



Library support possible to meet with Open Access requirements in FP7

In recent years, the European Commission (EC) has been giving increasingly more attention to public dissemination of research results using modern technology. The EC encourages Open Access to research results. A best effort to ensure Open Access is even mandated in some research areas. Under Open Access policies, authors grant free Internet access to their scientific contributions, as well as the possibility to use them, subject to proper attribution of authorship.

The EC Open Access Pilot

In August 2008, the European Commission launched the Open Access Pilot in their Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7). Under this pilot, grant recipients in seven areas (energy, environment, health, parts of information and communication technologies, research infrastructures, science in society, and social sciences and humanities) will be required to:

- deposit peer reviewed research articles or final manuscripts resulting from their FP7 projects into an online repository;
- make their 'best efforts' to ensure Open Access to these articles within either six (health, energy, environment, parts of information and communication technologies, research infrastructures) or twelve months (social sciences and humanities, science in society) after publication.

The pilot covers approximately 20% of the Commission's FP7 research programme budget, which is 10 million euros over a period of 7 years (2007 – 2013).

The pilot will run until the end of FP7 (2011).



Reimbursement for the full cost of open access publishing

The Commission has taken the initiative to use FP7 grant agreements to encourage grantees to take advantage of reimbursement for the full cost of open access publishing. It should be incorporated in the proposal. Therefore, remember to consider the requirements and costs for Open Access in the stage of writing the proposal.

Library support for depositing

Any person thinking of submitting proposals for FP7 funding would be advised to approach the University Library. Together with SURF and the KNAW, scientific libraries in the Netherlands enable an infrastructure of repositories to support Open Access. The materials deposited in the repositories are collected and presented at www.narcis.nl.

Library support for 'best efforts'

Authors are required to make 'best efforts' for Open Access publishing. This implies being informed on the copyright/licensing policies of the journal(s) and reading the publishing agreement carefully to know if they retain the right to self archive their work or not.

Detailed instructions on the requirements to show 'best efforts' are available in the guide on Intellectual Property Rules for FP7 projects. p. 15-18, section 7.3.

Further, the library has expertise in Open Access and copyright and will be able to advise on how to meet with the requirements of the Open Access Pilot.

More information?

Web: www.openaccess.nl and http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/open_access
Or contact your university library.

Onderzoek, zowel wetenschappelijk als toegepast onderzoek, is onder invloed van ICT aan veel verandering onderhevig. Met ICT en internet zijn er veel mogelijkheden bijgekomen voor het doen van onderzoek, het toegankelijk maken en verspreiden van de resultaten, het hergebruiken en voortbouwen op eerdere resultaten. Het SURFshare programma ondersteunt dit door een infrastructuur te realiseren die de toegankelijkheid en de uitwisseling van onderzoeksinformatie bevordert.

SURFshare werkt aan vernieuwing van de samenwerking op het gebied van onderzoek, het samenstellen van complexe ('verrijkte') publicaties en het review- en publicatieproces. In dit proces veranderen de rollen en taken van onderzoekers, lectoren, instellingen, universiteits- en hbo-bibliotheken en uitgeverijen. Het onderzoek- en publicatieproces raakt nog meer verweven. Hierdoor en door de toegenomen mogelijkheden op het gebied van kennisdeling en disseminatie, verdwijnt het harde onderscheid tussen onderzoeksdata en de 'traditionele' publicatie als onderzoeksoutput.

Om de volle potentie van onderzoek te benutten, streeft SURFshare naar open toegang tot onderzoeksresultaten. Zeker daar waar onderzoek is uitgevoerd met publieke middelen.

SURFshare is een vierjarig programma van SURFfoundation. In SURFfoundation werken hogescholen, universiteiten en onderzoeksinstellingen samen aan grensverleggende ICT-innovaties om de kwaliteit van hoger onderwijs en onderzoek te verbeteren.

Meer informatie is te vinden op www.surffoundation.nl/surfshare

Research - whether scientific, scholarly or applied research - is, due to IT, subject to extensive change. IT and the Internet have opened up many possibilities for research, for distributing the results and making them accessible, and for reusing and building on previous results. The SURFshare programme contributes to creating an infrastructure for modern scholarly communication and open access to research results.

For SURFshare, a system of repositories forms the basis for further innovation in scholarly communication and collaboration in research, for the construction of complex ('enhanced') publications, and for the process of reviewing and publication.

SURFshare is a four-year programme organised by SURFfoundation. SURFfoundation unites research universities, universities of applied sciences and research institutions. All of these collaborate on innovative ICT projects to improve the quality of higher education and research.

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