Plan S

One target
With effect from 2021, all scholarly publications on the results from research funded by public or private grants provided by national, regional and international research councils and funding bodies, must be published in Open Access Journals, on Open Access Platforms, or made immediately available through Open Access Repositories without embargo.

One alliance
cOAlition S is a group of national research funders, charitable foundations, research organisations, European and international organisations, committed to propel the implementation of Plan S, thus making full and immediate Open Access to research publications a reality.

cOAlition S organisations

- Academy of Finland
- Aligning Science Across Parkinson’s
- Austrian Science Fund
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- European Commission
- European Science Foundation
- French National Research Agency
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute
- Luxembourg National Research Fund
- National Institute of Nuclear Physics of Italy
- National Science and Technology Council of Zambia
- National Science Centre of Poland
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
- Research Council of Norway
- South African Medical Research Council
- Science Europe
- Science Foundation Ireland
- Slovenian Research Agency
- Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare
- Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development
- Templeton World Charity Foundation
- The Higher Council for Science and Technology of Jordan
- UK Research and Innovation
- Vinnova
- Wellcome Trust
- World Health Organization
Ten principles

01. copyright
Authors or their institutions retain copyright to their publications. All publications must be published under an open license, preferably the Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY), in order to fulfil the requirements defined by the Berlin Declaration.

02. service criteria
The Funders will develop robust criteria and requirements for the services that high-quality Open Access journals, Open Access platforms, and Open Access repositories must provide.

03. incentives
In cases where high-quality Open Access journals or platforms do not yet exist, the Funders will, in a coordinated way, provide incentives to establish and support them when appropriate; support will also be provided for Open Access infrastructures where necessary.

04. publication fees
Where applicable, Open Access publication fees are covered by the Funders or research institutions, not by individual researchers; it is acknowledged that all researchers should be able to publish their work Open Access.

05. business models
The Funders support the diversity of business models for Open Access journals and platforms. When OA publication fees are applied, they must be commensurate with the publication services delivered. The structure of such fees must be transparent to inform the market and funders potential standardisation and capping of payments of fees.
transparency
The Funders encourage governments, universities, research organisations, libraries, academies, and learned societies to align their strategies, policies, and practices, notably to ensure transparency.

application
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 book chapters will be longer and requires a separate and due process;

transformative arrangements
The Funders do not support the ‘hybrid’ model of publishing. However, as a transitional pathway towards full Open Access within a clearly defined timeframe, and only as part of transformative arrangements, Funders may contribute to financially supporting such arrangements;

monitoring
The Funders will monitor compliance and sanction non-compliant beneficiaries / grantees;

research assessment
The Funders commit that when assessing research outputs during funding decisions they will value the intrinsic merit of the work and not consider the publication channel, its impact factor (or other journal metrics), or the publisher.