

Journal.fi

Building infrastructure for open
access journals in Finland

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Outline

- Journal.fi in a nutshell
- Building Journal.fi
- Technical infrastructure
- Future plans

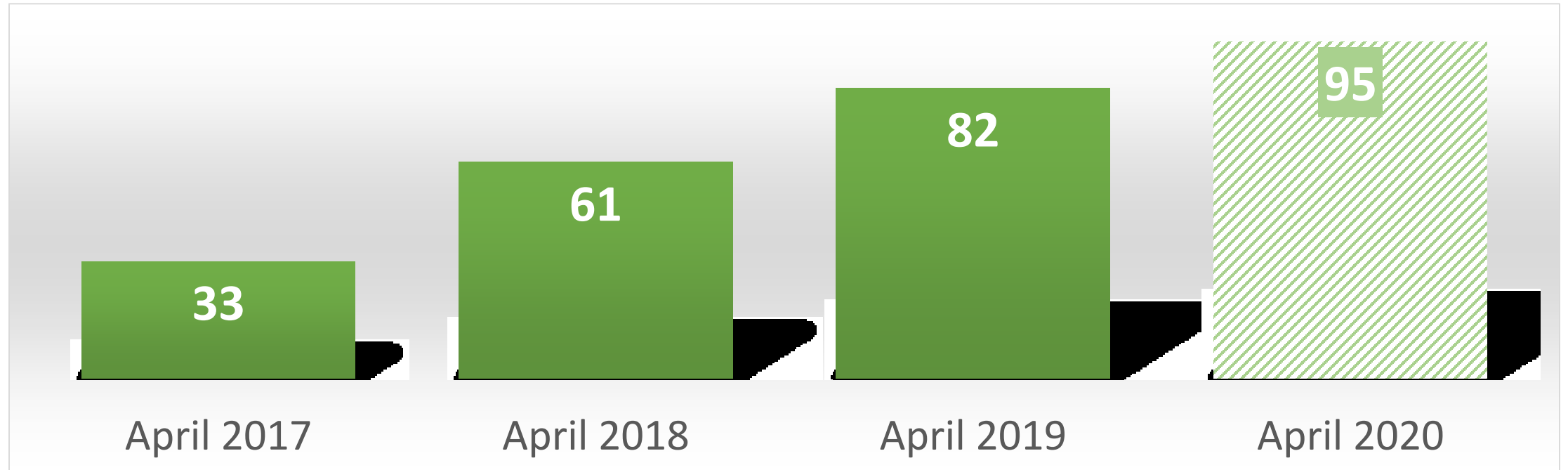
Journal.fi (<https://journal.fi>)

- A platform for Finnish online journals maintained by the *Federation of Finnish Learned Societies* launched in January 2017
- Mostly small journals with limited resources, published by member societies
- Not officially a national platform
- Based on Open Journal Systems 3 (<https://pkp.sfu.ca/>)
- Both a platform for publishing journal articles and a tool for editorial work
 - around 30-40% of journals use the editorial workflow

Journal.fi

- Allows 12 month embargoes, but most journals are open access
- Support includes:
 - A shared platform and system upgrades
 - online technical support (mostly OJS questions)
 - Workshops
 - Written guides

How many journals in Journal.fi?



- Currently ca. 55 OA journals; 20 with embargo

Kotilava project (2015-2017)

- *Journal.fi* is a result of the *Kotilava* project
 - The National Library of Finland & the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies
- *Kotilava* project aimed to make the Finnish academic journals open in a sustainable way and to guarantee that their articles have a wide visibility and impact = *make journals flip to OA*
- Two subprojects:
 - 1) **The tech**: the development of a platform for cutting the cost of publishing
 - 2) **The money**: funding model for Finnish OA journals

Starting point: Scientific Journals Online

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- Old platform based on Open Journal Systems 2, launched in 2006
- Around 20-30 journals
- Journals not happy with the appearance of the platform or the system itself
 - "not in par with international standards"

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Appearance

- New brand: site name, logo, domain name
- Responsive and better looking layouts

System development

- Upgrading to OJS 3.0
- New Finnish translation for OJS
- Solving reported system deficiencies and bugs
- Creating new features to OJS

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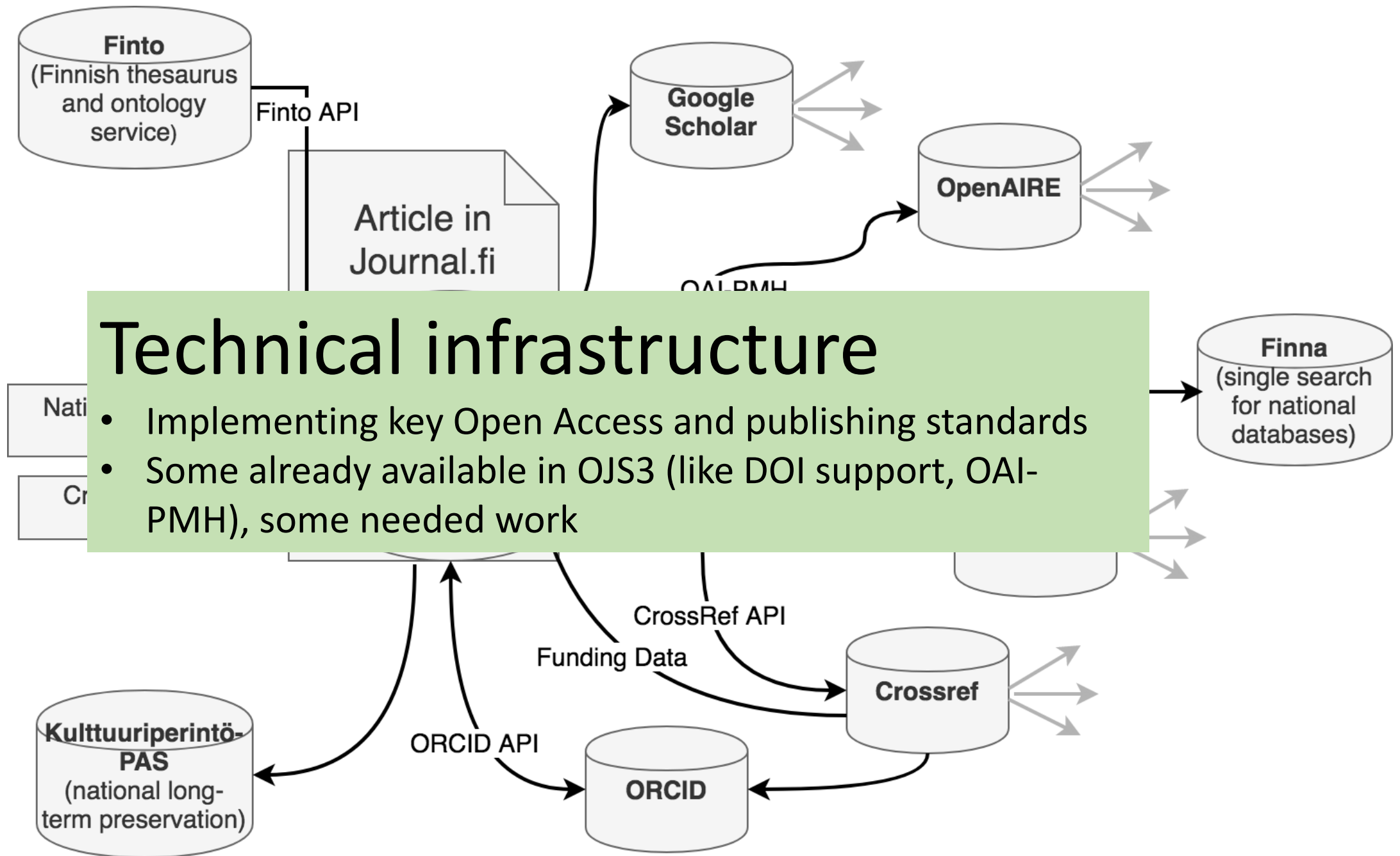
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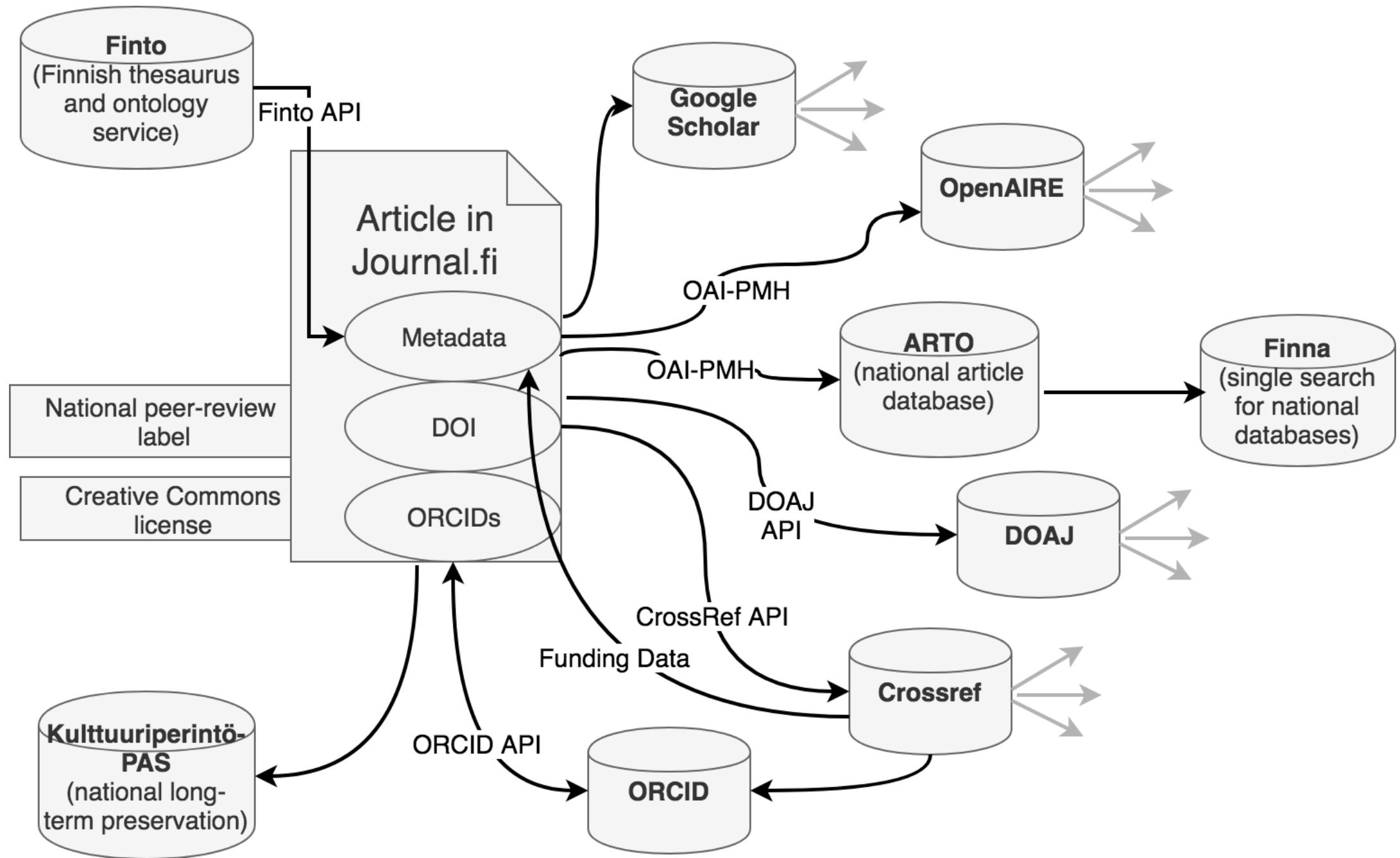
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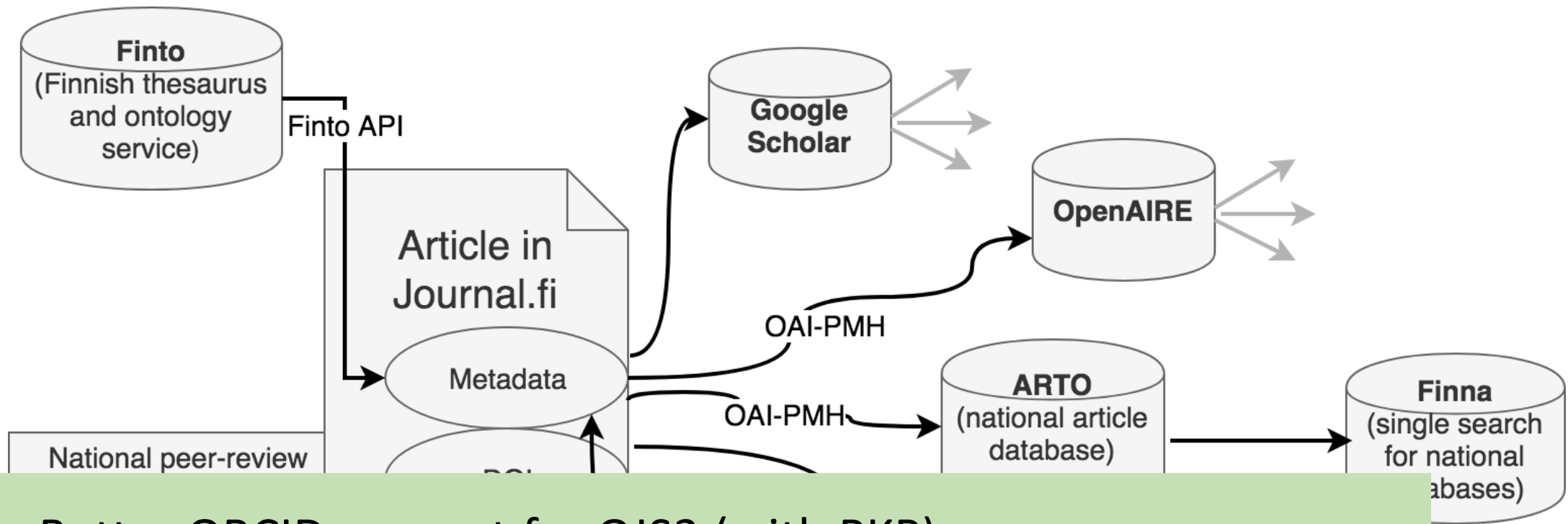
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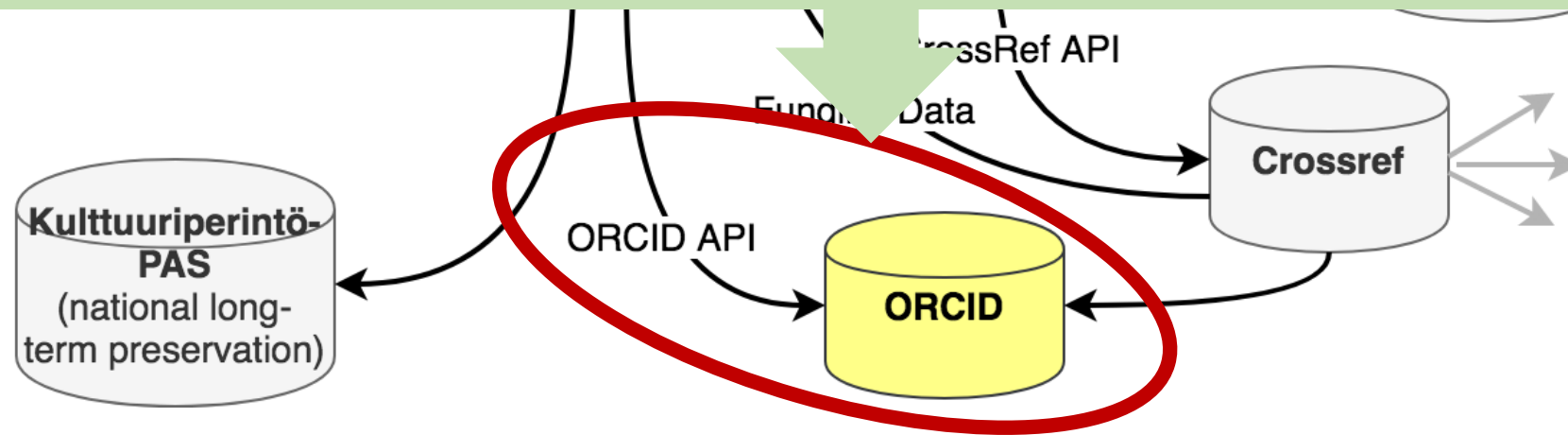
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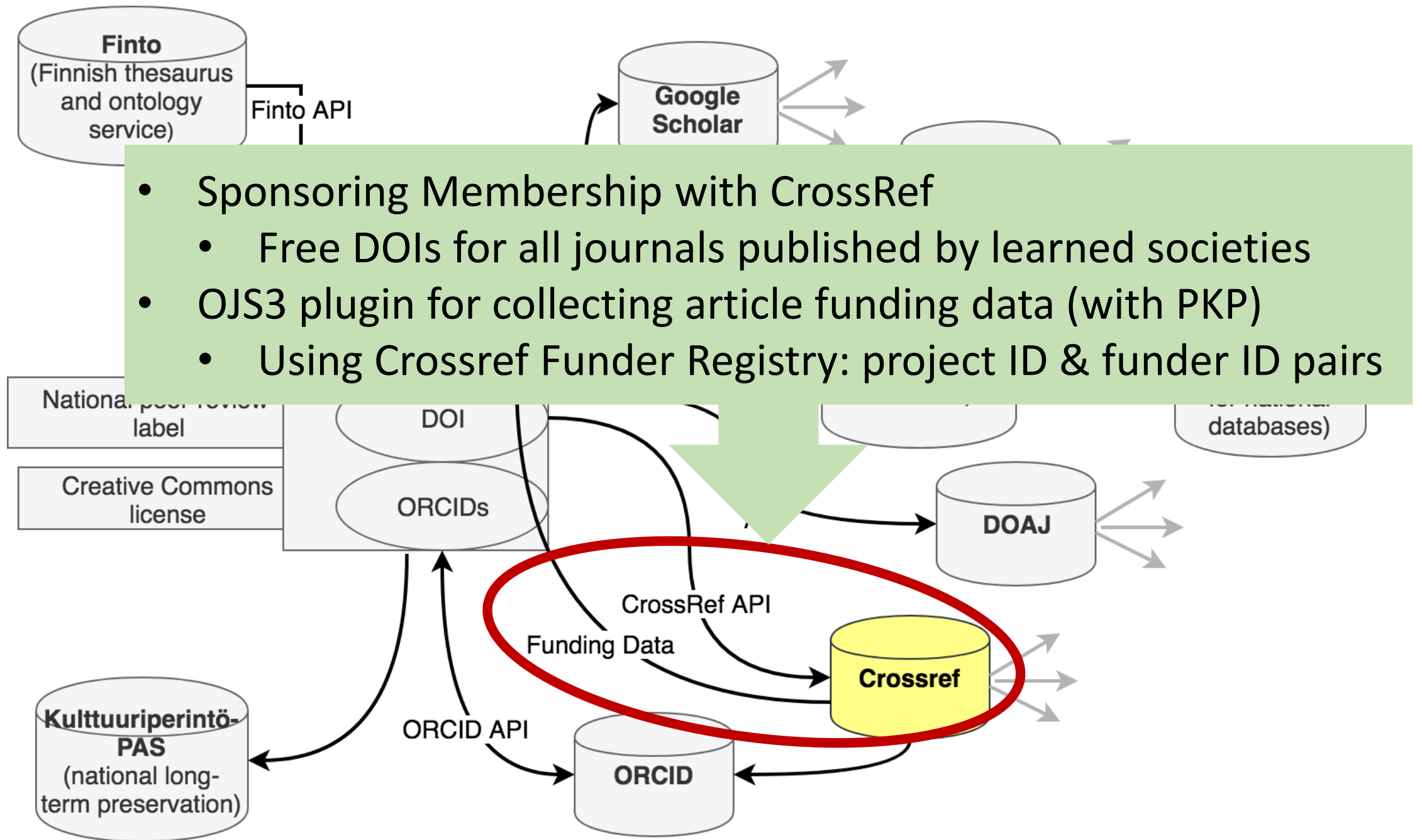


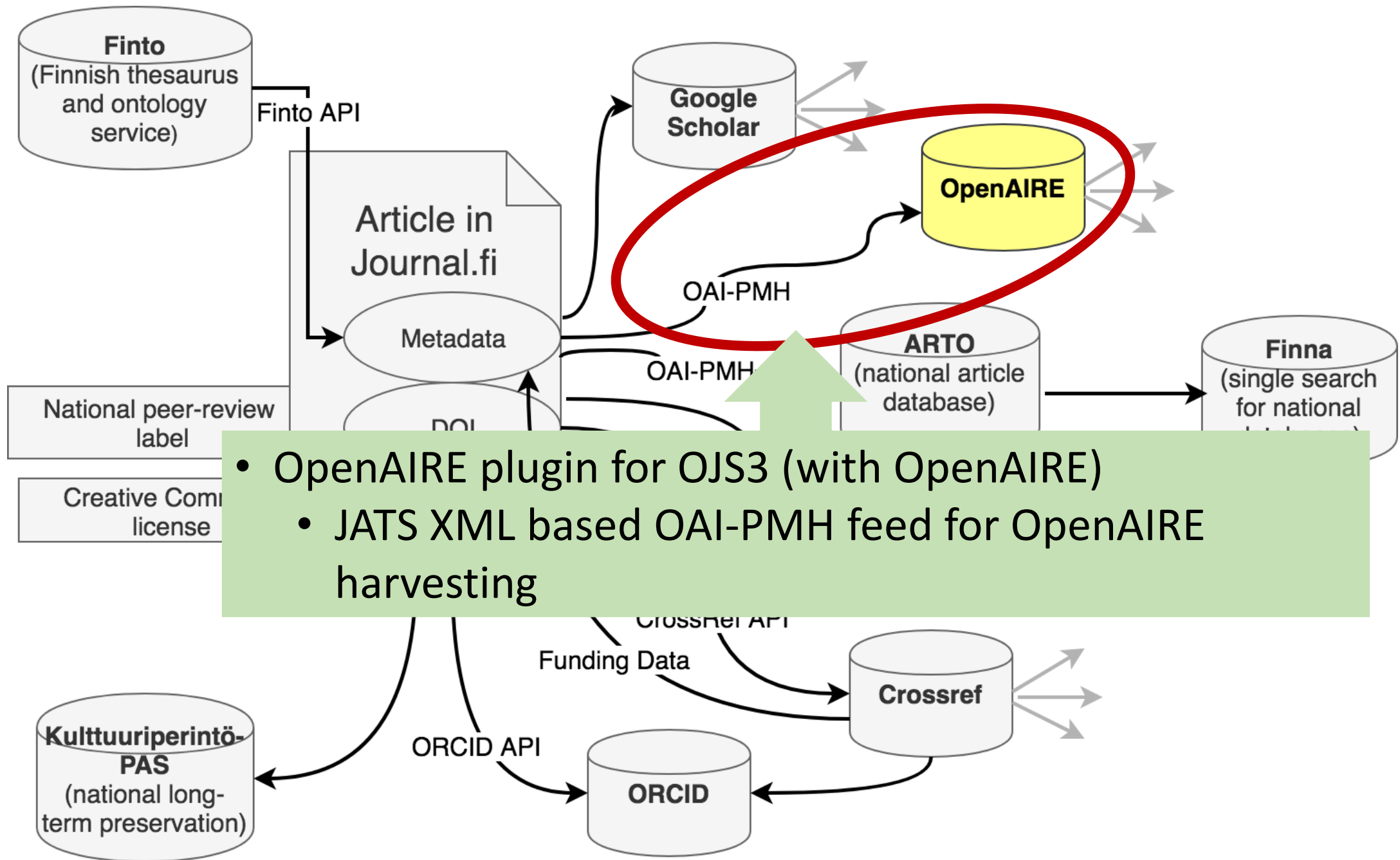


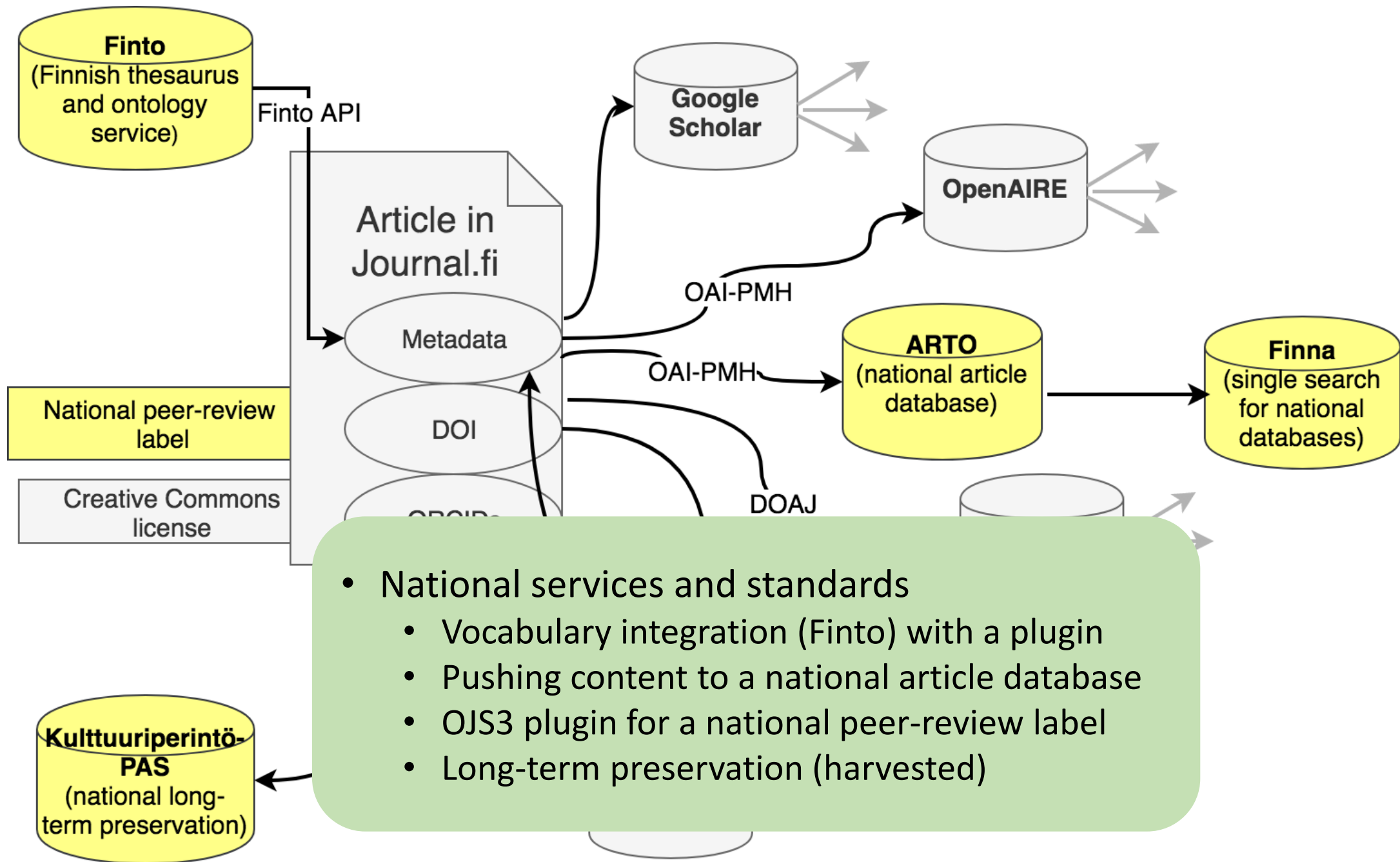


- Better ORCID support for OJS3 (with PKP)
 - Currently developed further in Germany









But tech is not enough

- Problem: How to make journals implement all features?
- Our journals are independent actors
 - we can not force them to register with DOAJ, use DOIs or collect funding data
- Most journals are based on voluntary work
 - New standards = more work
- Many journals lack technical expertise

But tech is not enough: solutions

- Creating clear technical **instructions**
 - Like registering with Sherpa/Romeo and DOAJ etc.
- Arranging **workshops**: an opportunity to explain the benefits and teach new techniques
 - Like using DOIs and ORCIDs, moving to JATS XML etc.
 - Still some solutions, like JATS XML, are too difficult or too expensive for small journals to adapt
- External pressure: changes in **funders' policies**, changes in **other journals**

Future plans at the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies

- A platform for publishing and editing **open monographs**
 - Currently a small pilot project with five publishers
 - Launch in late 2019
 - Using Open Monograph Press (PKP)
 - (name suggestions wellcome)
- With Journal.fi, continue participating in OJS development in cooperation with PKP

Thank you!

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