

MedOANet Guidelines for implementing open access policies

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For research
performing and
research funding
organizations

Aim:

coordinating policy-development in six Mediterranean countries (France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Turkey). They provide concise and targeted guidance for a harmonized approach towards policy development.

The MedOANet Guidelines:

Present the **main concepts** and issues with respect to open access

Discuss the **major steps** that are necessary in the process of policy development

Present the **important components** of an institutional and funder policy

Present **model policies** for research performing & research funding organizations

Present best practices in policy development for research performing & research funding organizations

The Guidelines recommend:

Immediate self-archiving in repositories to be required upon acceptance for publication (author final version or publisher version)

Immediate open access to metadata and to full-text research outputs if possible (for universities, research centres etc.).

Immediate open access to full-text research outputs with up to 6 months embargo periods (12 for SSH) for research funders

Peer-reviewed research covered by the policy, especially journal articles, conference proceedings books/monographs

Mandatory character of policy, with compliance checked. Authoritative publication lists for institutions derived only from repositories

Minimally recommend that researchers deposit research data that underpin publications in repositories and formulate separate policies.

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