



The platform, which is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), aims to provide easy and uniform access to information on Open Access (OA) and to provide practical implementation advice. Through its intensive cooperation with institutions of higher education, research organisations and scholarly societies in Germany and with partner institutions in Switzerland and Austria, the Open Access principle can be promoted in a systematic way.

Individual goals of the information platform open-access.net:

- to bundle hitherto disparate resources and information on the subject of Open Access
- to create a clear overall picture of what Open Access is all about
- to make customised information available to target groups via discipline-specific and role-specific points of access
- to provide country-specific information on Open Access
- to offer practical advice on how to argue in favour of and to implement Open Access
- to promote cooperative networking by developing the multiplier network, oa-net-work
- to support the Open Access principle by organising specialised information events such as the Open Access Days
- to make the Open Access idea more widely known by forming a broad alliance

Contents of open-access.net

What exactly is Open Access?

Open Access (OA) stands for unrestricted, toll-free online access to scientific and scholarly knowledge and information. On open-access.net you will find information about the key concepts and main forms of OA, for example on **Open Access journals** and **repositories**, the origins of the **Open Access movement**, **business models** and **legal issues**.

Open Access is a very topical and forward-looking issue and a movement which enjoys **great support worldwide**. **Arguments in favour of OA** include the increased visibility – and accordingly the greater impact – of openly accessible scholarly and scientific texts. On the other hand, a number of **reservations about OA** have been voiced, for example concerning problems relating to the persistence and findability of digital data.

Customised information for

- Scholars and scientists
- University and research institution managers
- Libraries
- Research funders
- Policy makers
- Publishers
- The interested public

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