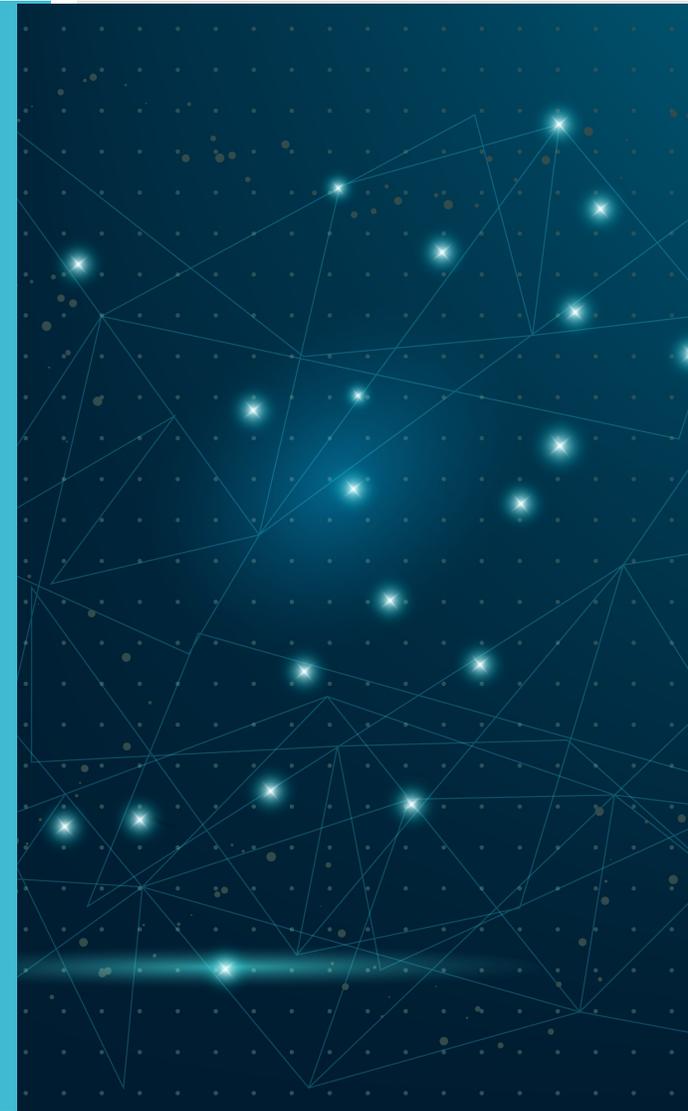


National action plan for open science

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Open Science initiative needs:

Coordinated activities at European, national and institutional level, such as:

- Building, connecting and enhancing systems for exchange and long term storing of digital data in accordance with the FAIR principles
- Ensuring the inter-operation of the national and European policies, practices and infrastructures related to open science, incl. EOSC
- Coordination of all participants in the process – the citizens, researchers, business, RO's, HEI's, RI's
- Stimulating active participation of all in the initiative
- Popularizing the initiative among wide public

The National Open Science Plan 2021-2025

- Bulgaria has a National Open Science Plan since January 2021.
- It sets out the strategic goals, necessary steps and the instruments for implementation of the OS initiative
- It will carry out the OS culture to become the standard practice.
- It will:
 - Increase the effectiveness of funding, transparency and the quality of research results
 - Accelerating the knowledge transfer and innovation
 - Research results will reach the citizens and business fast and this will encourage their involvement in research and innovation activities
 - Introduce new opportunities and help coping with the global challenges

Priorities of NOSP

- Maintain a **trusted infrastructure** for Open access to publications and data;
- Create **incentives for researchers** and organizations to adopt Open science practices;
- **Align national and institutional OA policies and practices;**
- **Promote OA practices and foster new skills and competences.**

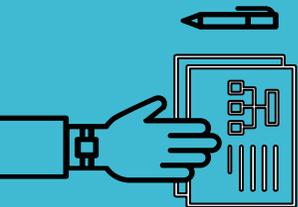
What steps were taken to put the plan into practice?

- Building and development of the BOSC – the single entry point to access the institutional repositories
- Creating national repositories in accordance with OpenAIRE and create skills and competences to work with them and with BPOS
- National Program for stimulating publication activities of researchers and increasing the number of publications in BPOS was approved
- New transformative agreement with Elsevier was signed

National program aimed to induce publication activity

- Covers a three and a half period of time (2022-2025).
- Aims to:
 - stimulate the publication activity of the researchers and increase the number of their scientific publications in the global databases Web of Science or Scopus;
 - promote the culture of sharing scientific information with OA.
- Beneficiaries (HEIs and ROs) have to be registered in BPOS as a content provider.
- Funds of the Program serve as financial incentives for researchers for their scientific publications in journals (including OA).

https://www.mon.bg/upload/28417/rMS733_NNP_Publikacii_27102021.pdf.pdf



Elsevier agreement - Open access pilot project



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- The new agreement is for the period 2022-2025;
- It offers an extended scope of the subscription;
- "Open Access" pilot project;
- The service grants the right to publish open access articles in the main hybrid journals owned by Elsevier and published by the publisher;
- Bulgarian researchers may publish a specified number of OA articles without a publication fee;

2022- 100

2023-180

2024-260

- In case the maximum number of articles per subscription year is reached, the agreement provides the preferential prices.

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