

## **It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Reflections from Eastern Europe and the Global South**

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The theme for this year's International Open Access Week on October 25-31 is "It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity." It intentionally aligns with the provisionally adopted UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science, of which Open Access publishing is a crucial component. How can we make openness the default for research and to ensure that equity is at the center of Open Access publishing? How can we balance local and global needs and priorities in Open Access policies and practices? This talk will reflect on the EIFL's Open Access work in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.