

## TOWARDS FULL OPEN ACCESS

Accelerating the transition to full and immediate Open Access to scientific publications

The key principle is as follows:

**"After January 1, 2020, scientific publications reporting on the results from research funded by public grants provided by national and European research programmes and funding bodies must be published in compliant Open Access Journals or on compliant Open Access Platforms."**

In addition:

- Authors retain copyright of their publication with no restrictions. All publications must be published under an open license, preferably the Creative Commons Attribution Licence CC BY. In all cases, the license applied should fulfil the requirements defined by the Berlin declaration;
- The Funders will ensure jointly the establishment of robust criteria and requirements for the services that compliant high quality Open Access journals and platforms must provide;
- In case such high quality Open Access Platforms or journals do not yet exist, the Funders will in a coordinate way provide incentives to establish these and support them when appropriate;
- Where applicable, Open Access publication fees are covered by Funding Agencies or universities;
- When Open Access publication fees are applied, their funding is capped (across Europe) and standardised in accordance with domain-specific requirements;
- Funders will ask universities, research organisations and libraries to align their policies and strategies, notably to ensure transparency;
- Funders accept the principle that all scientists are able to publish their work Open Access even if their institutions have limited means;
- The above principles shall apply to all types of scholarly publications, but it is understood that the timeline to achieve Open Access for monographs and books may be longer than 1st January 2020 **but should still happen before 31 December 2024.**
- The importance of open archives for hosting research outputs is acknowledged because of their long-term archiving function and their potential for editorial innovation;
- The "hybrid" model of publishing is not compliant with the above requirements;
- The Funders will monitor compliance with the principles enunciated and will sanction non-compliance.