

A funded project-based approach to Open Access implementation

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Abstract. With the European Commission's Open Access policy as a mainstay, funder-driven policies have been setting the framework for Open Access implementation for quite some time now. However, while a funded project-based approach to the implementation of such policies is commonplace at European level nowadays, especially through the work done by the OpenAIRE project, this is far from being the norm yet at national level. Using the very advanced funder-driven Open Access policy landscape in the UK as a case study, the presentation will show how an optimal funded project-based approach to Open Access implementation might work in other policy environments. It will be argued that the lessons learnt in the course of the PASTEUR4OA project for identifying opportunities for Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research reach beyond the issuing of such policies and should also be applied at policy implementation level.

The contribution will also look at the pioneering role played by major public research funders in Croatia like the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport (MSES/MZOS) and the Croatian Science Foundation (CSF/HRZZ) in sharing detailed information on their funded projects with the OpenAIRE2020 project. It will be argued that an effort along these lines needs to be made by research funders across Europe interested in exploring the impact of their funding, and that this coordinated effort will be much facilitated by the gradual arising of a specific metadata set for projects and of the API tools to automatically retrieve such information.

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