



## Support to meet Open Access requirements in EU Seventh Framework programme

In recent years, the European Commission (EC) has been giving increasing 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).

### Available support

Support for compliance with the EC Open Access Pilot is provided both by your University Library as well as by OpenAIRE ([www.openaire.eu](http://www.openaire.eu)), a three-year project set up in support of the Open Access Pilot and the ERC Scientific Council Guidelines for Open Access.

### Reimbursement for the full cost of open access publishing

Remember to consider the requirements and costs for Open Access in the stage of writing the proposal. 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 if incorporated in the proposal.

### Library support for depositing

Any person thinking of submitting proposals for FP7 funding would be advised to approach their University Library or their METIS key user. If you have no access to an institutional or discipline-specific repository, OpenAIRE provides a helpdesk and a repository facility. 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](http://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. Your library has expertise in Open Access and copyright and will be able to advise on how to meet with these requirements.

### More information?

Web: [www.openaccess.nl](http://www.openaccess.nl) and <http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society>

Or contact your university library or the Dutch OpenAire helpdesk at [openaire@uu.nl](mailto:openaire@uu.nl)

### **SURFdirect, de SURF Digitale Rechten Expertise Community,**

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SURFdirect geeft juridische handvatten bij het publiekelijk beschikbaar maken van informatiebestanden binnen het onderwijs en onderzoek via internet. Het gaat daarbij om het regelen van rechten op het eigen materiaal (als onderzoeker, docent of student) en rechten op het hergebruik van materiaal van anderen. SURFdirect adviseert, maakt beleidsvoorstellen en geeft praktische ondersteuning in de vorm van vraagbaken, toolboxes en voorlichting.

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### **SURFdirect – SURF Digital Rights Expertise Community**

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