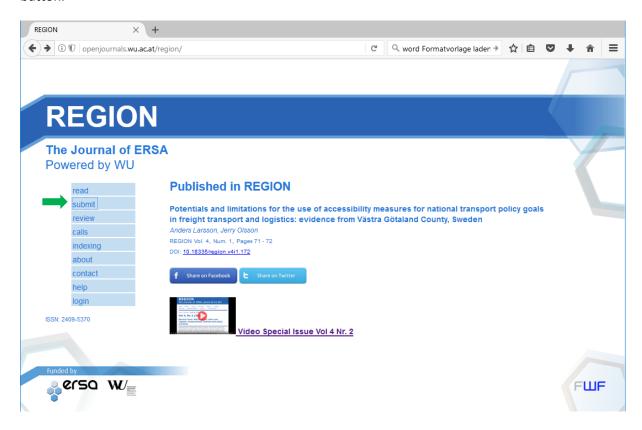
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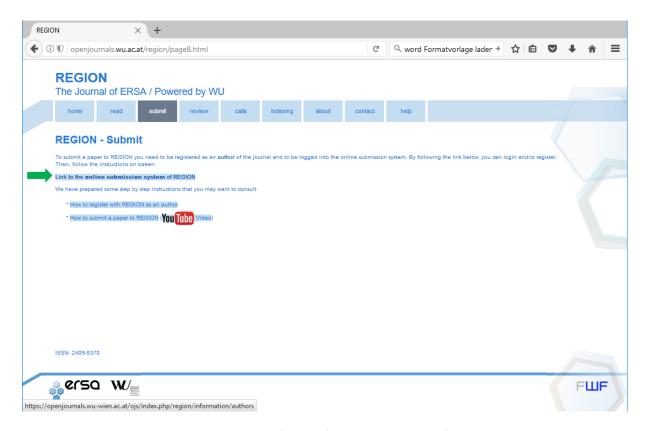
This document provides step-by-step instructions on how to submit an article to REGION. Before you can submit an article to REGION you need to be registered as an author to our implementation of OJS (Open Journal Systems). If you need help with this preliminary step, see the document "How to register with REGION as an author".

Start your submission

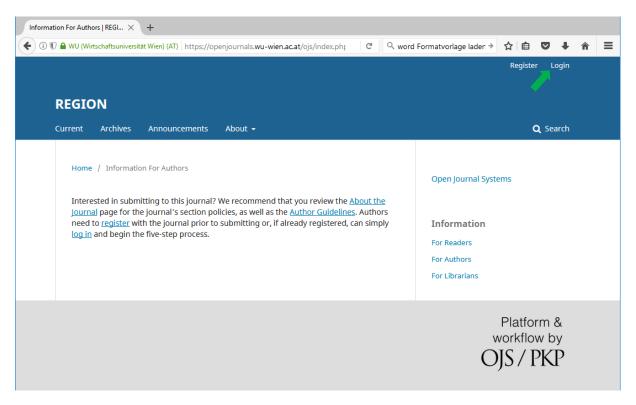
To start your submission, go to the REGION homepage (http://region.ersa.org) and click the "submit" button.



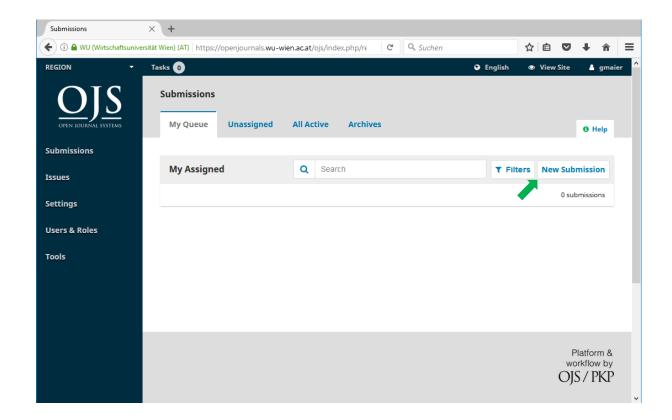
This gets you to a page with instructions and a direct link to the "online submission system" of REGION. Click this link to get to OJS.



Since you are not yet authenticated to OJS (unless from an earlier login), you are requested to login. Click the "Login" link and enter your credentials.



When your login is successful, you will see the "Submission Dashboard" of OJS. This is the starting point of your paper submission. Click "**New Submission**". If you do have any earlier submissions, they are listed here.



The five step submission process

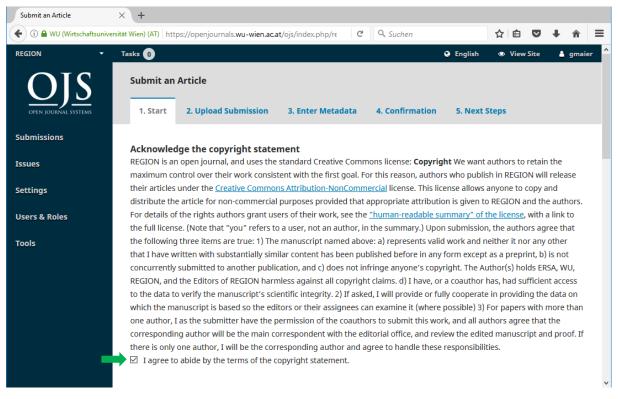
By clicking "New Submission", you enter a five-step process. OJS guides you through it step-by-step.

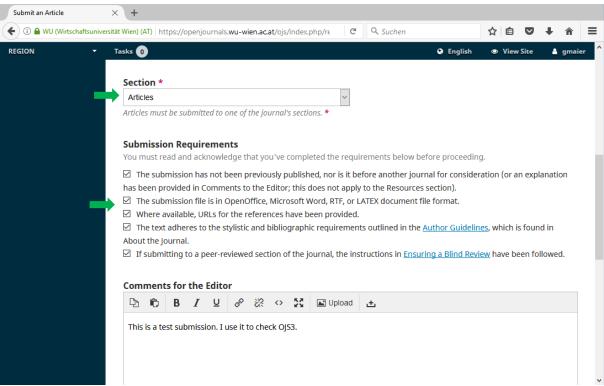
Step 1: Start

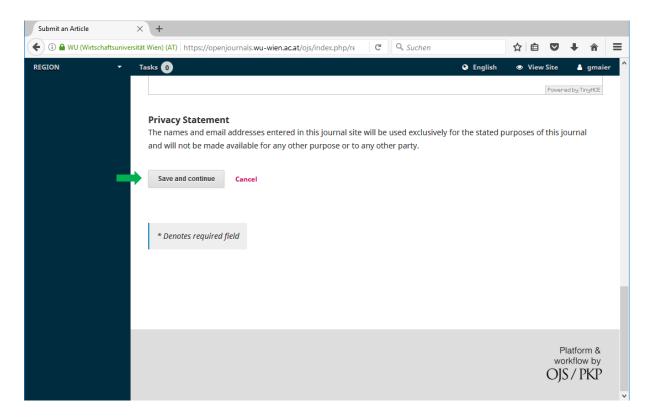
The process starts with a set of fundamental questions. Before you can upload your paper, you need to

- 1. Acknowledge the copyright statement
- 2. Select the appropriate journal section for your submission (select "Article" if in doubt)
- 3. Acknowledge the submission requirements.

You may also add some comments to the editor at this step. When you are finished, click "Save and continue" to proceed to the second step.

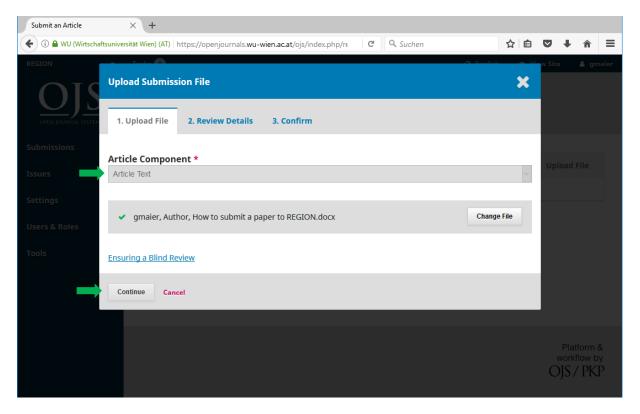


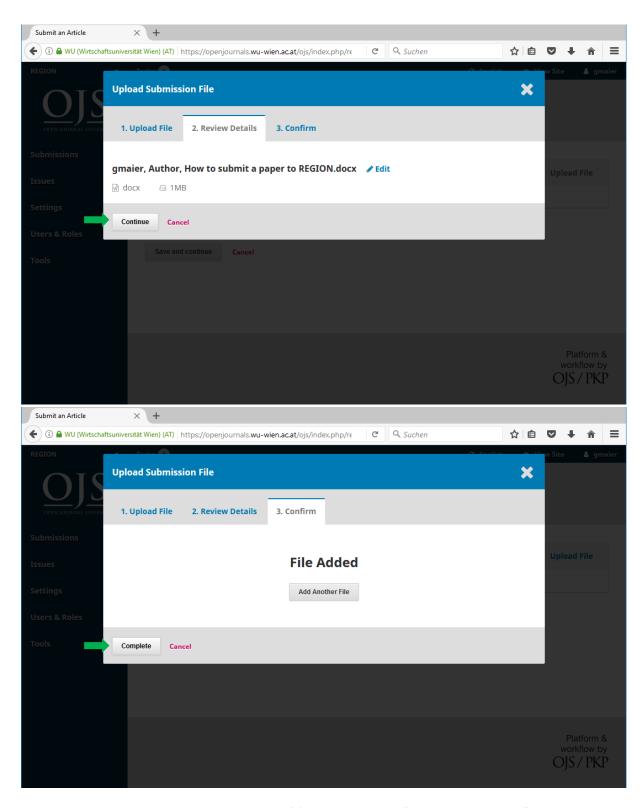




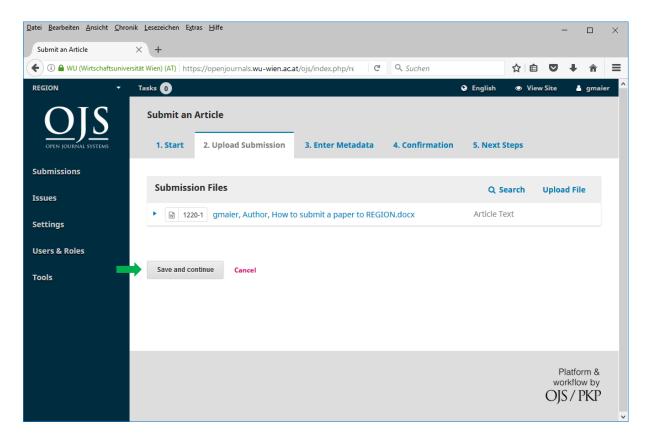
Step 2: Upload your Submission

At this step you can upload the files of your submission. This may be just one file or a whole range of files. In order to support the editors in their job, you need to categorize the documents you upload by selecting the respective "Article Component".



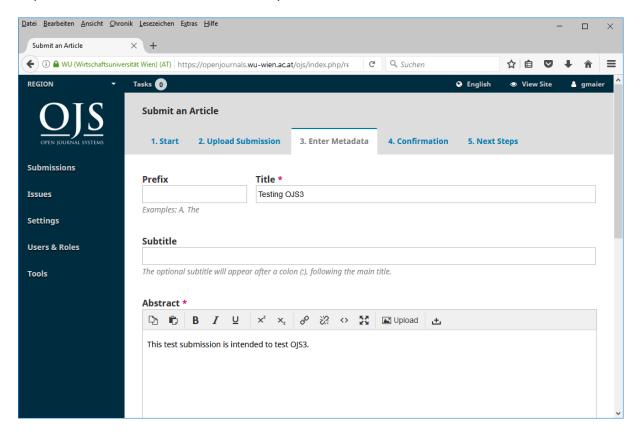


When you are done uploading the document(s) and back at the "Upload Submission" tab, click "Save and continue" to proceed to the third step of the submission process.

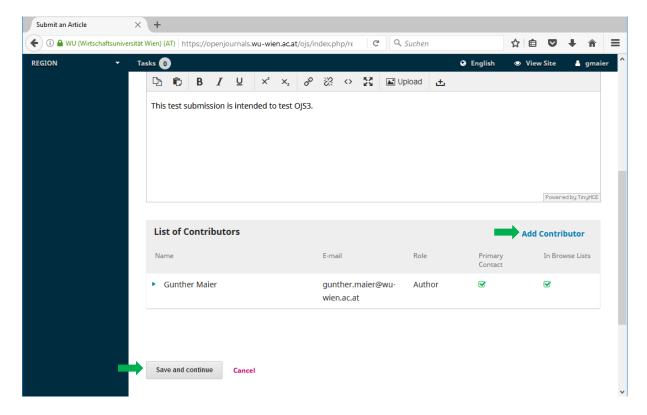


Step 3: Enter Metadata

In the third step you enter so-called "Metadata", i.e., information about your submission. The most important metadata is title and abstract of your submission.

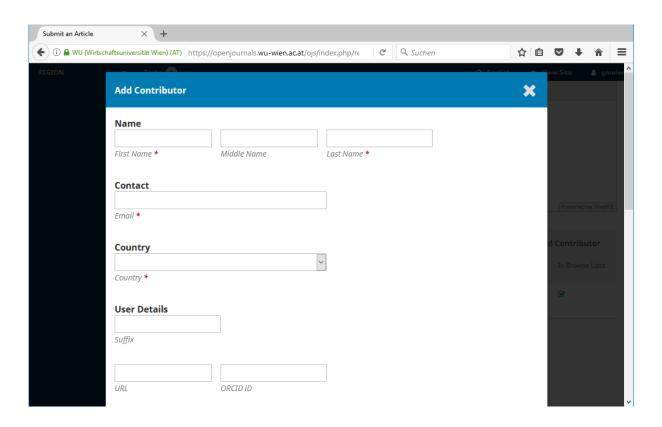


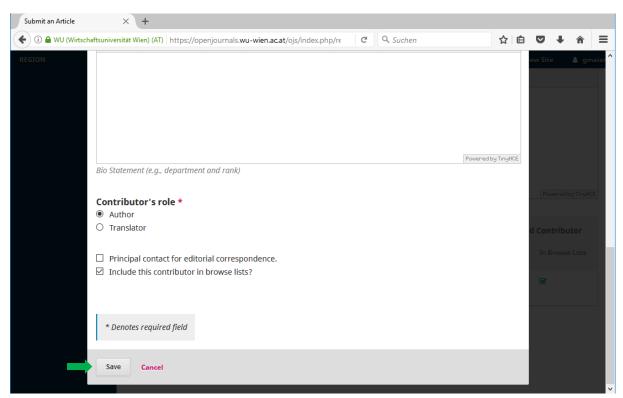
In the lower part of this form you should add all your co-authors. Just click "Add Contributor" to get to the respective form. If there are no co-authors to add, click "Save and continue".



Add a contributor

To add one or more contributors, click "Add Contributor" in the previous form and fill in the personal data of your contributors. Add them one after the other.

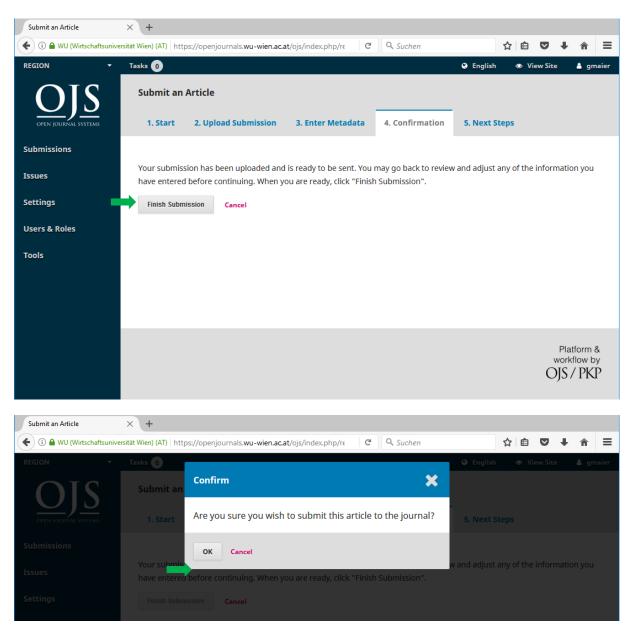




For every co-author, click "Save" to store the information and to jump back to the "Enter Metadata" tab of the submission process. When done with adding co-authors, click "Save and continue" to move on to step 4 of the submission process.

Step 4: Confirmation

In step 4 of the submission process you confirm your submission and hand it over to the editor. You may go back to review and adjust any of the information you have entered. When you click "Finish Submission" you close the submission process and – after a final confirmation – hand over your submission to the editor.



Step 5: Next Steps

Step 5 of the submission process just acknowledges your submission. The form offers you three options you may want to take at this step.

