

# Proposal for the German Diamond Open Access Fund

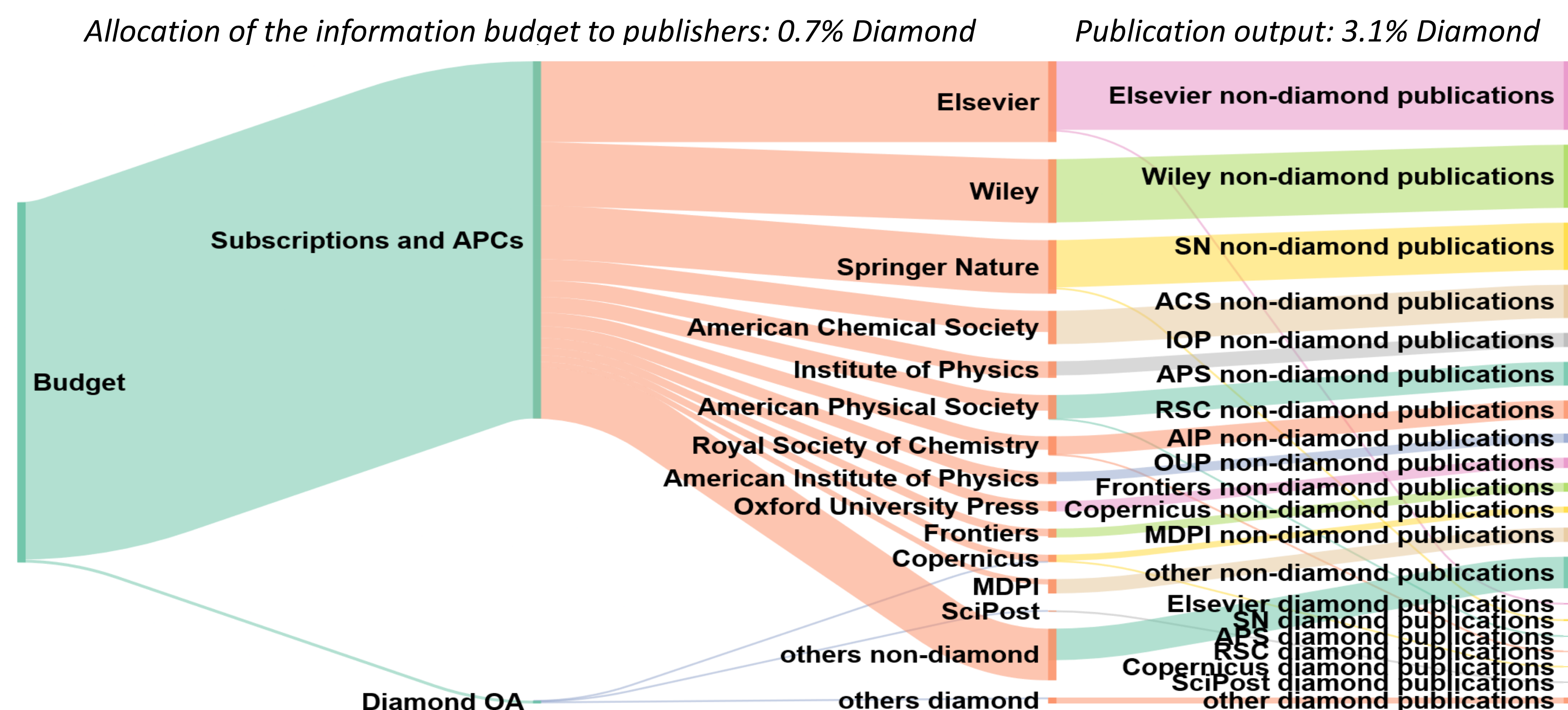
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## 1. Diamond OA is significantly underfinanced

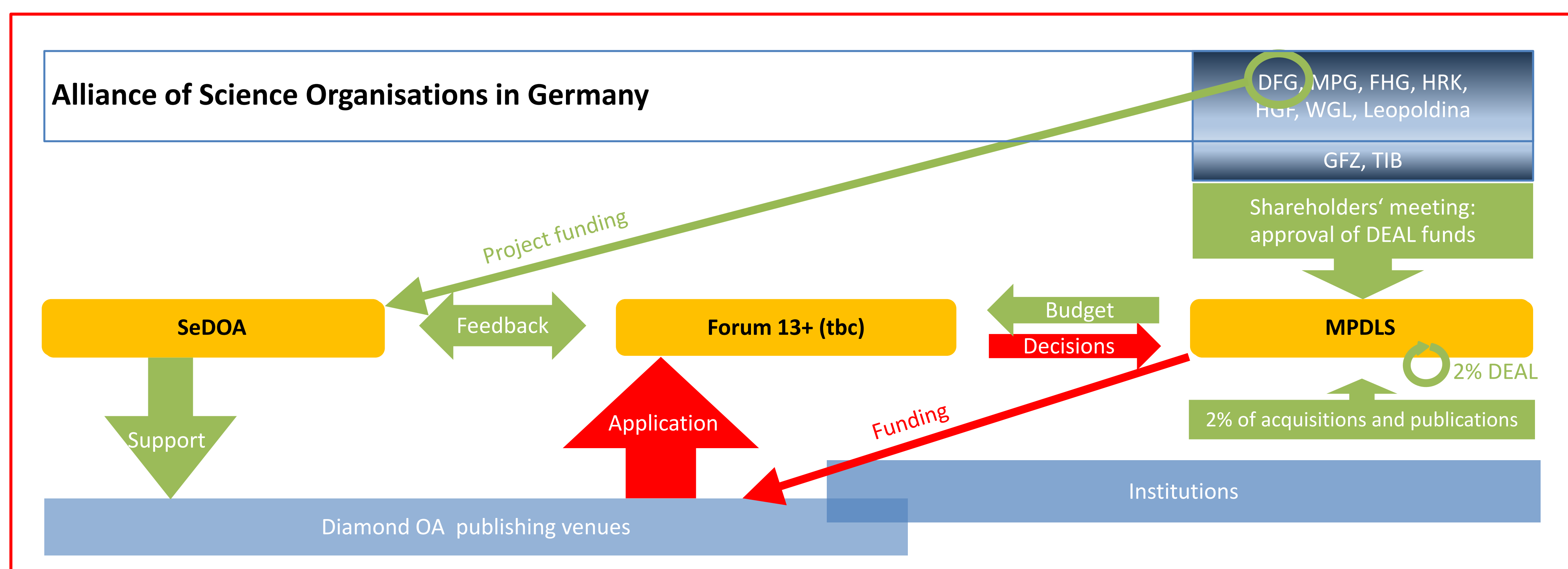
as shown by the example of Forschungszentrum Jülich's information budget and publication output in 2024



## 2. The existing methods of external financing are neither effective nor sustainable.

## 3. Established financing channels should be used to reallocate funds.

- Institutions are asked to contribute 2% of their current spending on books, journals, and publications in these media to a central fund (or to other Diamond OA initiatives).
- MPDLS which manages the national contracts with Elsevier, Springer Nature, and Wiley for the DEAL project, can act as a legal entity handling the finances.
- Funds are distributed to all eligible Diamond OA publishing venues based solely on formal criteria and the decision of the "Forum 13+" group.
- The German Diamond OA hub SeDOA will provide advisory support to the institutions and publishing venues.



## 4. Many consultations have taken place, but the relevant bodies have yet to make a decision.