# Towards a shared vision for open scholarly communication: the Vienna Principles and the Jussieu Call

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## Open Science Network Austria (OANA)

Founded as a joint activity of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) & Universities Austria (UNIKO)

60 members (universities, research centers, funding agencies, policy makers, networks)

Output: Proposals, Guidelines & Recommendations for Open Science, e.g.

"Recommendations for the Transition to Open Access in Austria": <a href="https://zenodo.org/record/34079">https://zenodo.org/record/34079</a>







#### Scope & Definitions

By scholarly communication we mean the processes of producing, reviewing, organising, disseminating and preserving scholarly knowledge.

Scholarly communication does not only concern researchers, but also society at large, especially students, educators, policy makers, public administrators, funders, librarians, journalists, practitioners, publishers, public and private organisations, and interested citizens.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the definition found in Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholarly\_communication

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#### **Premise**

There are considerable deficits in how scientific knowledge is produced and disseminated.

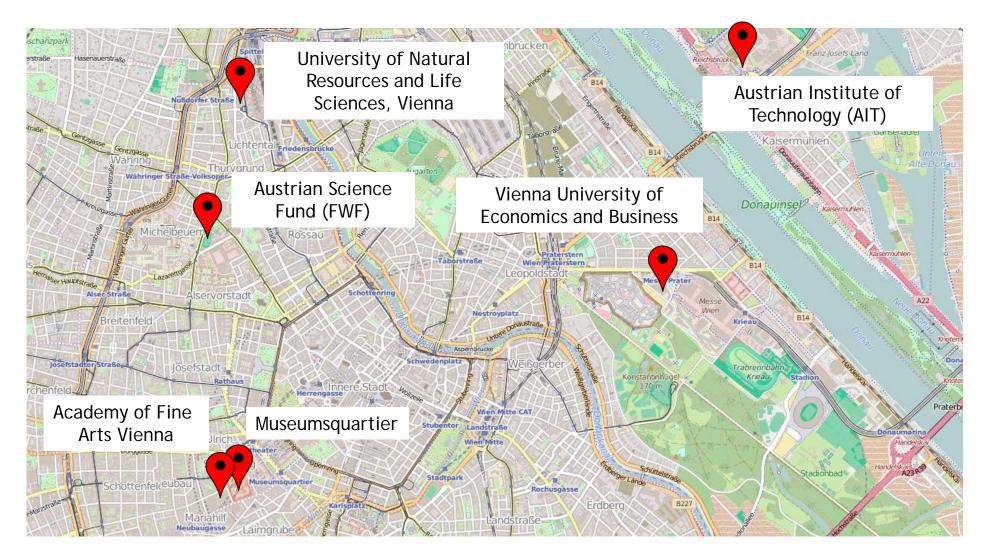
Open Science has the potential to change the workings of the scholarly communication system, but we see openness as a means to an end.

Openness has to be grounded in a set of widely shared principles to ensure a coherent vision for scholarly communication 

This vision is lacking



#### Work Programme







## Vienna PRINCIPLES

a vision for scholarly communication

- 1 Accessibility
- 2 Discoverability
- 3 Reusability

- 5 Transparency
- 6 Understandability
- 7 Collaboration
- 4 Reproducibility 8 Quality Assurance 12 Public Good

- 9 Evaluation
- **10** Validated Progress
- 11 Innovation

http://viennaprinciples.org/

- 1. Accessibility: ... be immediately and openly accessible by anyone.
- 2. Discoverability: ... facilitate search, exploration and discovery.
- 3. Reusability: ... enable everyone to effectively build on top of each other's work.



- 4. Reproducibility: ... provide reproducible research results.
- 5. Transparency: ... provide open and transparent means for judging the credibility of a research result.
- 6. Understandability: ... provide research in a clear, concise and understandable way adjusted to different stakeholders.



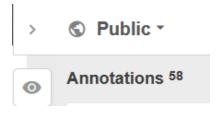
- 7. Collaboration: ... foster collaboration and participation between researchers and their stakeholders.
- 8. Quality Assurance: ... provide transparent and competent review.
- 9. Evaluation: ... support fair evaluation.



- 10. Validated Progress: ... promote both the production of new knowledge and the validation of existing knowledge.
- 11.Innovation: ... embrace the possibilities of new technology.
- 12. Public Good: ... increase the knowledge commons.

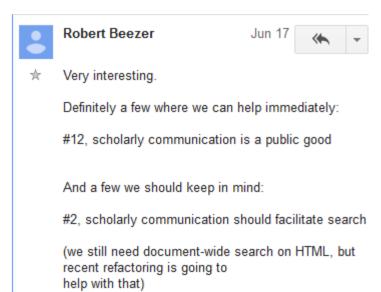


#### Feedback/Reception



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In Austria, they're articulating the big issues in scholarly communication admirably clearly: viennaprinciples.org

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## Feedback/Reception



Figure 4. Some important scholarly communication charters (see Table 2 for list with characteristics)

Source: Bosman, J., Bruno, I., Chapman, C., Greshake Tzovaras, B., Jacobs, N., Kramer, B., ... Veksler, L. (2017, September 15). The Scholarly Commons - principles and practices to guide research communication OSF Preprints. September 15. doi:10.31219/osf.io/6c2xt.



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#### Focus Areas Year 2

#### Vienna Principles 2.0

- Consolidation of feedback
- Outreach and collaboration

#### Putting the Vienna Principles into Action

- "Flipping Buddies" Action Group
- Citizen Science
- Repositories
- Skepticism in AHSS

Results: <a href="http://oana.at">http://oana.at</a>



## Jussieu Call & Vienna Principles

#### **Differences**

- Call vs Principles
- Born out of different observations
- Different foci

#### **Similarities**

- Same understanding of openness
- Both do not name actors
- No immediate conflicting principles -> complementary efforts



#### Jussieu Call & Vienna Principles

#### Coverage of principles

1. Accessibility (3 & 6)	7. Collaboration
2. Discoverability	8. Quality Assurance (3)
3. Reusability	9. Evaluation (4)
4. Reproducibility	10. Validated Progress
5. Transparency	11. Innovation (2, 3 & 6)
6. Understandability	12. Public Good (5, 7 & 8)

#### Potential additional principles

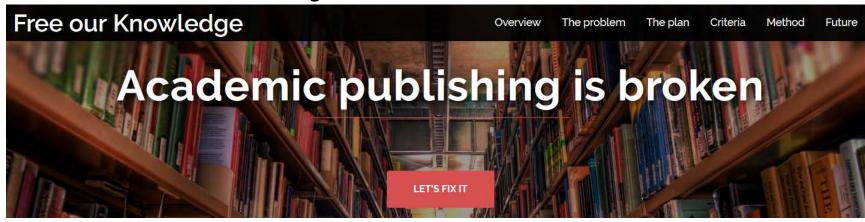
- Diversity (1)
- Funding (8)



#### **Next Steps**

#### Plan S?

#### A Coordinated Boycott?



#### A new communication system based on nonprofit actors?

#### Joint Roadmap for Open Science Tools

A community working on a joint roadmap for open science tools.





#### Thank you for your attention!

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