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OPEN ACCESS
TO SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Each Horizon 2020 beneficiary must ensure **open access to peer-reviewed scientific** publications relating to results.
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WHY OPEN ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS?

GOOD FOR SCIENCE
allows scientists to build on previous research results and avoids unnecessary duplication of effort
improved quality and greater efficiency

GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY
speeds up innovation
faster progress to market

GOOD FOR SOCIETY
makes research available to individual citizens and to non-profit organisations
greater transparency

HOW TO ACHIEVE OPEN ACCESS IN HORIZON 2020

SELF-ARCHIVING
'GREEN' OPEN ACCESS

deposit the final peer-reviewed manuscript in a repository of your choice.

Researchers must ensure open access to the publication within at most 6 months (12 months for publications in the social sciences and humanities).

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING
'GOLD' OPEN ACCESS

publish in open access journals or in hybrid journals.

Article processing charges are eligible for reimbursement during the duration of your project. Hybrid journals sell subscriptions (i.e. closed access) AND offer the option of making some individual articles open access.

BOTH OPTIONS ARE POSSIBLE
if the gold route is chosen the article must also be deposited in a repository to comply with Article 29.2.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT OPEN ACCESS

OPEN ACCESS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH
In Horizon 2020 researchers are free to publish or not.

OPEN ACCESS DOES NOT AFFECT THE DECISION TO EXPLOIT RESEARCH RESULTS COMMERCIALLY,
e.g. through patenting.

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