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Copyright retention for researchers

The Rights Retention Strategy, promoted as part of the evolution of research evaluation, allows **researchers to no longer assign their copyright exclusively to the publishers** of scientific journals and thus to **retain control over the dissemination of their manuscripts**. France has included the strategy of non-assignment of rights in its second National Plan for Open Science, launched in 2021.

This is a new step towards full and immediate open access to publicly funded scientific publications. **Through the use of the Creative Commons CC-BY license, researchers who wish to publish in subscription journals will be able to retain full rights to their authored articles and deposit the accepted version for publication in an open archive from the date of publication.**

France-Universités invites higher education and research institutions to officially announce their support for this requirement, in order to encourage researchers to practice it in their dealings with publishers, and to put in place specific tools to support this approach, taking into account disciplinary specificities.

This institutional support will also give the Couperin Consortium more leverage to make this strategy a part of the overall contract with publishers, in the context of the negotiations that the consortium conducts on behalf of all its members.

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