

EUROPEAN OPEN ACCESS POLICY AND INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

• Horizon 2020

'Further steps will be taken towards Open Access, to ensure that research results are available to those who need them' (European Commission proposal; 2011)

• Innovation Union and Digital Agenda for Europe

The European Commission will extend the Open Access publication requirements in view of increasing access to publicly-funded research (Flagship initiatives/Europe 2020; 2010)

• Open Access Pilot in FP7

20% of funded research projects are obliged to provide Open Access to research papers by depositing in a repository. The OpenAIRE project aims at implementing the pilot and supports it (Initiative; 2008)

• The Green Paper: The European Research Area. A New Perspective

Reliable, affordable and permanent access to, and widespread dissemination of scientific research results as defining principles for Europe's research landscape (2007)

• Council of the European Union Decision on Scientific Information in the Digital Era

Member States invited to reinforce and coordinate national strategies and structures for access to, dissemination of and preservation of scientific information, including publications and data, within a specific time frame (2007)

• European Commission Communication 'On Scientific Information in the Digital Age'

Policy process on access to, dissemination of and preservation of scientific information across the Union launched (2007)

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CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

MEDOANET addresses the need for **coordinated strategies and policies in Open Access to scientific information in Europe**. The project will enhance existing policies, strategies and structures for Open Access and will contribute towards the implementation of new ones, in six Mediterranean countries: Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Turkey. It will also promote national and regional coordination of such policies, strategies and structures, in these countries and beyond.

The consortium comprises organizations from nine countries with key roles in issues of access to dissemination and preservation of research.

The project

- Will **strengthen and coordinate** current Open Access strategies, structures and policies in each of the six Mediterranean countries and regionally
- Will **identify and map** existing strategies, structures and policies of Open Access in the six Mediterranean countries
- Will **engage key policy-makers and stakeholders** of Open Access with the ability to affect change, thus increasing awareness on the key issues that require action
- Will **produce guidelines for policy makers** for the effective implementation of the European Commission's recommendations on Open Access to scientific information

MEDOANET builds on a network established with the seminar "Policies for the development of OA in Southern Europe", initiated by SELL (Southern European Libraries Link), held in Granada in May 2010 and culminating in the Alhambra Declaration on Open Access.

ACTIVITIES

- **Surveys** to map current policies, strategies, structures in the six Mediterranean countries
- **National Task Forces** to engage Open Access policymakers and stakeholders
- **A Partner Workshop** to provide a forum for discussion and conclusions regarding the mapping of existing policies, strategies and structures in the six Mediterranean countries
- **National Workshops** to debate the course of action in each country, in a coordinated approach
- A **European Workshop** for key policy makers to contribute towards regional coordination
- A **European Conference** to present project outcomes and identify course for future action in the six countries
- An **Open Access Tracker platform** to host project-related information and the data resulting from the mapping

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IMPACT

MEDOANET will advance the agenda on Open Access in the six Mediterranean countries in a coordinated fashion and in line with the European Commission's recommendations.

More specifically:

- The project **will enhance significant initiatives, strategies and policies that already exist in the six countries**. It will bring together existing networks and expand them; it will contribute towards developing relevant policies where they do not exist, and contribute to the actual implementation of Open Access policies and/or their enhancement, where they already exist.
- **An increase of the uptake of the practice of Open Access** and mandates is expected among participating countries as a result of the rigorous engagement with significant policymakers and key players through the project, such as research funders and key research institution administrators.
- **Project impact will extend beyond the partners and participating countries** through the consistent cultivation of solid relations with relevant projects and networks, as well as with significant policymakers and stakeholders from other countries that will be invited to participate as experts in selected project activities.

MEDOANET EU platform

National Task Forces

Regional coordination activities

European workshop

Policy Guidelines

European Conference