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# OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS

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# OPEN ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Open Access to peer-reviewed scientific publications is mandatory

H2020 general model grant agreement § 29.2:

Each beneficiary must ensure open access (free of charge, online access for any user) to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results.

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR PUBLICATIONS OPEN ACCESS

Publish in an OA journal  
(„gold“ OA)

The article is immediately in open access mode on the publisher's site

Deposit in an OA repository  
(„green“ OA)

The article is published in subscription journal. The published article or the final peer reviewed manuscript is uploaded in an online repository

H2020: The article must always be deposited in a repository, even if the gold route has been chosen.

ALWAYS deposit a version in a repository and add metadata: funder, grant ID number, acronym, DOI



## GOLD OPEN ACCESS

Choose the fully Open Access journal

Check the quality of journal (editorial board, indexing in research databases...)

Check the article processing charges (APC)

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org) (14 700 journals)

Publish Open Access in subscription journal (hybrid journal)

Check the article processing charge (payment to traditional journal to not place paper behind a pay-wall)

Check whether you are eligible any discounts or waivers via transformative agreement in your university

# GOLD OPEN ACCESS

## ISSUES TO CONSIDER

The Article Processing Charges (APCs) incurred by beneficiaries are eligible for reimbursement only during the duration of the action (project).

Average APC-s in hybrid journals are significantly higher.

OpenAPC project provides information on APCs per publisher and journal. Average APC in fully OA journal 1600 EUR, in hybrid 2509 EUR

<http://treemaps.intact-project.org/apcdata/openapc/#journal/>

Publishing mainly in APC based journals can lead to substantial amount of the project budget

# GREEN OPEN ACCESS

Self-archiving is a free route to Open Access

Self-archiving (parallel publishing): the published article or the final peer reviewed manuscript is uploaded in an online repository – open access is often delayed (embargo period)

Check publishers policies on <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo> or journal's webpage.

# GREEN OPEN ACCESS

## ISSUES TO CONSIDER

Each beneficiary must deposit as soon as possible and at the latest on publication.

Open access must be ensured immediately or after an embargo period: 6-12 months depending on the research area and the choice of journal

Institutional , national repositories, EC Zenodo.org can be used for self-archiving

ResearchGate is not OA repository

Many journals demand longer embargo periods (check SHERPA/RoMEO database and journal's homepages)

Confusion with multiple versions (preprint, postprint, author's accepted manuscript (AAM), version of record, publisher's pdf)

Usually publishers allow self-archiving of **author's accepted manuscript (AAM)**.

Not all the repositories are compatible with OpenAire

## GREEN OPEN ACCESS CHALLENGES

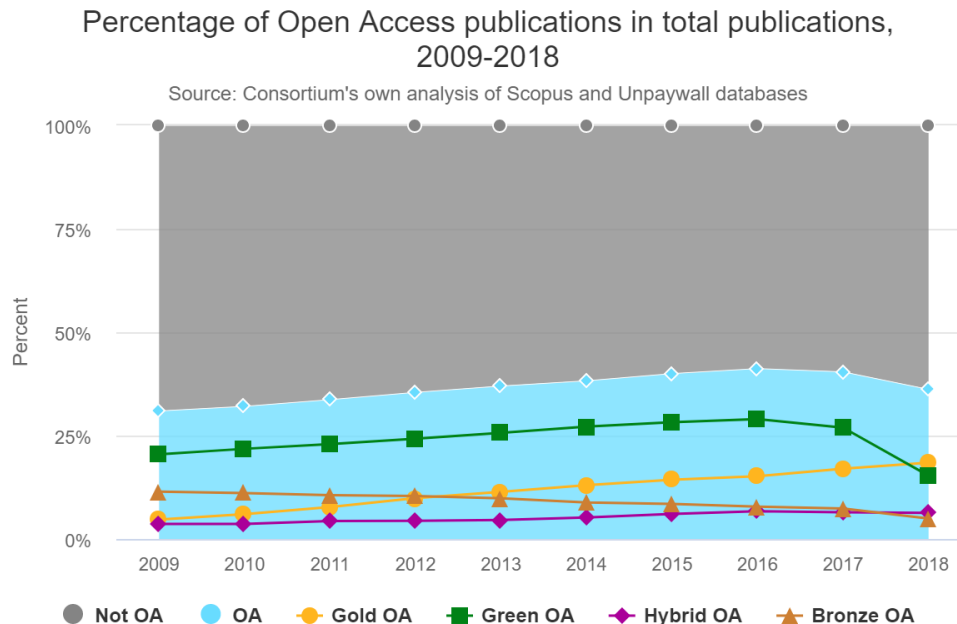
If the hybrid journal is not compliant with Horizon2020 self-archiving requirements:

Negotiate your contract with your publisher and provide them with an author addendum to retain your author rights when publishing in closed access journals. As it is proposed modification, the publisher may accept or reject it. A model addendum for H2020 beneficiaries can be found:

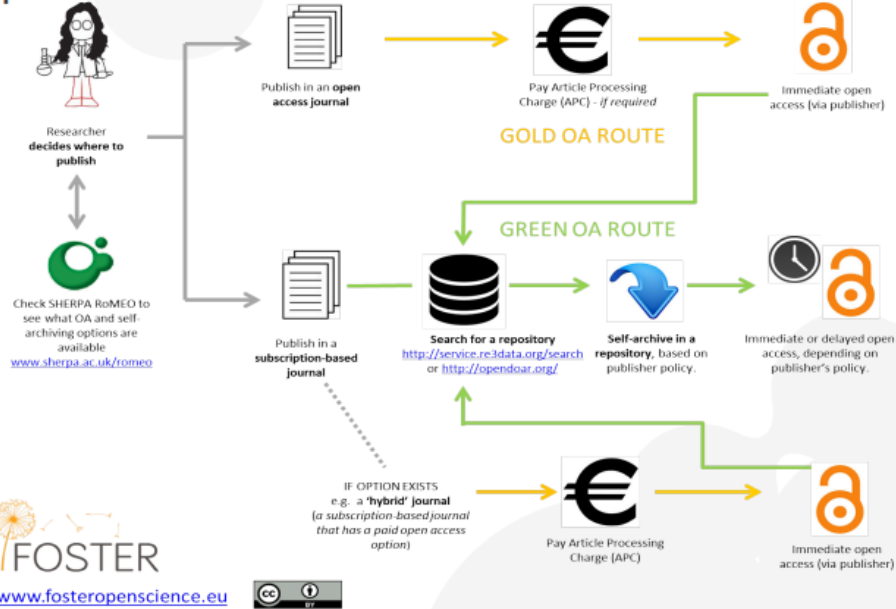
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## TRENDS FOR OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS (OPEN ACCESS MONITOR)



## H2020 Open Access Mandate



## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

### OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING PLATFORM

Open Access publishing platform for scientific articles as a free service for Horizon 2020 beneficiaries will be launched (planned early 2021)

The platform will be accepting submissions for articles funded by Horizon 2020 as of autumn 2020.

[http://ec.europa.eu/info/news/european-commission-awards-contract-setting-open-access-publishing-platform-2020-mar-20\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/info/news/european-commission-awards-contract-setting-open-access-publishing-platform-2020-mar-20_en)

## SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

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