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**EANM's position towards *Plan S* initiative – reply to *Biomedical Alliance in Europe***

The European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) herewith clearly states that it is welcoming strategies to boost open access (OA) in principal. OA is of utmost importance to provide unbiased and freely available scientific results to a broader public and is therefore supported.

Unfortunately, *Plan S* – as proposed by *cOAlition S* – cannot be supported by the EANM in its present form as it drastically cuts scientific freedom by restricting the allowed journals to publish research work in, without losing the ability to apply for public funding and grants. The proposal displays a severe disruption of free and unbiased research. Particularly, the following points are clearly in contrast to the interest of the EANM and its members:

- 1) restriction of the type of OA that is allowed;
- 2) restriction of the selection of journals although publishing under an OA license (no *hybrid journals* allowed);
- 3) restriction of the use "diamond OA" strategies.

Thus, these artificial cuts will, in the end, work against the common goal to promote OA policy at all and limit its wider application. The given proposal therefore should be substantially revised and significantly improved.

EANM Board, on behalf of the Association