



## Open Knowledge Maps and Scientific Knowledge Services partner to foster discovery for an open science

**Vienna/Munich, 4 October 2019:** [Open Knowledge Maps](https://openknowledgemaps.org) and [Scientific Knowledge Services](https://www.scientificknowledgeservices.com) (SKS), the European service provider for research and research support organizations, announce a new partnership with the intent of raising awareness for discovery infrastructures for open science and to highlight the importance of investing in their future. SKS becomes official membership recruitment partner of Open Knowledge Maps and will support Open Knowledge Maps in implementing its collaborative funding model.

*“We are delighted to partner with Scientific Knowledge Services. SKS is a trusted partner in the scholarly communication system, and their activities in the areas of open science and citizen science strongly align with Open Knowledge Maps’ vision and goals,”* says Peter Kraker, founder and chairman of Open Knowledge Maps. *“At Open Knowledge Maps, we believe that everyone should be able to benefit from scientific knowledge. We are confident that the partnership with SKS will help us to grow our organization so that we can achieve this goal.”*

*“Open Science is a movement that reflects a magnificent cultural change in research and in society. Research activities should be discoverable across the research landscape. Open Knowledge Maps is an organization that demonstrated to have a fundamental role in increasing the visibility of research outputs and improving collaboration between researchers and institutions. They challenge the traditional discovery tools, based on SERPs (search engine results pages) and propose to create maps of knowledge that provide more comprehensive overviews. Like all nonprofit organizations, Open Knowledge Maps needs support to reach sustainability, which is yet to be found. In my opinion, such support is part of the Open Science Responsibility; to make science irreversibly open, more reliable and to leave it in good shape for our next generations. As a small company, we enter with humbleness and ambition in this partnership with Open Knowledge Maps and we invite the research community to support their efforts,”* says Tiberius Ignat, the director of Scientific Knowledge Services.

**About Open Knowledge Maps:** <https://openknowledgemaps.org>

Open Knowledge Maps is a charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the visibility of scientific knowledge for science and society. As part of its mission, Open Knowledge Maps operates the

world's largest visual search engine for research, which enables researchers, students, and practitioners to explore, discover and make use of scientific content. In addition, Open Knowledge Maps carries out training events to improve literature search skills for a diverse set of audiences. Open Knowledge Maps shares all of its source code, data, and content under an open license, and it enables broad community participation through its support and engagement programs.

**About Scientific Knowledge Services:** <https://knowledge.services>

Scientific Knowledge Services is a company which specializes in helping the European libraries to embrace new technologies and ways of working. Since 2015, we run a successful series of workshops in partnership with UCL Press and LIBER Europe - [Focus On Open Science](#). The company is helping research organizations, libraries, and publishers to develop modern science communication programs, nurture communities or research practice, develop citizen science programs and offers consultancy for a transition to Open Science practices.

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