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## **GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWERS**

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## PEER-REVIEW PROCESS IN THE JOURNAL «DIACOVENSIA – TEOLOŠKI PRILOZI»

### 1. GENERAL REMARKS ON THE PEER-REVIEW PROCESS IN THE JOURNAL «DIACOVENSIA – TEOLOŠKI PRILOZI»

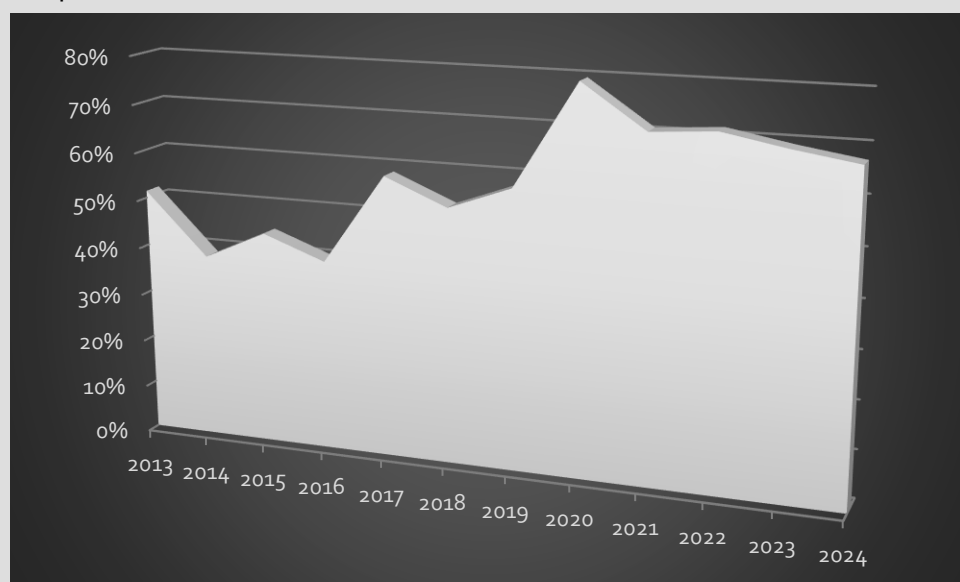
The journal «Diacovensia – Teološki prilozi» conducts its peer-review process in accordance with the highest standards of scholarly publishing and established best practices.

For many years, the main overall objectives of the peer-review process in the Journal have been:

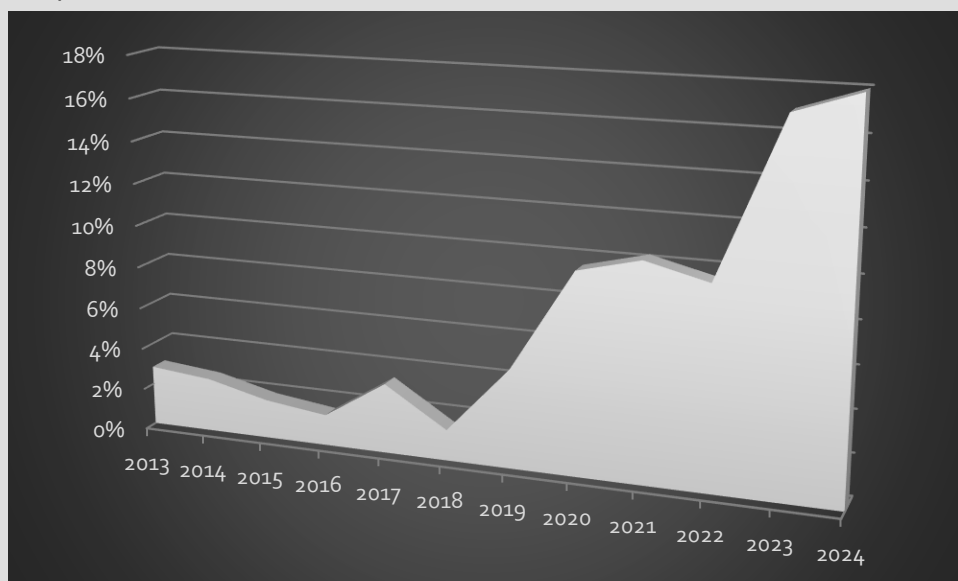
- to base the peer-review process on external domestic and international reviews and to increase their share
- to increase the number of external international and domestic reviews
- to substantially reduce, or entirely eliminate, the participation of Editorial Board members as reviewers in the peer-review process.

Statistical indicators show that these goals have been achieved and that the figures have been moving in an increasingly positive direction from year to year; the Journal will continue to insist on further growth in this regard.

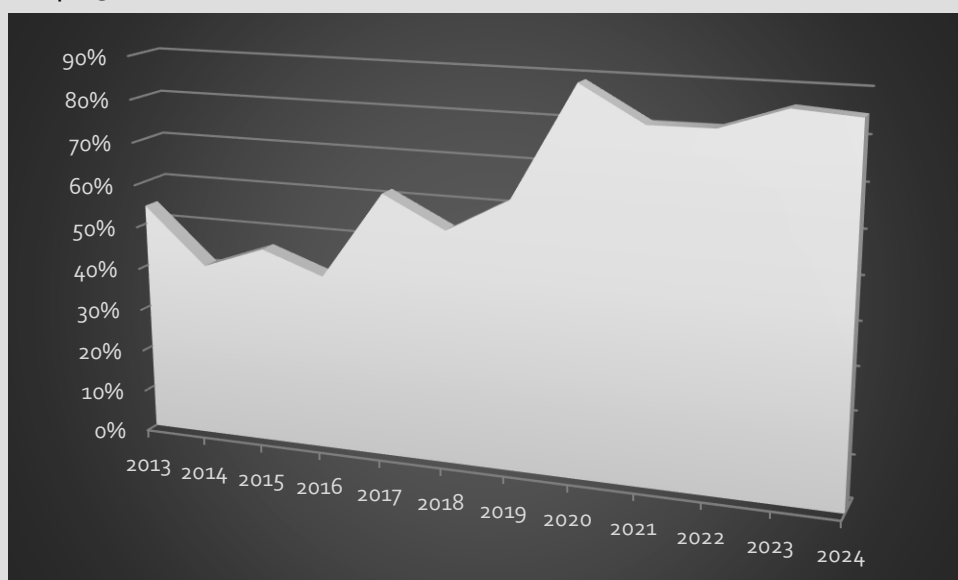
Graph 1: Share of External Domestic Reviews



Graph 2: Share of External International Reviews



Graph 3: Share of All External Reviews (Domestic + International)



## 2. PEER-REVIEW PROCESS: IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES

The peer-review process follows the [COPE Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers](#).

The peer-review process is conducted via [OJS](#), whereby the Editorial Office invites a reviewer who is already listed in one of the reviewer databases within OJS or sends the reviewer an invitation to create a profile and join OJS.

Through the same platform, the Editorial Office—strictly observing the rules of the double-blind peer-review procedure (double-blind peer review)—provides reviewers with the necessary anonymized materials and the official review form in digital form.

The review form must be completed; submission of additional files by the reviewer (e.g., a version of the anonymized manuscript with comments) is optional.

Key guidelines for preparing reviews include:

- **Objectivity:** it is essential that peer review be conducted objectively; ad hominem criticism is inappropriate and unacceptable.

- **Substantiation and clarity:** in keeping with the principle of objectivity, reviewers should state their positions clearly and with well-grounded arguments, ensuring that the judgments expressed in the review are supported by new and relevant scholarly findings in their field. Only in this way can the peer-review process achieve its most important goal: the publication of the highest-quality articles and the exchange of ideas and learning within the author–reviewer relationship.

- **Confidentiality and anonymity:** reviewers must safeguard the confidentiality of the peer-review process and of all information provided by the editor. Any files submitted should, where possible, be anonymized, thereby supporting the Editorial Office in maintaining the double-blind peer-review procedure (double-blind peer review).

Any **appeal** regarding the peer-review process or a decision on a manuscript may be submitted in writing to the Editor-in-Chief.