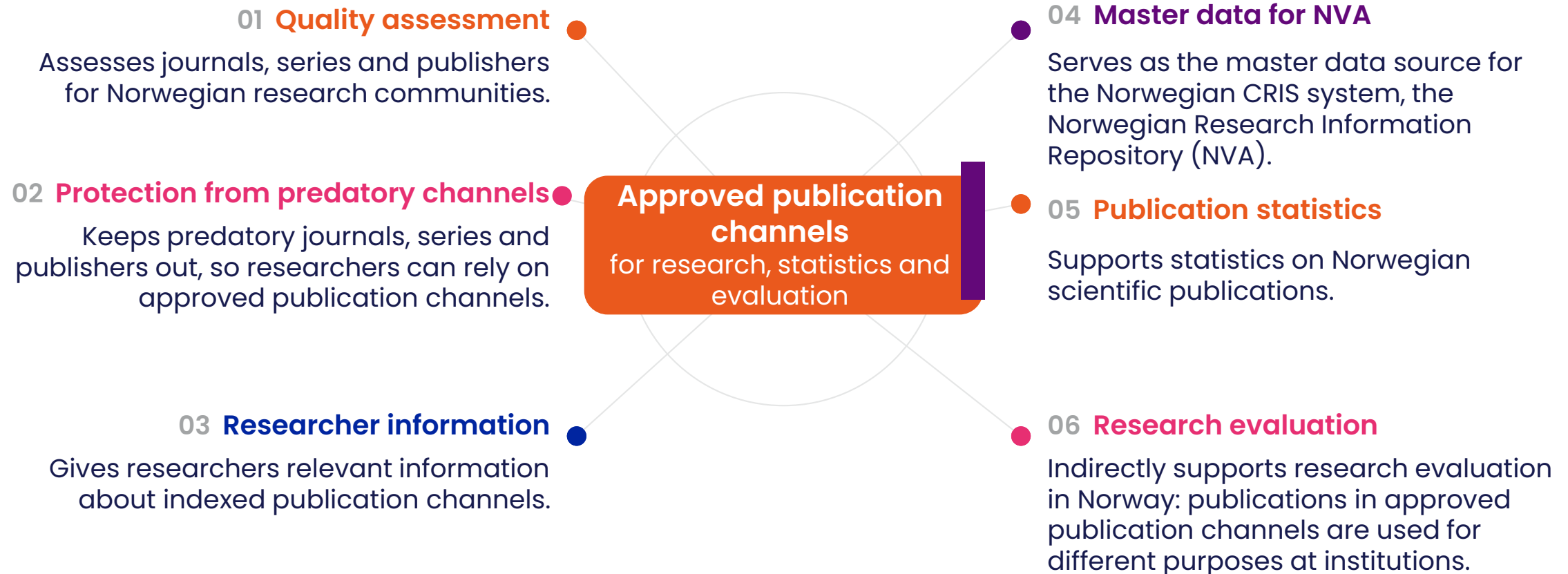


Master list for



Why the Norwegian Register

The Norwegian Directorate assesses publication channels — journals, series and publishers — on behalf of research communities in Norway.



Assessment → assurance →
information → data →
evidence

The levels

Level 0/1: Mainly approved/disapproved by HK-dir.

Level 2: Mainly approved/disapproved by the scientific publishing committees.

All levels: Formally approved/disapproved by The National Board of Scholarly Publishing

Level 0 – not approved

Does not meet one or several of the criteria for level 1.

The majority is assessed by HK-dir.

[Criteria for level 1](#)

Level 1 – approved

Meets the criteria for level 1.

The majority is assessed by HK-dir.

Level 2 – approved at the highest level

Meets the criteria for level 1 and the criteria for level 2.

Scholars can suggest, but the scientific publishing committees nominates.

[About the levels and guidelines for level 2](#)

Under discussion

- Not a level, but to mark that we want feedback.
- Applied to publication channels in borderline – meet the criteria but should not necessarily be approved.

The Criteria for inclusion in the Norwegian Register

Basic criteria for level 1

For a publication channel to be approved at level 1, the submitter must be able to document that the publication channel has:

- An academic editorial board
- External peer review
- A national or international authorship base
- Scientific publications
- Relevance to Norwegian research communities

Criteria for level 2

Level 2 will, as a rule, be limited to publication channels (academic journals, series, yearbooks, websites and book publishers) that:

- are perceived as leading publication channels in a wide variety of academic contexts and publish the most outstanding works by researchers from different countries
- publish about 20 per cent of academic publications

The evaluation process for level 1



The evaluation process for level 2



Processes and deadlines

January/February

The Norwegian Register is updated with last year's final levels, provisional levels for the current year and next year's final levels for Level 2 publication channels.

May/June

First Level 1 decision meeting of the year.

August

The scientific publication committees begin Level 2 nominations.

October

Second Level 1 decision meeting of the year.

October

Subject committees complete Level 2 nominations.

30 November

Deadline for Level 1 suggestions for review in the current year.

December

NPU meets to review Level 2 nominations.

January

Final Level 1 decision meeting for last year's proposals. All suggestions received by the deadline 30 November are normally reviewed.

HK-dir reviews and assesses level 1 suggestions throughout the year.

Challenges

Communication with the different systems/actors involved

- In assessment of publication channels – communication with the scientific panels/publishing committees
 - Can be difficult to receive a response in due time.
 - Not all members/committees are equally committed.

Priorities of resources and funding

- The Norwegian Register and erih+ is not prioritized in budgets.
- Too little resources to make the Norwegian Register and erih+ as good as we want them to be in regards off data, quality and functions.





Norwegian Directorate
for Higher Education
and Skills

**Thank you for the
attention!**

