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**Regional Workshop for Research Performing Organisations of  
the South West Europe: highlights**

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# The South West Europe RPO Workshop: Aims



- » To bring together policymakers Research Performing Organizations allowing the exchange of ideas and policy practises among participants
  
- » To discuss ways to improve existing policies or develop new Open Access policies aligned with the Commission's Recommendation and H2020 requirements

# The South West Europe RPO Workshop



- » Follows a previous Workshop for Funders, held in Madrid in September 2015
- » The 20 attendees represented relevant national research funders and organizations, including:
  - › National Research Council (CNR) and CINECA from Italy;
  - › Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST);
  - › National Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) from Portugal;
  - › National Research Council (CSIC) and the Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO) from Spain;



# The South West Europe Workshop: Participants

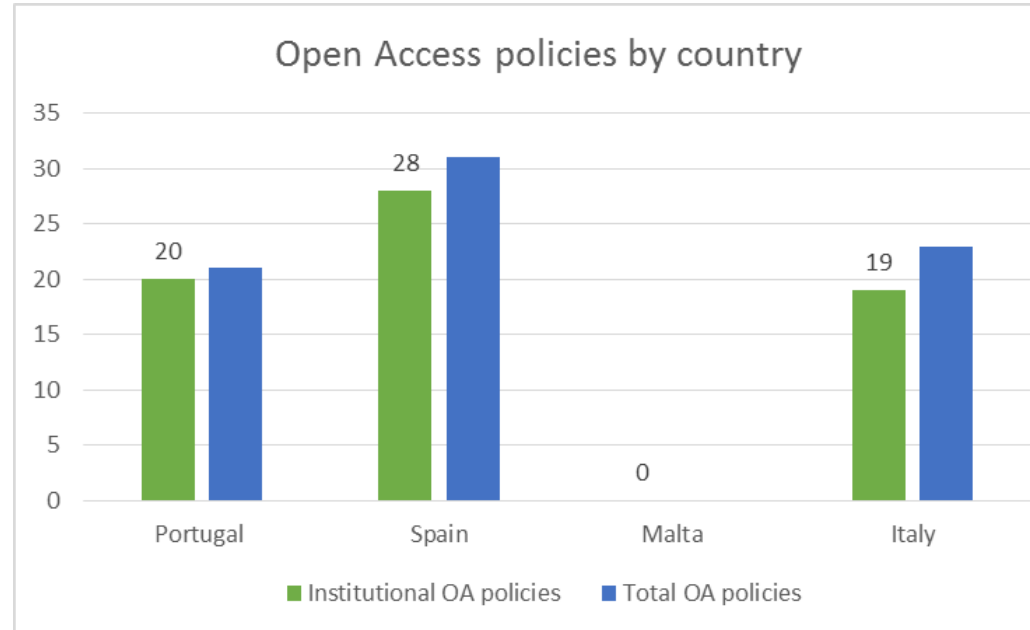


- » **Portugal:** Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB), Portuguese Polytechnics Coordinating Council (CCISP), UMinho, National Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
- » **Spain:** Spanish National Research Council, Polytechnic University of Valencia, University Carlos III de Madrid, University of Barcelona, Spanish Rectors' Conference (CRUE), Comillas University, Madrid, University of La Laguna, National Association of Editors, Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)
- » **Malta:** University of Malta
- » **Italy:** University of Turin, National Research Council (CRC), University of Milan, Politecnico di Torino, CINECA, University of Molise, Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI), European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC)

- » Introduction to PASTEUR4OA Project
- » Good practice examples from the region: University of Turin; Polytechnic Institute of Bragança; University of Malta; Carlos III University of Madrid
- » The European OA landscape: The EUA (European University Association) Roadmap on Open Access; the Liège OA Model; Berlin Conference 2015 and the market of scientific publishing
- » Work group sessions:
  - › How to design and approve an effective institutional OA policy
  - › Implementing and monitoring an effective institutional OA policy
- » Reporting from the group work & Wrap-up

# The South West Europe Workshop: Highlights

- » There are already a significant number of institutional OA policies in the region
  - › Based on repository deposition request
  - › But most are not aligned with the H220 requirements, and are not completely implemented and monitored



# The South West Europe Workshop: Highlights

- » There is a widespread and mature repository infrastructure in all the countries in the region
  - › Italy – 70+ repositories
  - › Malta – 1 repository
  - › Spain – 110+ repositories & a national portal
  - › Portugal – 40+ repositories & a national network and portal



# The South West Europe Workshop: Highlights

- » Policy implementing and monitoring
  - › Strong institutional commitment
  - › Advocacy activities and resources creating awareness on Open Access
  - › Monitoring compliance with the OA policy in a systematic and effective way
    - Reporting of publications generated automatically (e.g. FCT-Portugal)
    - Comparing the number of articles in the repositories with the number of national papers indexed in WoS and Scopus (e.g. Spain)





# The South West Europe Workshop: Main conclusions



- › There is still room for improving existing or developing new Open Access policies in South West European countries
- › In terms of policy design and approval, international standards and guidelines should be followed to ensure the alignment of the policies
- › Policies should link the deposit of publications with internal performance evaluation of researchers to ensure the effective deposit of research output



# The South West Europe Workshop: Main conclusions



- › In terms of policy implementation and monitoring there is a need for a stronger institutional commitment to ensure an effective implementation of policies
- › Advocacy activities and resources should be provided to raise awareness about Open Access within institutions



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