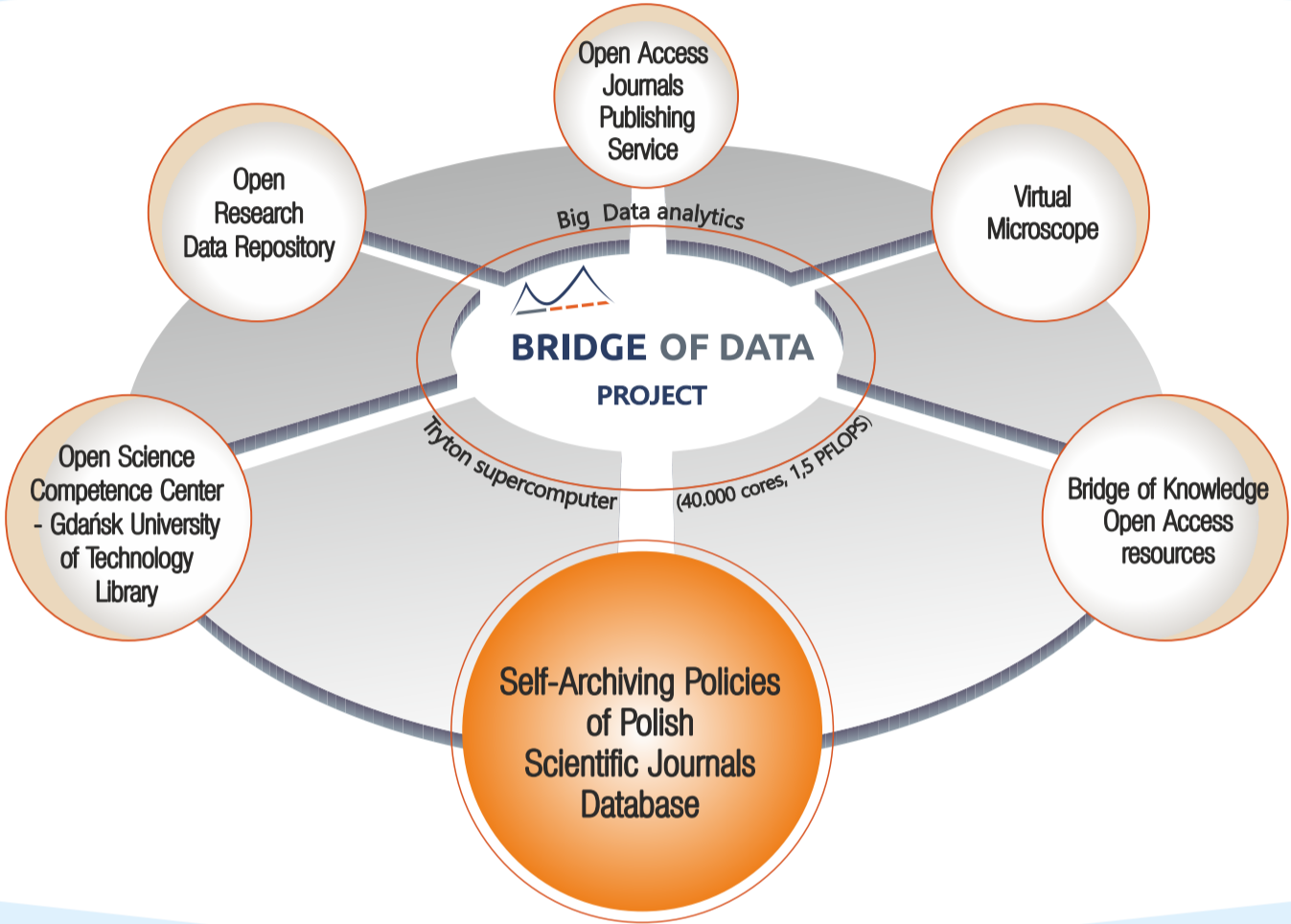


DATABASE OF COPYRIGHT AND OPEN ACCESS SELF-ARCHIVING POLICIES OF POLISH SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

About: Only 79 publishers from Poland and only 319 policies of Polish journals are registered in the Sherpa/RoMEO database which shows copyright and Open Access self-archiving policies. At the same time, there are over 4,500 journals published in Poland. Not only do Polish authors have problems finding information about the policies of the other journals. This is often a big challenge for foreign authors. Lack of information or difficulty in accessing it also present problems for librarians who manage institutional repositories. Hence the idea of creating Database of Copyright and Open Access Self-Archiving Policies of Polish Scientific Journals which is to serve as a tool for authors and librarians. The database is also to supply the Sherpa/RoMEO database with current data.

Since the 2016 Gdańsk University of Technology implements a project called Multidisciplinary Open System Transferring Knowledge - the Bridge of Knowledge (pol. MOST Wiedzy). An essential part of the platform is the open repository of scientific publications, currently being developed towards a research data repository, as a part of the second stage of the project called The Bridge of Data. As part of the project, additional services are also created to support the sharing of scientific resources. The result of this project is a platform of the same name, whose aim is to provide free access to the resources created and gathered at the University. The objective of the platform is to promote the research and educational potential of the University widely. The platform is also available to other universities in the region of Pomerania, to create shared scientific resources.



Our Team

- 18 team members from GUT Library (different disciplines and specializations)

The role of Library's team

- Checking the publishing policy.
- Selecting and verifying of information
- Collecting data
- Training and promoting of Open Science

Project in numbers

- Starting point – October 2018
- Total number of Polish scientific journals: 4500
- Checked policies until June 2020: 1 376
- Verified policies: 950
- Open Access policies: 838

How do we do it?

- Checking a journal's websites and databases (e.g. DOAJ,SHERPA/RoMEO)
- Contacting with the journals' publishers
- Gathering information in our institutional CRIS, which is called My GUT
- Providing public access to the content of the database on Bridge of Knowledge Platform

Benefits for researchers

- The database is a support for scientists who apply for research funding
- It is a guide which shows relevant and verified information
- It is a reliable source for information about how to select the most suitable journal for publication of an article
- It shows different Open Access options

Benefits for libraries

- The database is a convenient tool for librarians to support researchers
- It is a quick way to find relevant information from various sources
- It is adapted to the new requirements set out by the most important funding institutions in Poland (eg. National Science Centre, Ministry of Science and Higher Education)

Our greatest challenges

- Lack of information or incomplete information about the licenses and self-archiving policies on publishers' websites
- Unobtainable websites and broken links
- Lack of knowledge about Open Access aspects (problems with basic definitions, unawareness on topics dealing with copyright and CC licenses)
- Lack of contact, or trouble contacting publishers

The database is currently in the phase of development and will eventually be a part of the Bridge of Knowledge platform dedicated to Open Science
www.mostwiedzy.pl



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