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Open Seeds by OLS

A mentoring & training program for Open Science ambassadors

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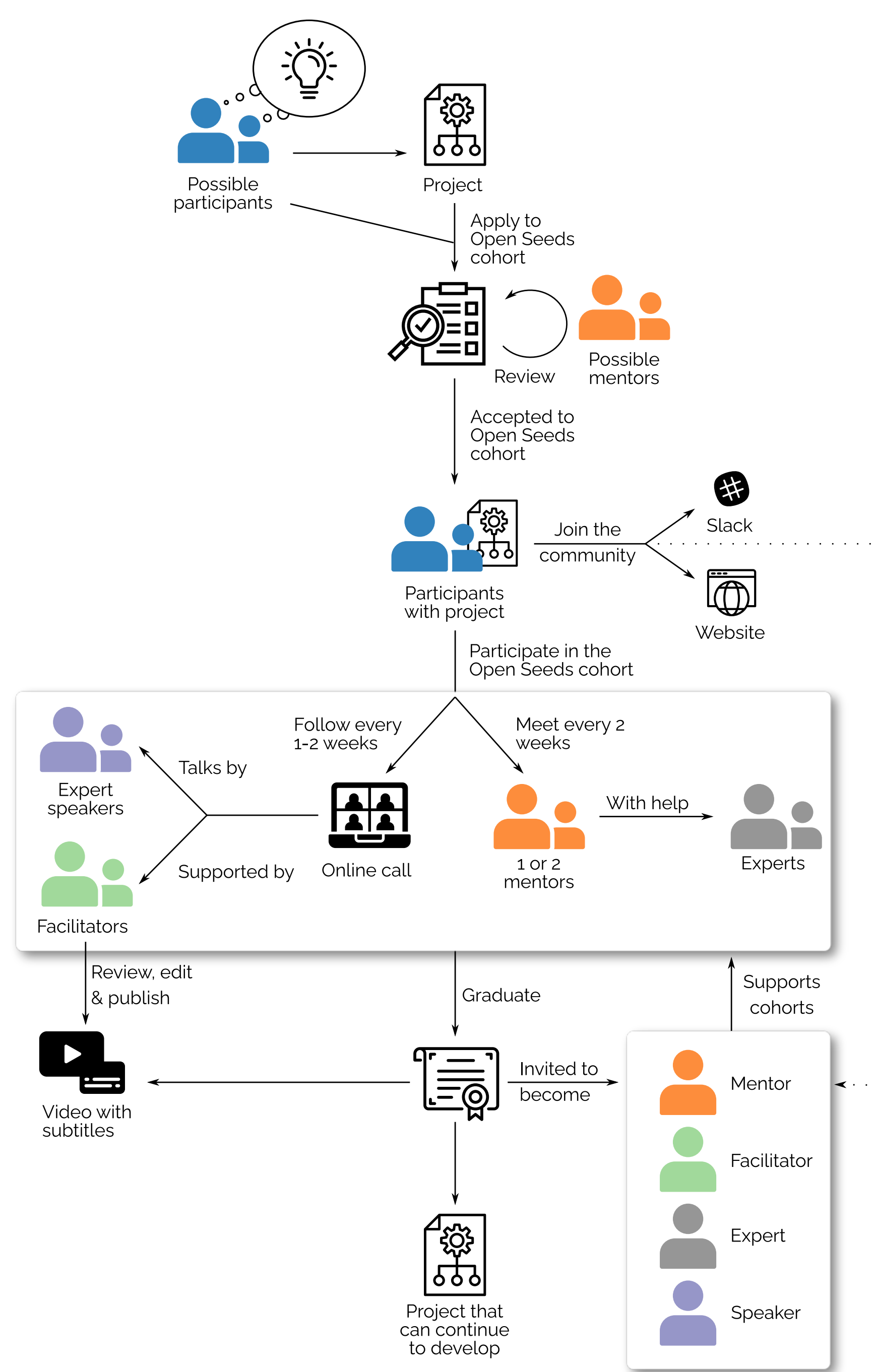
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OLS offers Open Seeds, a **16-week training** and **mentoring** program to enable researchers and their teams to lead **open** research projects in their respective domains and become **open science ambassadors** for their communities.

Open Seeds **broadens** access to open science practices, methods and skills, and **empowers** researchers through opportunities for **capacity building** in three aspects:

- (1) offering a **structured and accountable platform** for highlighting, supporting, and rewarding **grassroots** open research projects,
- (2) promoting participation & **leadership** of members from communities historically underrepresented in open science,
- (3) expanding the scope of their project and scaling efforts through **collaboration with international projects**.

Program Structure

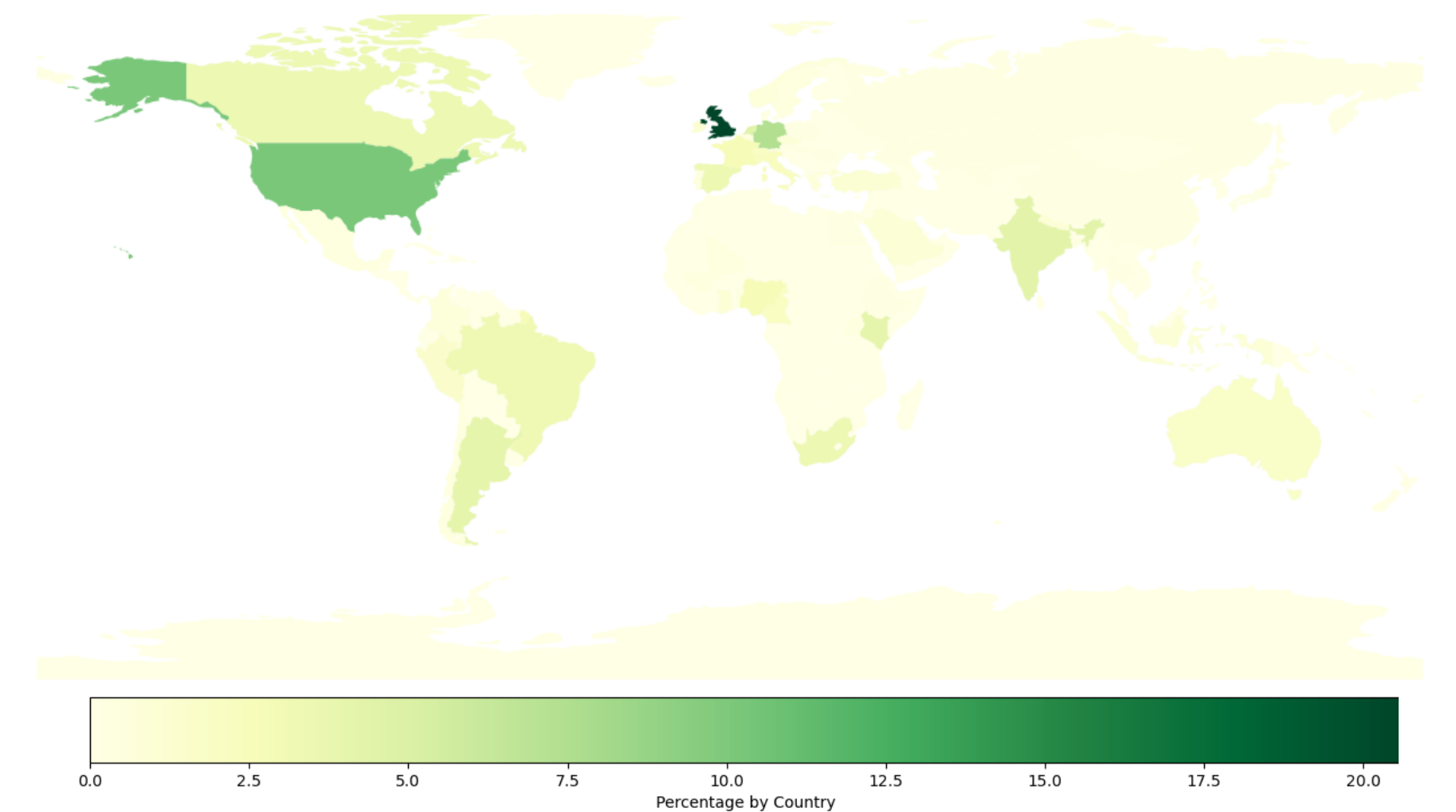


With the combination of **practical training** and **1:1 support** from our **mentors**, we guide participants to reflect on and apply open **practices** in the context of the socio-cultural environment where they conduct their research. Participants join the program with an **open science project**. They attend **cohort calls** to learn about open science practices and frameworks to apply hands-on open science skills including **FAIR** research principles and **equitable** and **inclusive community** practices. In mentoring calls every alternating week, they **reflect** on their progress and identify the next steps. To strengthen their skills, program graduates can **re-join** subsequent cohorts as mentors, call facilitators, and expert speakers. We offer **micro-grants, live transcription**, and other resources to make the program **inclusive** and **accessible**.

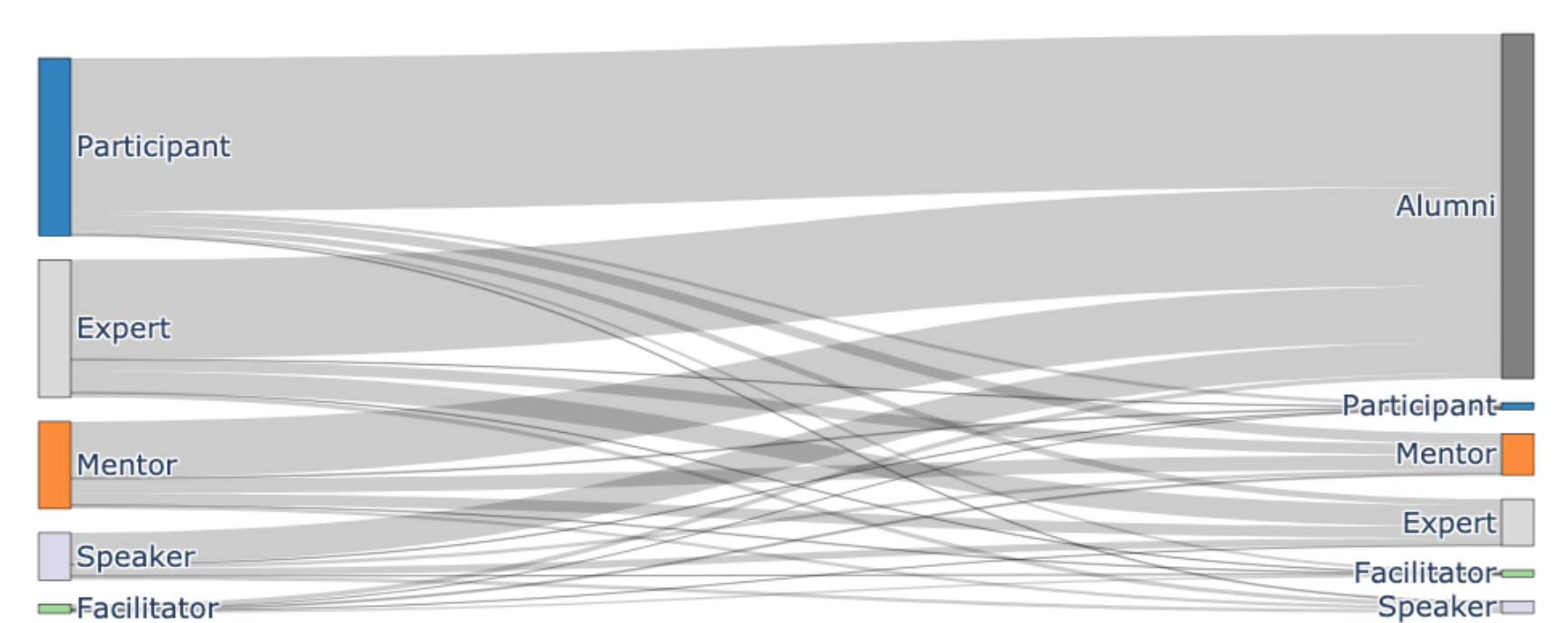
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A worldwide community

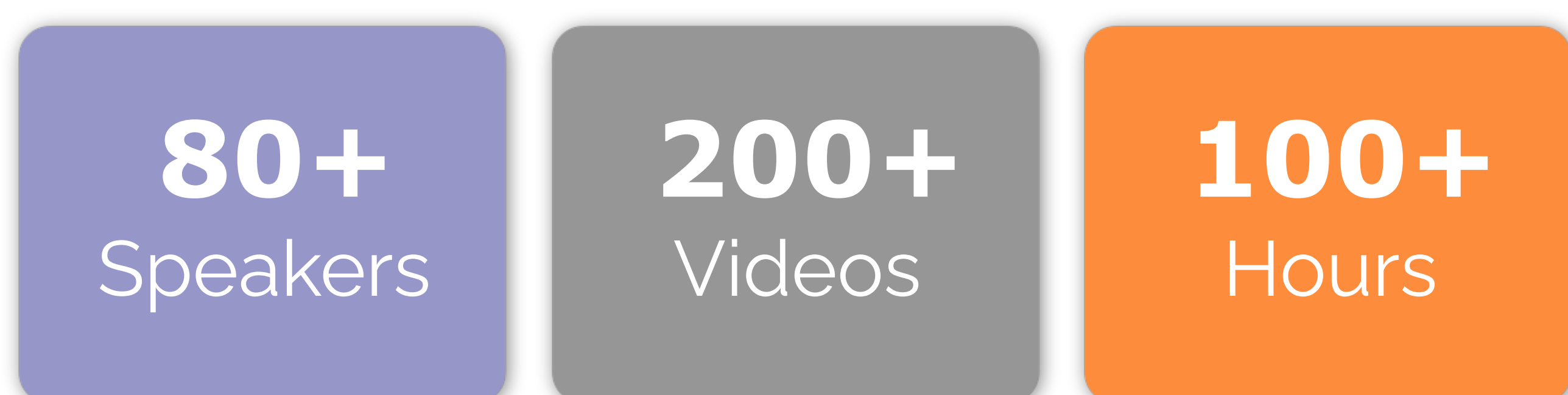


A diversity of paths



Video library of Expert talks

From the talks in the cohort calls, we built a **FAIR** catalog of **captioned** videos.



Topics

Open Science, Project Design, Community, Open Leadership, & much more!

