Open Research Europe
A view from a research-intensive university

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A bit of context

The League of European Research Universities

The League of European Research Universities (LERU) is a network of 23 European research-intensive universities created 20 years ago. We develop and disseminate our views on research, innovation and higher education through policy papers, statements, meetings and events helping to shape policy at the EU level.

LERU policy groups are responsible for feeding into the development of high-level, agreed views and papers to influence policy making.

https://www.leru.org/

LERU and Open Science: Publications

- The LERU Roadmap Towards Open Access (June 2011)

- Christmas is over. Research funding should go to research, not to publishers! (October 2015)

- Open Science and its role in universities: a roadmap for cultural change (May 2018)

- Implementing Open Science (January 2021)

- A Pathway towards Multidimensional Academic Careers - A LERU Framework for the Assessment of Researchers (January 2022)

LERU and Open Science: Sentences

- LERU calls to work with all the stakeholders and bodies involved in the publishing system to move forwards on Open Access (June 2011)

- New publishing models need to be identified which will deliver full affordable Open Access.

- Open Science practices, such as open access publishing, open data, open peer review and open research, have the potential to bring about new and exciting pathways for supporting a culture of research integrity.

- It is very tempting to use traditional metrics for assessing research

Key synergies for an open and sustainable platform
9th June 2022

The challenge of Open Research Europe

Budapest Open Access Inititiative, 20 years ago

An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good. The old tradition is the willingness of scientists and scholars to publish the fruits of their research in scholarly journals without payment, for the sake of inquiry and knowledge. The new technology is the internet. The public good they make possible is the world-wide electronic distribution of the peer-reviewed journal literature and completely free and unrestricted access to it by all scientists, scholars, teachers, students, and other curious minds. Removing access barriers to this literature will accelerate research, enrich education, share the learning of the rich with the poor and the poor with the rich, make this literature as useful as it can be, and lay the foundation for uniting humanity in a common intellectual conversation and quest for knowledge.

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Open access to peer-reviewed journal literature is the goal https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/

Is it the answer?

Introducing

Open Research Europe

the **European Commission**'s dedicated open access publishing platform for **Horizon 2020** beneficiaries

Launching 2021

European Commission | Powered by F1000 Research

https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/

A quick analysis

Full support from universities:

- ORE provides a full OA solution with no direct costs for researchers and institutions

- ORE provides full OA to readers facilitating the reuse of publications

- ORE provides a transparent peer review process

- ORE provides a PID for each publication and versioning of PID

- ORE uses other permanent identifiers as ORCID

- ORE doesn't request any copyright transfer

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But there are also concerns:

- Quality, risks and acceptance of the open peer review process

- The choice of reviewers

- How to compare publications in ORE with publications in journals in assessments

- What happens with publications not accepted?

- Is it useful for publications beyond articles?

Support from libraries

University libraries have been always a strong supporter of Open Access

Libraries can provide information abour ORE

Libraries can answer questions and address concerns about ORE

Libraries can gather information about who publishes in ORE

Libraries can obtain feedback from researchers

Thanks

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