How collaboration could contribute to make Catalan journals visible on the Internet?

What is RACO?

- Scientific, cultural and erudite **Catalan journals** in **Open Access** in a **cooperative repository**
- Purposes of increasing the visibility and searches and spreading the scientific and academic production published in Catalan journals
- A collaborative project of the Universities of Catalonia, Consortium of Academic Libraries of Catalonia (CBUC), Catalonia Supercomputing Center (CESCA), National Library of Catalonia (BNC) and Catalan Government

What we have in RACO?

- More than **240 journals** with **85,000 articles** (80% in OA) from 50 publishing institutions (universities, institutes, associations, foundations, royal academies, etc.)
- Journals included in RACO are those that contain a table of contents, that have articles of over 4 pages and are signed and those that are published inside the field of a scientific, cultural and/or erudite Catalan institution
- Since it got into operation (2006) has had more than **4 millions of queries**

↓ Most of the scientific, cultural & erudite journals are not visible

↑ **RACO** promotes the access to all research & high culture information produced in Catalonia

What we are doing in RACO and how?

- Data entry is done by the own publishers working with **standards** of description (DC), interoperability (OAI-PMH) and digitization
- Being the interface that allows searching all the journals jointly with unified access points
- Encouraging the electronic edition of Catalan journals using the open source program **Open Journal Systems** (OJS) developed by Public Knowledge Project (PKP) and giving the tools to ask the **authors** of the articles for **permission** to enter them in RACO
- Providing the instruments for its **preservation**. From 2005 we have a plan of **retrospective digitization** that has allowed to digitize more than 350,000 pages from 87 journals

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