



Principles for transitional Open Access agreements under the framework of Electronic Information Service National Programme

On its meeting on the 14th of December 2018, EISZ Programme Board, governing council of EISZ National Programme, representing the participating institutions and the financing authorities, made the following declaration:

Preamble

The essence of transitional Open Access (OA) agreements is to contain journal subscription fees and article processing charges (APC) within a single contractual framework. For the benefit of the research community, as well as for the efficient use of public funds, these agreements facilitate a swift and full transition to Open Access in a sustainable, cost-neutral way.

Principles for transitional Open Access agreements

1. Transition to Open Access should constrain costs of the current subscription model. These agreements must ultimately lead to a purely publication-based OA model.
2. Corresponding authors affiliated at consortium member institutions must be able to publish Open Access articles without further delay and without any additional costs.
3. Articles must be published under CC-BY licence.
4. Workflows of transitional agreements should follow the Recommendations for article workflows and services for offsetting/open access transformation agreements by Efficiency and Standards in Article Charges (ESAC) initiative, with special respect to the registration article-level metadata in Crossref and the standardised identification of authors.
5. Agreements must be transparent and publicly available, following the Hungarian legislation.
6. Perpetual access to content published in subscription journals must be granted to the consortium member institutions.

Declaration

The Programme Board mandates EISZ to sign national-level agreements for journal collections only in case the above principles are met and become apparent in the licences.

The Programme Board strongly supports the collaboration with the domestic and international communities to enable a rapid and efficient transition to Open Access.

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