

2025 Roadmap

Advance research and boost innovation outcomes with the world's leading database of peer-reviewed full-text scientific, technical and health literature.

The research platform for strategic innovation

Great decisions stem from great insights. Equipped with the latest developments and dynamic tools to navigate over 21 million articles and book chapters, your researchers can leverage reliable, science-based research insights and data to boost innovation outcomes, and work more efficiently.

At ScienceDirect, we continuously enhance the user experience to enable researchers to work faster, more easily and more efficiently. Your success is at the heart of our mission, and your invaluable feedback has guided the enhancements you'll see in this year's roadmap.

Continuing to develop ScienceDirect's core

We are building on ScienceDirect's core user experience through experiments and new enhancements, including:

Article page redesign: Aimed at improving your reading experience, the redesign includes:

- A cleaner layout and improved typography to make articles more accessible and enjoyable
- A more modern look that aligns with today's digital standards, ensuring intuitive and engaging navigation
- Quicker loading times and streamlined access to content, allowing you to dive into your research without delay

EPUB format downloads: Enable users to download entire books in EPUB format, providing greater flexibility and usability alongside the existing option to download individual book chapters as PDFs.

Revamp Topics pages: Redesigned topics pages will enhance organization and navigation, featuring improved visuals, curated content, and easy access to related articles and resources.

Improved security and privacy

We have obtained ISO 27001 and ISO 27701 certification to further demonstrate credibility and establish trust with our customers. We're proud that this designation validates that ScienceDirect adheres to global standards of quality assurance.

Supporting Open Access publishing

As part of our commitment to supporting Open Science, ScienceDirect is continuously evolving to enhance the author experience and drive greater transparency in Open Access (OA) publishing. Nearly all of Elsevier's 2,900 journals enable OA publishing, making it easy to find the right open access home for your research on ScienceDirect. We are developing tools to help authors identify the most suitable journal for their research, factoring in scope, impact and OA options.

To make Open Access more accessible, we are piloting an **APC Geo-pricing Pilot**. This initiative seeks to ensure fair and equitable pricing for authors worldwide, addressing affordability concerns and promoting broader participation in OA publishing.

We are improving the visibility of APC costs by integrating clearer pricing breakdowns within ScienceDirect.

Authors will have a more transparent view of costs upfront, along with funding and institutional support options, reducing uncertainty in the publishing process.

The latest on our major 2025 initiatives



Enhancing accessibility

We are dedicated to improving accessibility for everyone in compliance with the European Accessibility Act.

Our tagged PDFs comply with WCAG 2.1 criterion 1.3.1 — Info and Relationships, enhancing navigation for assistive technology.

Elsevier ensures our eBooks are perceivable, operable, and robust, meeting WCAG 2.1 level AA standards.

We're proud ScienceDirect was ranked as the most accessible homepage by the 2023 WebAIM Top Million study, reflecting our ongoing commitment to digital inclusivity.



Third party publisher syndication

We are expanding our third-party publisher content to cover all research topics and include new publishers.

We are also enhancing the user experience by better embedding third-party content into ScienceDirect with clear publisher and journal branding.

The current list of journals and publishers can be found at [Sciencedirect.com/org](https://www.sciencedirect.com/org).

COUNTER COP 5.1: Beginning in February, you will gain access to the new "COUNTER COP5.1 Reports" widget in E-PIC Counter, which will feature usage data from January 2025.

The COP5 option will remain available to facilitate your transition.



New value via AI

ScienceDirect is experimenting with integrated AI features to boost decision-making and productivity for R&D professionals. You will hear more from us in future communications.



Quick and easy access with link resolver

Easily update link resolvers with the new automated process which reduces the time to resolve issues with link configuration updates from 2 weeks to 1 hour.

ScienceDirect now connects directly to the link resolver configuration database, generating each link on demand, caching the configuration for 1 hour on ScienceDirect for improved performance.

You can configure a link resolver within your account using the [Admin Tool](#). Find instructions and help in our [FAQs](#).

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