What next for Open Access policy?

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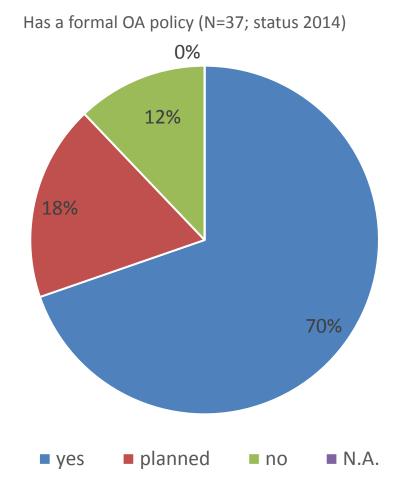
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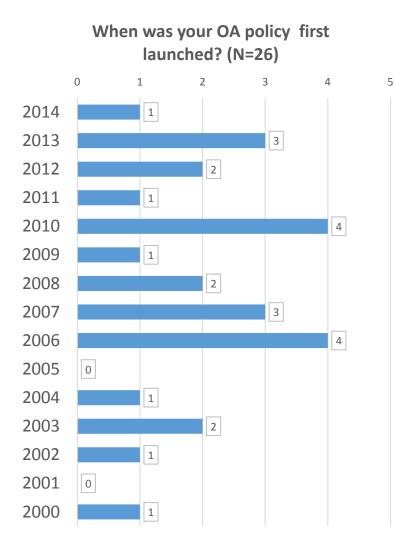
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SE Members OA policies





SE Members' OA Policies



The majority of the policies come into force between 2006 and 2013.

The majority of policies has been reviewed at least once since they came into force (54%)



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Science Europe Principles for the Transition to OA (2013)

- Scholarly communication is an <u>integral part of the research process</u>. The allocation of resources within the research system must take this into account;
- Open Access is not only about the right of access, but also about the <u>re-use</u> of information;
- Standard embargoes (6 months, 12 max.);
- Expect offsetting;
- No hybrid;
- SE will co-ordinate efforts to ensure the efficient and cost effective use of public funds, and introduce budget control mechanisms and monitor costs;
- SE requires that for Open Access publication services, effective mechanisms are put in place to ensure rigorous quality assurance;.



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Principles on Open Access Publisher Services (May 2015)

Indexing:

Journals listed in standard databases (PubMedC, DOAJ, Web of Science, Scopus, etc.);

Copyright and Re-use:

- Authors hold copyright;
- Open Licences (CC-BY recommended).

Sustainable Archiving:

- Copies are archived in third party repositories upon publication;
- Information about archived publication and how to access it is made available.

Machine Readability:

Full text, metadata, supporting research data (if part of publication), references and OA status of publication are made available in machine-readable form via open standards (for example OAI-PMH, NISO).



What's next for OA policies?

Not getting stuck in the transition

- Don't confuse transitory solutions with permanent ones;
- Policies matter: make them mandatory if you can and easy to comply with;

Cost transparency (for all costs, not just APCs)

- Join initiatives like openAPC;
- Avoid/refuse non-disclosure;

Go Global

- From national to European to global alignment;
- Through initiatives such as the Global Research Council (GRC) and others;



What's next for OA policies?

Strategic approach to infrastructure + services (link, manage, fund);

- Open Access and evaluation;
- More concerted action also in coalition with universities;

Recognise the entire knowledge infrastructure as a public good.



Role of platforms such as Science Europe

- Diversity of approaches and policies as starting point;
- Alignment as a result of benchmarking, mutual learning and common principles;
- Policies continually being defined ongoing process.
 - Value of common principles to guide individual processes, perhaps towards convergence;
 - Value of exchanging practice and experience;
 - Signaling effect of new approaches by major players.

