

# OPEN ACCESS IN GREECE

## PERCEPTIONS IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

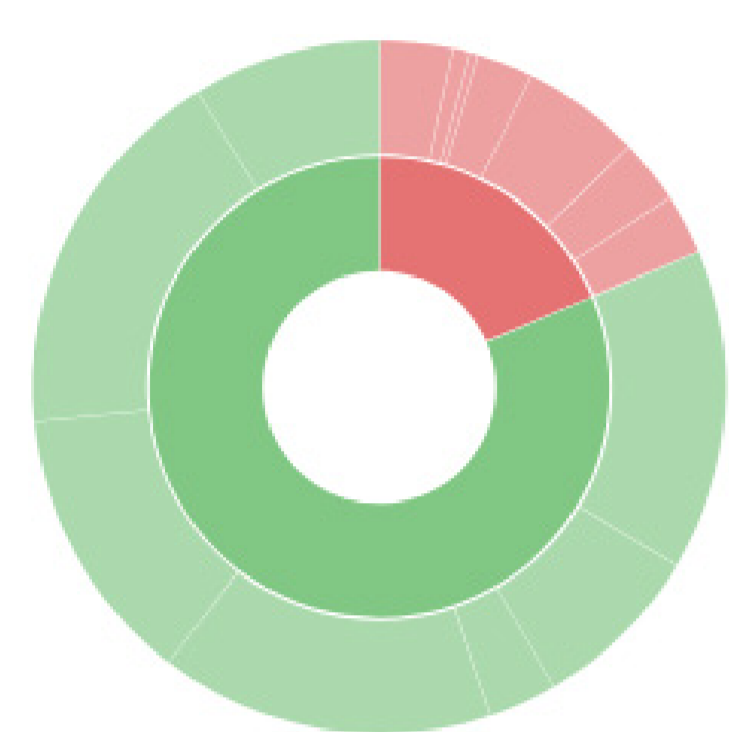
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### INTRODUCTION

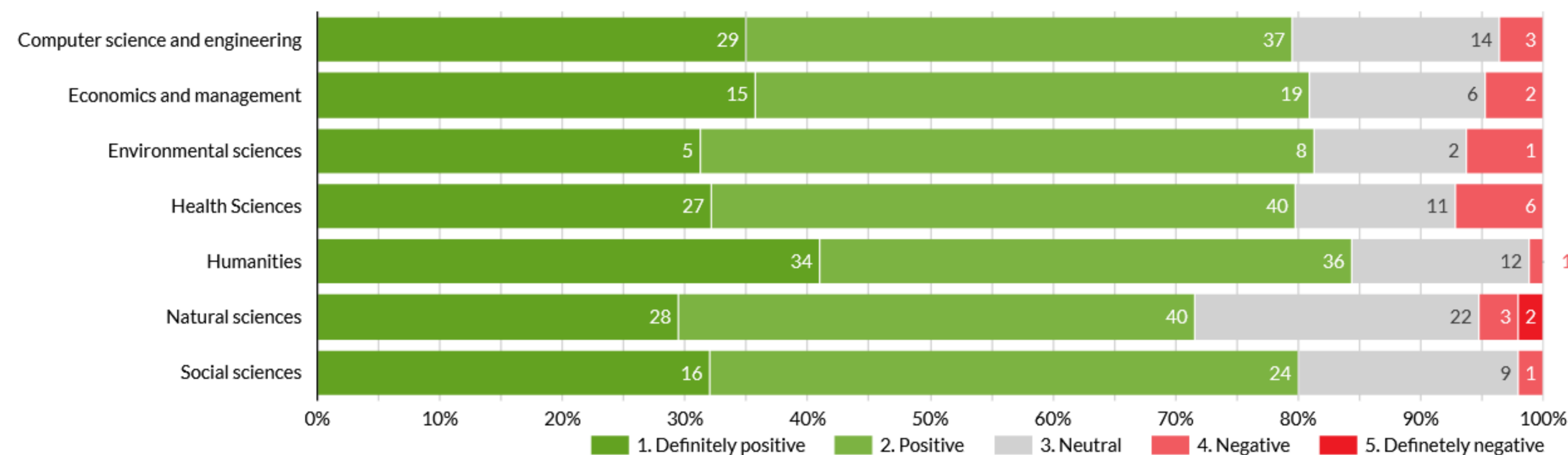
This nationwide survey was limited to a sample of 500 authors that are classified to seven broad scientific fields and represent different age groups and years of experience. The researchers were asked several questions related to their opinion and their experience with different aspects of OA. Lastly, we studied their awareness of the OA publishing options provided by HEAL-Link.

81% the participants were aware of the Gold and 55% of the Green OA Road. Half of the participants (51%) were aware of both. Regarding their opinion on OA, 71,6% have either a positive or definitely positive opinion about it, while negative or definitely negative opinions were noticed only on the 3,9% of all participants.

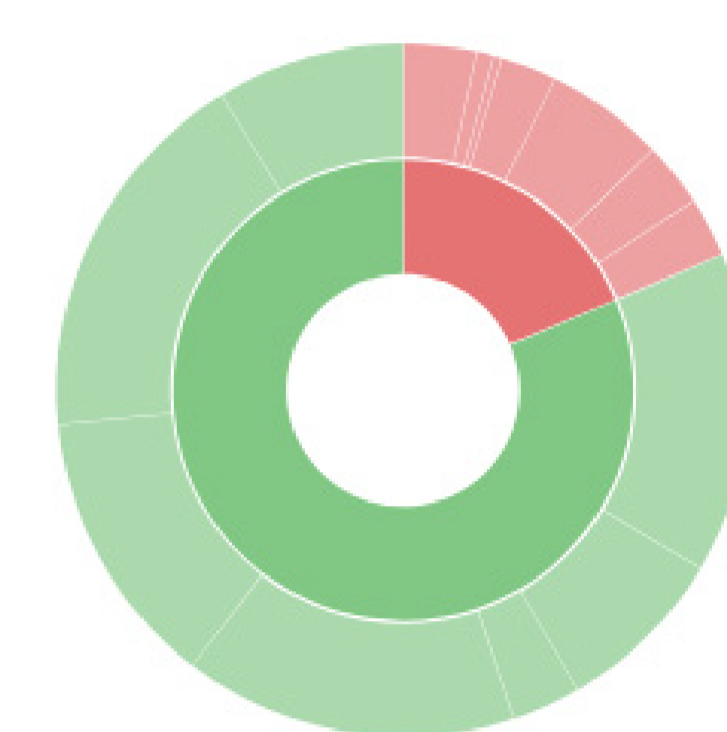
Half of the participants said that they do not consider OA when publishing, while 36,8% do pursue publishing in OA venues. The majority (63%) had experience with publishing on journals, but very few (22%) with publishing on repositories.



Awareness of Gold OA



Opinion about Open Access

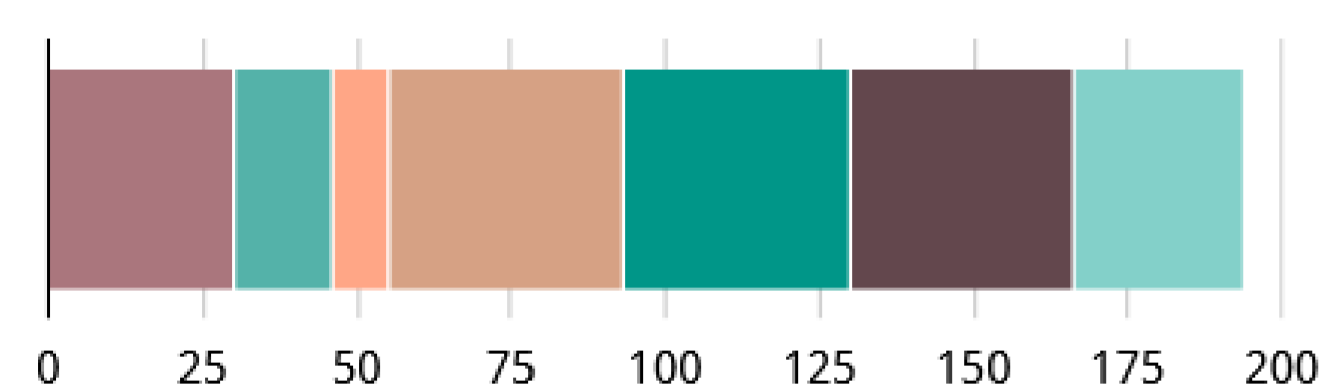


Awareness of Green OA

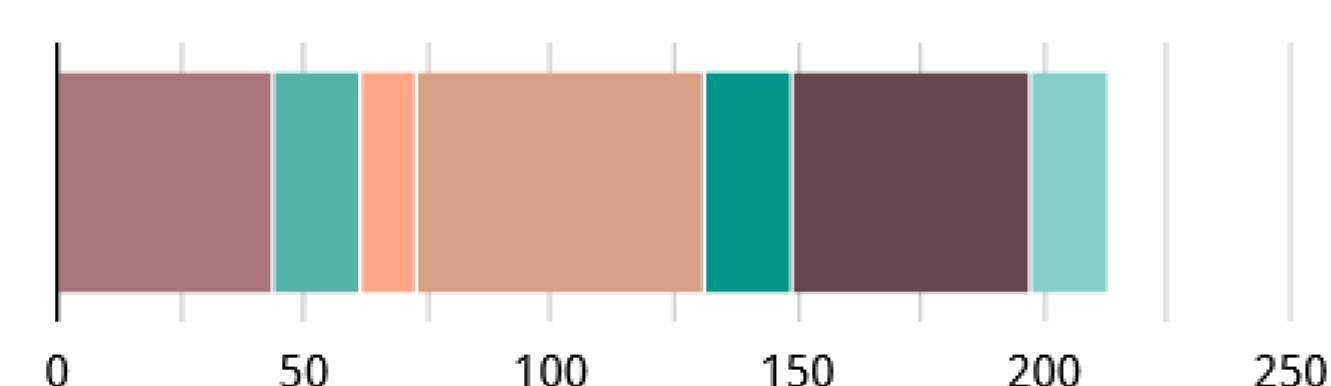
### GOLD OA

The main reason why they published an OA article is their belief that their research will receive greater exposure (38,8%). They also think they will have more impact (30,6%) or because simply they have the financial resources (26,6%).

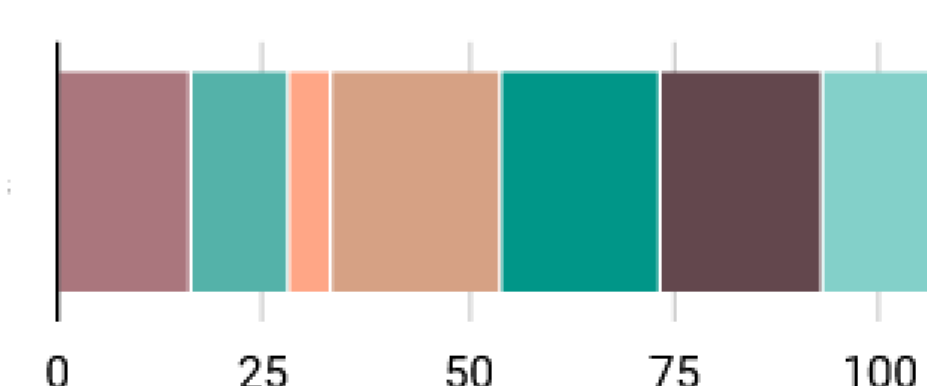
The most common reason for not publishing on Gold OA is because they consider it expensive (42,7%). Other reasons were because of the lack of proper information (13,8%) or because they think of OA journals as of lower quality (12,2%).



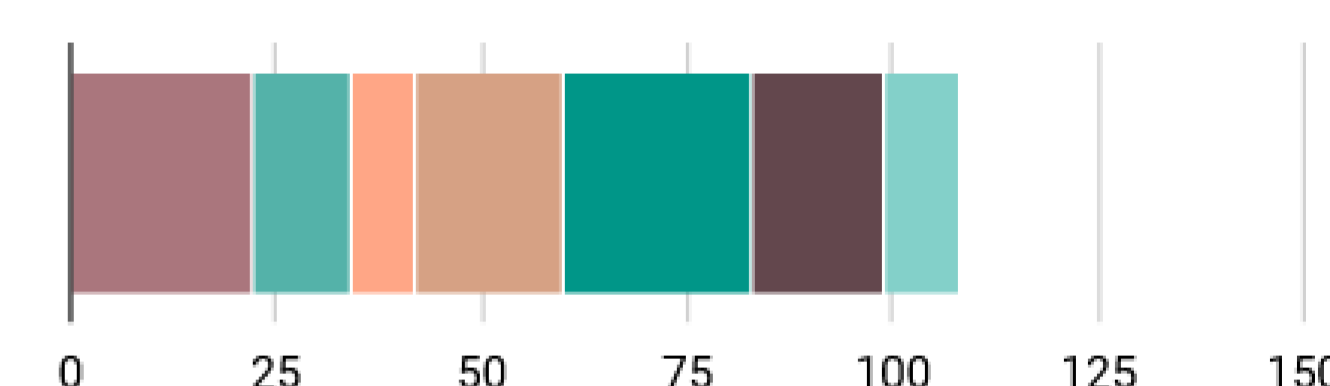
+ Exposure



- Cost



- not knowing how



- not knowing if allowed

● Humanities ● Health Sciences ● Natural Sciences ● Social Sciences ● Business & Economics ● Environmental Sciences ● Engineering

### HEAL-LINK OA PROGRAMS

76,6% claimed to not be aware of the HEAL-Link OA programs. Only 1,4% have published through a fully waived option, and 3% using a discount option. Lack of information was the main reason for not making use of the programs, as claimed by 67,2% of respondents.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Throughout the survey it was evident the need for a coordinated effort to raise awareness and training, especially taking into consideration the low level of knowledge of OA procedures in younger researchers. The community needs to be better informed either of the HEAL-Link OA programs, that most of the participants said that they were not aware, hence they have not used them, or of the IR, even though the IRs of Greek Universities have been operating for more than a decade. New tools should also be found for the sustainable participation of Greek researchers in OA programs, while the administrations of the institutions could integrate the reasons of participation in either the Gold, or the Green OA way in their actions to spread further openness.

The results of the survey can be explored on the webpage <https://scholarly.heal-link.gr/openaccessperceptions-en/>, published under the CC-BY license. Questions can be addressed to [scholarly@heal-link.gr](mailto:scholarly@heal-link.gr).