

Tender for the Identification of cOAlition S Host Secretariat

Annex A: 2026 Work Plan Overview

Strategic priority 1: Strengthening the foundations for full, immediate, sustainable, and equitable open access of scholarly peer-reviewed articles

- Deliver and develop basic member services to strengthen mechanisms and processes for sharing practices and policies that affect scholarly publishing
- Review and update the cOAlition S principles and implementation guides, including enhancing the focus on sustainable and equitable models such as diamond open access
- Identify new projects to undertake regarding implementation of updated policies on immediate and equitable Open Access, including infrastructures needs
- Define a communication plan that amplifies our collective voice
- Expand strategic partnerships and collaborations with key stakeholders across the research ecosystem

Strategic priority 2: Supporting digital infrastructures that enable open access

- Advance funders support for publishing infrastructures and services that deliver immediate, free, sustainable, and equitable open access to research publications while ensuring long-term data preservation.
- Carry out a coalition-wide stocktake of digital infrastructures currently enabling open access publishing and data preservation, with a specific lens on their readiness for the emerging AI context.
- Develop a common understanding of and response to AI in the context of open access, addressing both opportunities and risks. For example, a joint position on using CC BY licensed publications for AI model training or mitigating potential new inequities from widespread AI adoption. (Year 1-2, initiating a longer running WP).

Strategic priority 3: Exploring financially sustainable and equitable publishing systems and monitoring

The third priority focuses on long-term financial and operational sustainability and equity of open access publishing. It seeks to explore new models for funding scholarly communication and to establish effective mechanisms for monitoring the financial impact of OA policies.

Actions corresponding to this priority will commence from 2027 onwards upon successful completion of the above defined actions.

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