
PASTEUR4OA Advocacy Resources for Policymakers and Open Access Stakeholders

Overview

The Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research (**PASTEUR4OA**) is a multi-stakeholder project that brings together 15 partners from 10 European countries and that started in February 2014. PASTEUR4OA aims to increase national and institutional policymakers' as well as research funders understanding and awareness of Open Access (OA).

Advocacy Resources

A priority of the PASTEUR4OA project is to provide information and resources to relevant stakeholders and policymakers across Europe that can support them in developing and implementing OA policies, as well as in reinforcing and aligning existing OA policies.

PASTEUR4OA acknowledges that EU Member States and Aligned Countries are at different stages in terms of OA policy development, implementation and alignment. Consequently, there are different needs in terms of what information stakeholders need at the national, university and funder levels to develop, implement, reinforce or align OA policies.

The PASTEUR4OA project has produced a series of **advocacy resources** that national stakeholders – including national governments, universities, research institutes and research funders – can use to inform the development, reinforcement and effectiveness of their OA policies. A sample of the **advocacy resources** that are now available online include the following materials:

Open Access policy templates and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Template and guidelines for Open Access policy implementation by research institutions [http://goo.gl/Fzw8F3]▪ Template and guidelines for Open Access policy implementation by research funders [http://goo.gl/qOEXSy]
Practical and technical issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Brief on Open Access [http://goo.gl/YODOuh]▪ Brief on Open Data [forthcoming]▪ Brief on Article Processing Charges (APCs) [http://goo.gl/55KaGp]▪ Brief on research impact measurement in Higher Education [http://goo.gl/Mkocvi]
Open Access policy effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Brief on Open Access policy effectiveness for research institutions [http://goo.gl/gf7Hs8]▪ Brief on Open Access policy effectiveness for research funders [http://goo.gl/OnmzPA]▪ Brief on UK Higher Education Open Access policy landscape: from policy development to effectiveness and alignment [http://goo.gl/N4ikF8]

National Open Access case studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ National case studies on Open Access in Belgium, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, and the UK [http://goo.gl/oLshIA]
Institutional Open Access case studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institutional case studies on Open Access policy implementation in the University of Liege, the University of Turin, the University of Tromsø, the University of Minho, and University College London [http://goo.gl/1LtNP5]
Funder Open Access case studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Research funders case studies on Open Access from the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and Ireland's Health Research Board (HRB) [http://goo.gl/QSqALZ]
Open Access in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Regional Challenges in Achieving Open Access and Proposed Recommendations [http://goo.gl/NnkDbe]▪ Case-study on the assessment of readiness for Open Access policy implementation in Europe [http://goo.gl/eCXGxJ]▪ Briefing paper on Open Access developments in the European Union [http://goo.gl/AHja82]
Data visualisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A series of data visualisations illustrate, among other, how many Open Access policies there are worldwide, how many policies are compliant with the Horizon 2020 Open Access policy, when policies require deposit, and whether policies mention APCs [http://goo.gl/1ZyyrL]

The PASTEUR4OA Project

PASTEUR4OA aims to increase national and institutional policymakers' as well as research funders understanding and awareness of Open Access (OA). PASTEUR4OA also aims to help develop and/or reinforce OA strategies and policies at a national, university and research funder levels that align with the European Commission's 2012 **Recommendation on Access to and Preservation of Scientific Information** and the **Open Access Mandate for Horizon 2020**. Furthermore, it aims to facilitate coordination among all EU Member States and Aligned Countries by establishing a network of expert organisations across Europe – the Knowledge Net – and by developing a collaborative programme of activities that support policymaking at the national, university and funder levels.

The benefits of promoting the development and implementation of OA policies are that it enables more scientific information to become freely available online. The advantages of promoting the alignment of OA policies include the contribution towards: creating a simpler policy landscape for researchers; increasing the prospect that researchers comply with OA policies (institutional and/or funder); and reducing the burden on academic support staff who need to provide advice on OA policies as well as monitor and report on policy compliance.

To achieve its aims, PASTEUR4OA has been engaged in the following activities:

- Performing **evidence-based research** to inform policy development.
- **Identifying policymakers** in EU Member States and Aligned Countries and **engage** with them to assist in coordinated and aligned policy development.
- **Creating a network** – Knowledge Net – of national centres of expertise who will work collaboratively to monitor and champion an aligned policy environment across Europe in the long-term.

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- **Facilitating policymaker engagement** in EU Member States and Aligned Countries through a series of **workshops** for research funders and for research institutions policymakers.
 - Developing **advocacy resources** that will be disseminated to policymakers and that include information on policy formulation, good practice, effectiveness and alignment.

Further information

For further information on the PASTEUR4OA project or the advocacy resources please visit the PASTEUR4OA website on <http://www.pasteur4oa.eu/resources>