

Open Access

The Belgian approach



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Institutional Belgium



Competences over research are scattered

Open Access policies in Belgium



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General tendency :



- *Mandate archiving (6/12 month embargoes)*
- *Impose ceilings on APC-funding*
- *Quality and transparency requirements for Gold*
- *Cost for hybrid not supported*
- *Evaluation based on repository drawn bibliography*

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General tendency :

- *Fostering Fair Gold OA*
- *Enforcing Green OA*

Open Access policies in Europe

Recent developments :



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Calls for :



- *'Immediate access'*
- *Consortium based contracts with publishers*
- *100% Gold OA by 2020 or 2025*
- *Convert resources from subscriptions into funds to support OA business models*
- *More dialogue with the private sector*
- *More top down streamlining*

Open Access policies in Europe

General developments :

- *Marked tendency to create conditions favorable to APC based Gold OA*
- *Investment in Green OA treated marginally*



Belgian Open Access rationale

Does this mean there is contradiction ?



Belgian Open Access rationale

No !

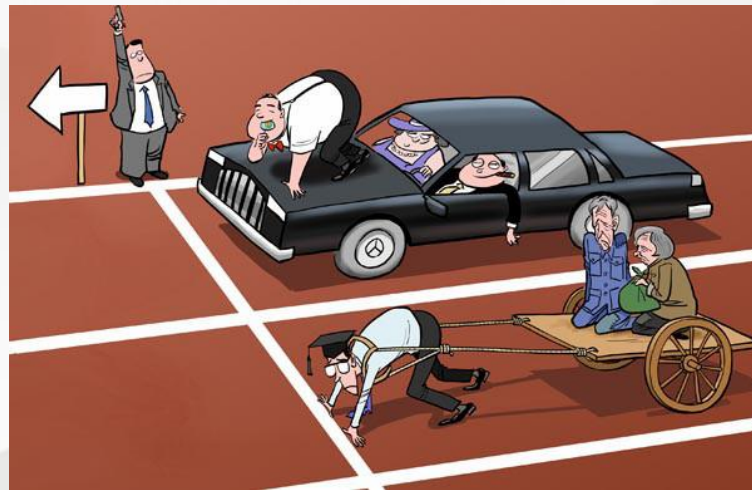
But Belgians feel that some aspects of OA deserve unabated attention as they are instrumental to the public sector's mission.



Belgian Open Access rationale

Such as :

- *Publishing opportunities for authors in less endowed institutions or countries and in low budget disciplines will be limited by the APC based business model.*



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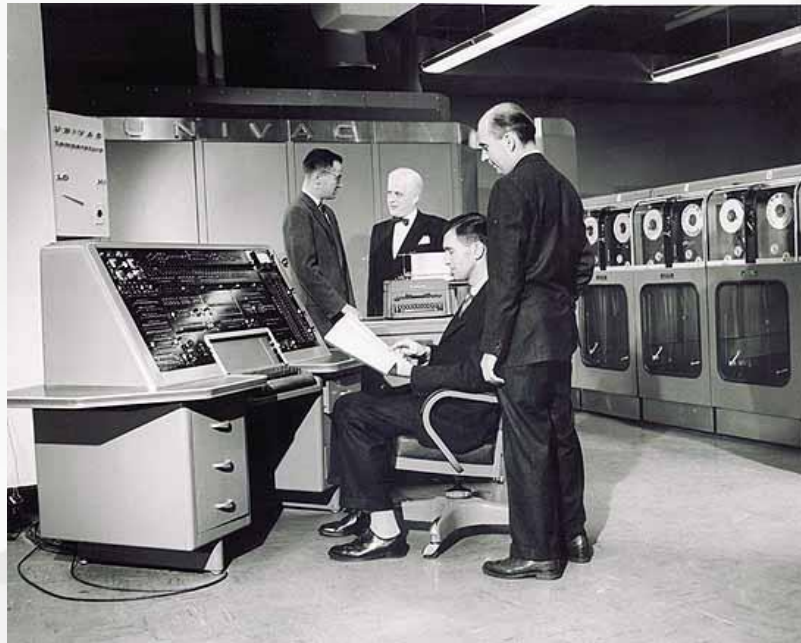
- *Bringing about the dominance of the APC based business model will pave the way to commercial orientation of research, and what's more by means of a harmful research evaluation system.*



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Such as :

- *Private publishers cannot be expected to care for durable digital scientific heritage preservation, despite initiatives like Lockss or Portico.*



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Such as :

- Consortium deals with major publishers earmark funds that are no longer available for innovative small research-friendly business models.*



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Such as :

- *Repositories are key instruments for institutional bibliographic management.*



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Other disadvantages :

- *Gold doesn't provide solutions for Grey Literature*



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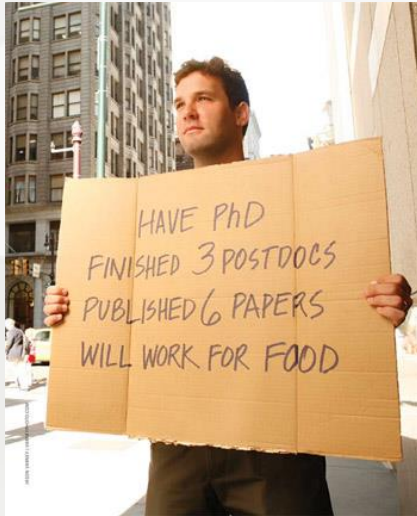
Other disadvantages :

- *Unlike the creation of Repositories, the creation of APC funds does not provide leverage in negotiations with greedy publishers, to the contrary !*



Belgian Open Access rationale

To conclude :



- *Belgian stakeholders without exception fear that incautious promotion of the APC based business model might pave the way to even more depletion of public research funds. They are of the opinion that civil service should privilege active development of repositories and of academia controlled initiatives for Open Access publishing.*

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