

PRESS RELEASE

Knowledge Unlatched joins the Supporting Ukrainian Editorial Staff initiative

Berlin, March 30, 2022 — **Knowledge Unlatched** (KU), the international initiative for Open Access (OA), is pleased to announce it has joined the Supporting Ukrainian Editorial Staff (SUES) initiative to support those in Ukraine who work in disseminating and communicating knowledge in the scholarly publishing sector. This initiative was launched recently by several organizations, including IBL-PAN (Poland), OPERAS (Belgium), DOAJ (United Kingdom), DOAB (Netherlands), EIFL (Netherlands), and AEUP (France), with the support of a group of French editors and publishers.

KU is helping to raise support from libraries and publishers and contributing to SUES's current crowdfunding efforts to help pay editorial staff to carry on their work. If the crowdfunding campaign is successful, ten academic journals selected by a scientific committee will continue running. "We must not accept that the academic system in Ukraine is destroyed in this war. We hope that publisher partners and various institutions around the world will also recognize the importance of this admirable initiative and join our efforts as soon as possible," said Dr. Sven Fund, KU's Senior Director. "KU and Wiley have already contributed 3.000 euros."

KU will collect all institutional pledges and pass the full amount collected on to SUES. The cost of each pledge is EUR 500/USD 567/GBP 420 or EUR 1.000/USD 1.134 /GBP 839. Institutional pledges can be made in the [KU Portal](#), or libraries can reach out to their KU representatives. Individuals may also participate and learn more by visit the crowdfunding website: <https://wemakeit.com/projects/support-to-ukrainian-editors>.

Due to the immediate needs and the spontaneity of the program, the pledging deadline is Sunday, June 5th.

About Knowledge Unlatched

Knowledge Unlatched, a Wiley brand, offers free access to scholarly content for readers and researchers around the world. Its crowdfunding Open Access (OA) models and initiatives provide libraries worldwide with a central place to support the publishing of Open Access content from leading publishers in a wide range of HSS and STEM disciplines.

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