

Supporting Open Access

Practical Tips for State Governments

State governments can practice open access and support institutions and researchers with high-level, guiding measures and accompany the cultural change. They can:



Set openness as best practice

- Explore possibilities to make own publications available in open access, freely licensed
- Increase reusability and transparency of own materials through legal interoperability (e.g. through CC licences)



Promote dialogues in science, research & culture

- Establish coordination offices
- Organise regular exchange formats



Create a legal framework for openness

- Examine ways in which the basis for open access can be improved in university contracts (incl. specific goals)
- Advocate for legislation that is designed to meet the needs of open scholarly communication



Close the gaps for financial support programmes & other existing service needs

- Establish publication funds or other financial support for specific needs (e.g. for monographs and anthologies)
- Support institutions to build up missing offers & services



Strengthen the visibility of open access

- Create incentives for innovative concepts & open access, e.g. award ceremonies for best practices
- Regularly appoint open access ambassadors

For more information visit open-access.network.

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