The Austrian Open Access Recommendations
A very brief overview*

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* Sources and further information are hyperlinked
Open Access Network Austria (OANA)

... is a voluntary bottom up initiative with 55 member organisations coordinated by the **Austrian Science Fund** (FWF)

**Aims**

- Coordination of and recommendations for the Austrian OA activities
- Positioning towards information providers
- Contact and source of information for researchers, research institutions and politics
- Coordination and monitoring of implementation
Recommendations for the Transition to Open Access in Austria

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Based on 16 recommendations, efforts should be made to achieve the following goal:

By 2025, all scholarly publication activity in Austria should be Open Access. In other words, the final versions of all scholarly publications resulting from the support of public resources must be freely accessible on the Internet without delay (Gold Open Access). The resources required to meet this obligation shall be provided to the authors, or the cost of the publication venues shall be borne directly by the research organisations.

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The Aim

100% Gold Open Access Publishing in Austria by 2025
Timeline to 100% Open Access in Austria

- **2016**: Introducing OA policy
- **2017**: Reforming copyright law
- **2018**: Registering repositories
- **2019**: Introducing publication funds
- **2020**: Honouring OA and Open Science activities
- **2025**: Making public materials OA

Pooling institutional and national publication models and infrastructure and switching to OA

Contracting OA deals with publishers

Supporting Green Open Access

Supporting international OA publication models and infrastructure

Providing trainings for Open Access and Open Science

Making publication costs transparent and equalising burdens

Monitoring during implementation

Targeting Open Science

Source: Bauer et al 2015
Reorganise publishing contracts

Recommendation

- 2020 ⇒ all licence agreements with publishers include that authors can automatically publish OA

Achievements

- Austrian Library Consortium (KEMÖ) and FWF have been negotiating a couple of OA offsetting deals with subscription publishers as IoP, Taylor & Francis, Springer and Sage (next follow soon)

- Supporting and participating on Max Planck initiative "Large-scale Implementation of OA to Scholarly Journals"
Funding alternative OA infrastructure

Recommendation

2017 onward ⇒ all research and funding organisations jointly participate in national and international initiatives that promote high-quality OA publication models, infrastructures and services.
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Achievements (international examples)

FWF ⇒ ~ € 50,000 p.a.

Univ Vienna / FWF ⇒ $ 6,000 p.a.

consortium of 16 institutions ⇒ € 34,500 p.a.

consortium of 4 institutions ⇒ € 30,000 p.a.

Academy of Fine Arts / FWF ⇒ € 17,500 p.a.
The Greatest Challenge

1) Creating international OA publication models, infrastructures and services which are able to compete with big commercial information providers.

2) Organising sustainable funding across institutions and the borders.
Take over of the entire academic workflow?

Source: Kramer/Bosman 2015
Thank you for your attention!

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PASTEUR4OA study on FWF‘s OA policy

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