Putting Down Roots: Securing the Future of Open Access Policies

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Defining the problem:

1. On what services do OA policies depend?

2. What are the risks to policy implementation?
Starting assumption
Breaking down the problem

- 3 Policy components
- 12 Policy elements

- 6 Service categories
- 18 Service subcategories
How do policies relate to services?
Where are we now?

1. Broad commonality in OA policies
2. OA policies depend on OA services
3. OA services are fragmented and poorly supported
Envisioning a Co-ordinating Body for OA Services

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Mission:

To promote and facilitate the development of an open scholarly infrastructure, in order to enable the widest possible legal dissemination and usage of the published outputs of scholarly research.
Activities:

1. Maintain a register of **key** OA services

2. Assess sustainability, governance, usage and interoperability.

3. Publish recommendations on funding, risks and new services required

4. Collect and distribute funding
Key issues and concerns

**Interaction with existing bodies**
Proposed scope is too broad

Must be ‘lightweight’

**What will it cost to run the body, and support key services?**

Sounds too interventionist

**Funding and finance – who pays, and how?**

Needs a ‘sponsor’ organisation
Amsterdam call for action on Open Science:

“Support work in progress and further develop Principles for Open Scholarly Infrastructures to set up concerted mechanisms and fund initiatives to **maintain a register of key open access services** that **address sustainability, governance, usage and interoperability**.

Publish the **recommendations on funding and risks** in a workshop in order to derive a generic approach for such services in general.”

“A coalition of the willing”

Discussions underway between key service providers to set up a small-scale pilot

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