



Open future: open access

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What is open access?

Open access refers to peer-reviewed, full research articles that have been accepted for publication and are available:



on-demand online

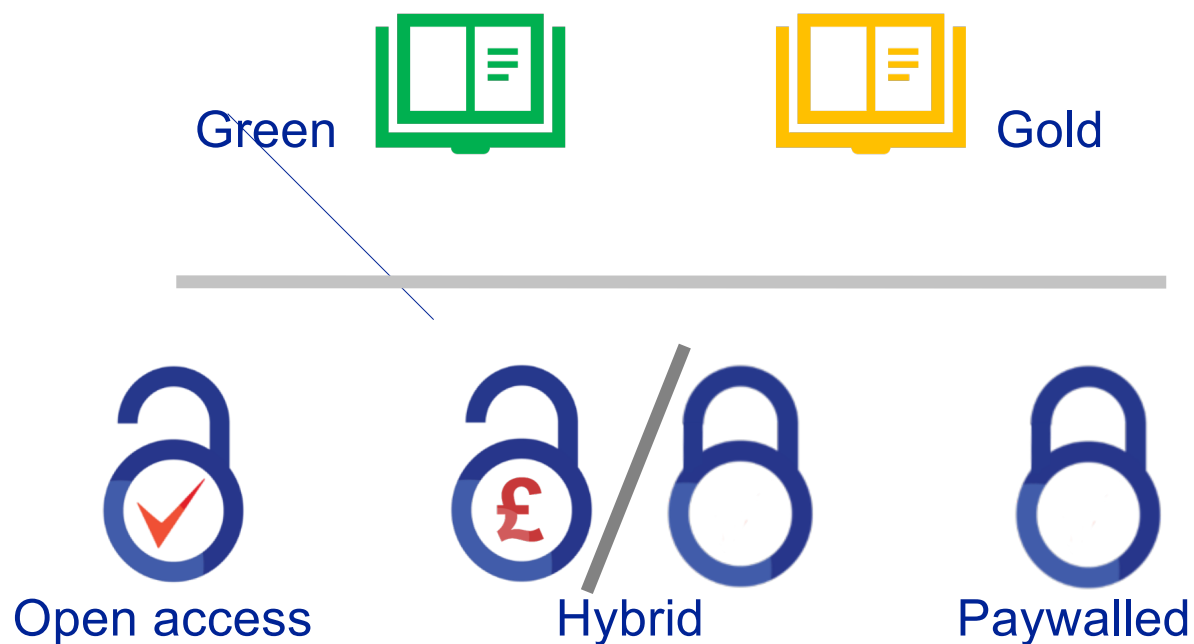


to read **without charge** to end users



There are varying **restrictions on reuse** of article content as specified by the copyright licence used, and debates are ongoing regarding how open access should best be defined

Open access distinctions



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After 1 January 2020 scientific publications on the results from research funded by public grants provided by national and European research councils and funding bodies, must be published in compliant Open Access Journals or on compliant Open Access Platforms.



A DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT
BY PUBLIC RESEARCH FUNDERS

<http://scieur.org/coalition-s>

Principles of Plan S



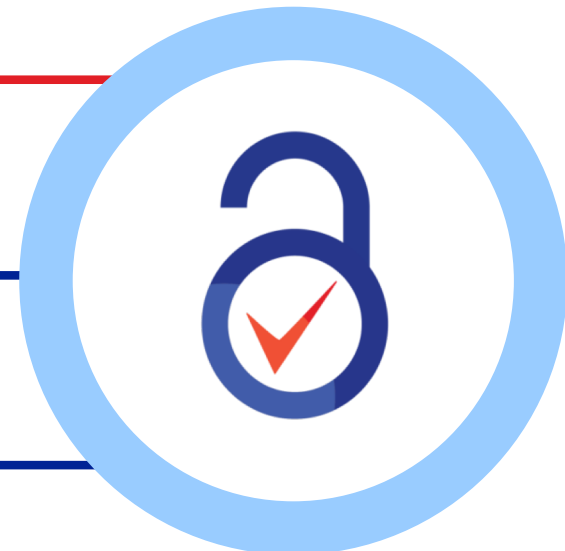
Article processing charges are covered by research funders and institutions, not authors

Article processing charges must be standardized and capped

Authors retain copyright of their work, preferably under a CC BY licence

Institutional repositories will likely be a valuable tool for meeting these targets

Hybrid journals are not compliant



Principles of Plan S



Funders must work together to make consistent criteria that publishers must meet

Funders will work with universities to ensure that policies and strategies are aligned

In areas of unmet need, funders will incentivize and support new platforms and publishing avenues

Funders will monitor compliance and sanction non-compliance



For books and monographs, the timeline may be extended beyond 2020

Advantages of Plan S



Builds on already implemented and successful funder open access policies

Sends a clear message of what funders want

Represents a bold commitment to open access to cut through the current inertia

Is forward-thinking and suited to the new digital infrastructure

Criticisms of Plan S



Restricts options available to researchers

May pose a threat to smaller publishers

Future focus sometimes neglects pressures on current researchers

Includes are significant areas of ambiguity

Implications for industry



Will publishers continue to offer hybrid options after 2020?

Will the cap on Plan S article processing charges lead to higher charges for industry?



Will industry be expected to follow?

Are industry-run repositories appropriate from a compliance perspective?



Resources

- The state of open access: <https://peerj.com/articles/4375>
- Plan S press release:
www.scienceeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/cOAlitionS_Press_Release.pdf
- The cOAlition S website: www.scienceeurope.org/coalition-s
- A critique of Plan S from an open access advocate's perspective:
<https://plus.google.com/+PeterSuber/posts/iGEFpdYY9dr>



