



Open Access
Infrastructure
for Research in Europe

OpenAIRE



Project Overview for Researchers

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FP7-Infrastructures



OpenAIRE - factsheet

Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe

- Programme: FP7 – Research Infrastructures
- Starting date: December 1, 2009
- Duration: 36 months
- Budget: 4.1 Million
- 38 partners covering all European member-states
- To be reached at www.openaire.eu



Partners

- University of Athens (coordinator)
- University of Goettingen Library (scientific coordinator)
- CNR-ISTI (technical coordinator)
- University of Bielefeld
- Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
- CERN
- SURF
- ICM – University of Warsaw
- University of Minho
- University of Gent Library
- eIFL
- Technical University Denmark

Scientific Communities

- Health (Life Sciences)
 - EMBL-EBI
- Environment
 - World Data Center for Climate
 - Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
- Information & Communication Science
 - Cognitive Interaction Technology (CITEC)
- Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
 - Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS)

Liaison Offices 



Liaison Offices

Region 1 North (DTU)

Denmark
(Danish Technical
University)

Finland
(University of Helsinki)

Sweden
(National Library of
Sweden)

Norway
(University of Tromsø)

Region 2 South (UMINHO)

Cyprus
(University of Cyprus)

Greece
(National
Documentation Center)

Italy
(CASPAR)

Malta
(Malta Council for
Science & Technology)

Portugal
(University of Minho)

Spain
(Spanish Foundation for
Science & Technology)

Region 3 East (eIFL)

Czech Republic
(Technical University of
Ostrava)

Hungary (HUNOR)

Lithuania
(Kaunas Technical
University)

Romania
(Kosson)

Slovakia
(university Library of
Bratislava)

Bulgaria
(Bulgarian Academy of
Sciences)

Estonia
(University of Tartu)

Latvia
(University of Latvia)

Poland
(ICM – University of
Warsaw)

Slovenia
(University of Ljubljana)

Region 4 West (UGENT)

Austria
(University of Wien)

Belgium
(University of Gent)

France
(Couperin)

Germany
(University of Konstanz)

Ireland
(Trinity College)

Netherlands
(Utrecht University)

UK
(SHERPA)



Open Access Pilot in FP7

- EC requires grant recipients in seven areas to **"deposit peer reviewed research articles or final manuscripts resulting from their FP7 projects into an online repository and make their best efforts to ensure open access to these articles"**.
- Applied in grant agreements since Aug 2008; covers ca. 20% of FP7 budget
- Applies to seven areas of FP7:
 - 6 month embargo: "Health", "Energy", "Environment", "Information & Communication Technology" (Cognitive systems/robotics), "Research infrastructures" (e-infrastructures)
 - 12 month embargo: "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities" and "Science in Society"



Open Access Pilot in FP7

○ Legal foundation: Special Clause 39, Grant Agreement:

- deposit of an electronic copy (published version or final manuscript) in an institutional or subject-based repository at moment of publication.
- best efforts to ensure that this electronic copy becomes available “open access” (freely and electronically available to anyone):
 - immediately if the publication is published "open access", or
 - within 6 or 12 months of publication, depending on area



ERC Guidelines on OA

- Published in December 2007
- “The ERC requires **that all peer-reviewed publications from ERC-funded research projects be deposited on publication into an appropriate research repository** where available, such as PubMed Central, ArXiv or an institutional repository, and subsequently made Open Access within 6 months of publication.

The ERC considers essential that primary data - which in the life sciences for example could comprise data such as nucleotide/protein sequences, macromolecular atomic coordinates and anonymized epidemiological data - are deposited to the relevant databases as soon as possible, preferably immediately after publication and in any case not later than 6 months after the date of publication.

The ERC is keenly aware of the desirability to shorten the period between publication and open access beyond the currently accepted standard of 6 months.”



European Helpdesk

- Promote FP7-pilot and ERC OA guidelines
- National Open Access Liaison Offices (27 countries)
- Provide OA “toolkits” for
 - Researchers
 - Institutions
- Setup 24/7 portal for deposit, search of OA publications
- Liaison with
 - Other European OA initiatives
 - Publishers
 - CRIS systems



OpenAIRE - European Helpdesk

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