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Summary

As stated in *D1.6 SOLO Platform, project website and social media profiles*, Pensoft Publishers has developed a publishing platform for the purposes of the SOLO project and beyond it, that will be used for authoring, reviewing, publishing, hosting and archiving of documents (i.e. reports) created within the project. This was attained by adapting the existing publishing and reviewing platform [ARPHA](#), developed by Pensoft Publishers, which is an advanced tool, suitable for a range of research outputs, including open access journals, books, institutional documents and reports. The SOLO publishing platform design was created by following the guidelines of the project's brand manual and will be consistent with the visual identity of the project. The Soils for Europe journal, which is the end output of the full cycle, is an easy-to-use tool which will support the outputs of the project with multiple functions.

1 Instructions for use of the SOLO publishing platform

The process of publishing documents on the Soils for Europe journal includes three tools:

- [The SOLO website](#) (entrance point)
- [The Arpha Writing Tool](#) (platform)
- [The Soils for Europe journal](#) (output)

When a user logs in the SOLO website, they will automatically be logged into the Arpha Writing Tool and the Soils for Europe journal. Once logged in, the user can start writing their document in the Arpha Writing Tool.

1.1 Creating a document

After a user has successfully logged into the SOLO platform, they can start creating various document types. To make the process easier and ensure consistency in the output, the SOLO publishing platform offers a selection of templates tailored for different document types (Figure 1). Once a user selects their desired template, they can start their work on the specific document, using all the necessary tools and functions available to them.

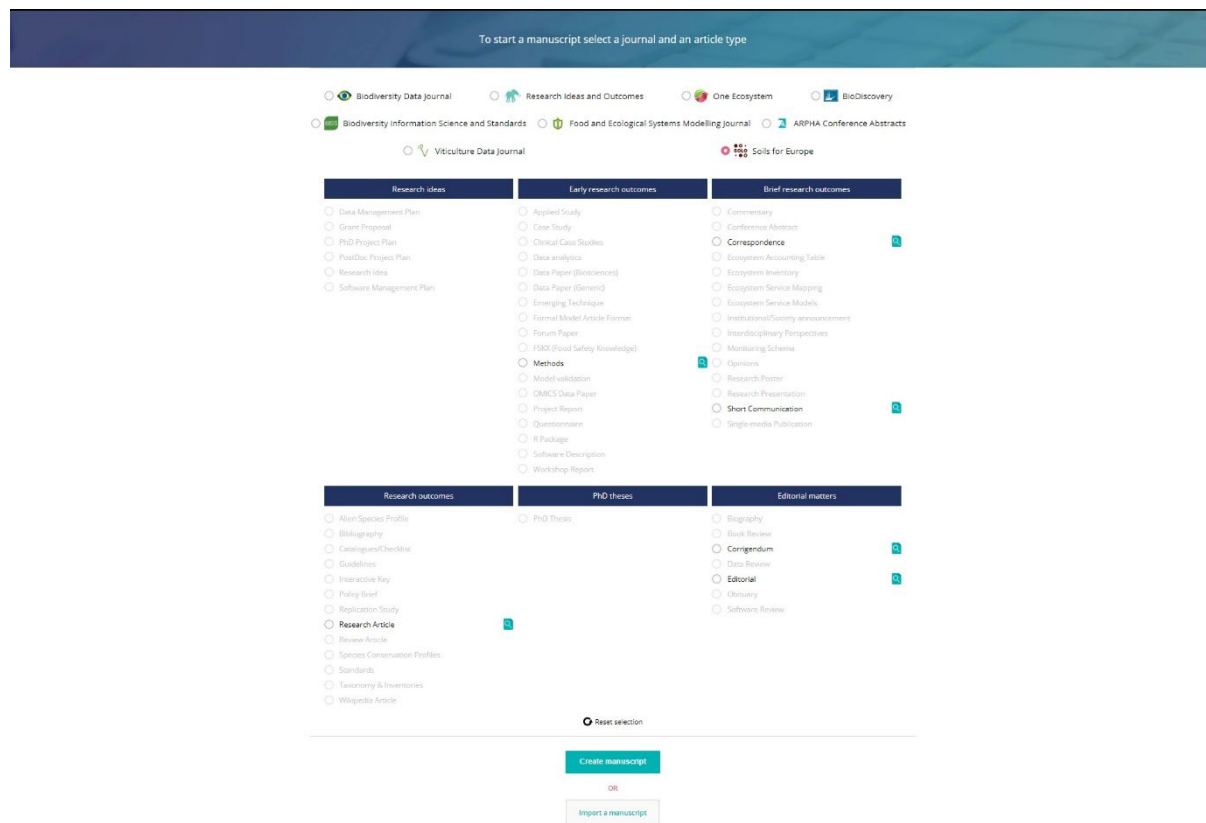


Figure 1. Selection of document templates available for users

1.2 Subject editors

There will be appointed subject editors to each category ([soil mission objectives](#)) in the Soils for Europe journal (the leaders of each Think Tank). The categories are: erosion prevention; land degradation; footprint on soils; soil organic carbon stock; pollution and restoration; soil sealing and urban soils; soil structure; soil literacy; nature conservation of soil biodiversity; climate smart agriculture.

1.3 The review process

Once the draft of the document is complete, the user will appoint reviewers and submit the document for review (Figure 2). The subject editor of the group that the document is created in, will also receive a notification of the submitted document for review. After that, the reviewers (either internal SOLO members or externally invited actors) have 20 days (subject to change) to make suggestions and evaluate the document. If all reviewers submit their reviews before the deadline, the subject editor will be notified via email. In this case he/she can review the document and submit a decision. Otherwise, once the deadline has passed, the document goes back to the author, so he/she can implement the suggested changes if they wish.

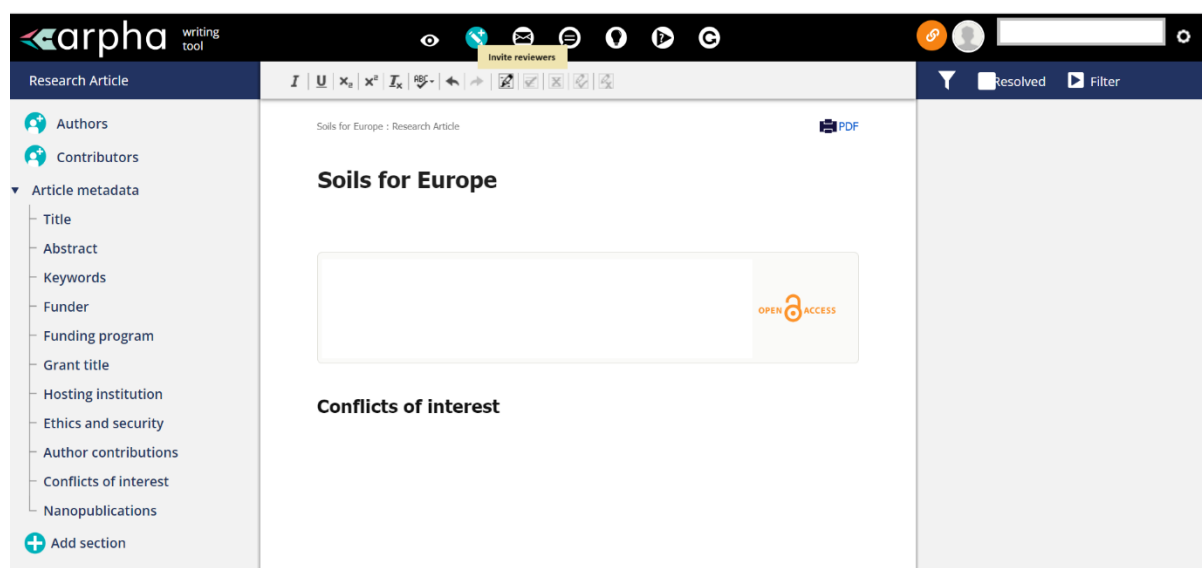


Figure 2. Draft document ready to be sent for review

External users will be able to register on the SOLO website and review the available documents in the review stage. The website will feature a page called “External documents” where all the documents will be available for external review.

Once the changes from the review are implemented, the author sends the document to the subject editor of the group. If needed, the subject editor can initiate a second review round inviting reviewers. If not, the subject editor can make final comments and take editorial decisions. Then the document goes back to the author.

1.4 The publishing process

Once the document has gone through all rounds of review and is submitted for publishing, Pensoft Publishers will take care to generate all the different versions (PDF, HTML & XML) of the article and publish it. The process takes 3-5 working days. After that, the document will be published in the Soils for Europe journal (Figure 3).

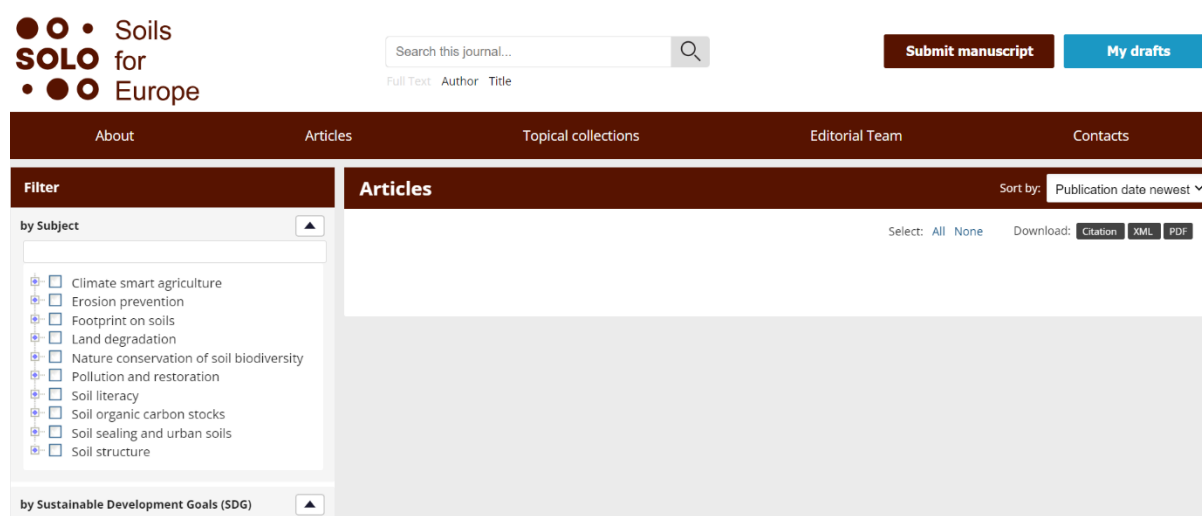


Figure 3. The Soils for Europe Journal section for published articles

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