THE DUTCH ROAD(MAP) TO FULL OPEN ACCESS IN 2020

GOLD (PLAN-S)
OR
GREEN (TAVERNE)
THE POLITICAL AGENDA

• 2013 - Deputy Minister Sander Dekker: “My aim is for the Netherlands to have switched entirely to the golden road to open access within ten years.”

• 2016 – European Commission “AGREES to further promote the mainstreaming of open access to scientific publications by continuing to support a transition to immediate open access as the default by 2020, using the various models possible and in a cost-effective way, without embargoes or with as short as possible embargoes”
TOWARDS PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

• 2014 – The Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU) includes Gold and Hybrid Open Access in its ‘Big Deal’ negotiations with major publishers.

• 2015 - The ‘Taverne amendment’ passed by Dutch parliament (Article 25fa Copyright Act):

‘The maker of a short scientific work, the research for which has been paid for in whole or in part by Dutch public funds, shall be entitled to make that work available to the public for no consideration following a reasonable period of time after the work was first published, provided that clear reference is made to the source of the first publication of the work.’

• 2017 - The VSNU agrees to a national pilot to implement this amendment on a national scale to supplement its ‘Big Deal’ strategy.
THE TAVERNE PROJECT: ‘YOU SHARE, WE CARE’

- The pilot will adopt standardized guidelines for interpreting the amendment (to be determined).
- Pilot seeks to publish around 5% of all articles by Dutch researchers from January 208 onwards in university repositories under the Taverne amendment.
- University assumes all legal/financial risks for participating authors.
- Goals:
  - Explore technical possibilities and pitfalls.
  - Gauge publisher response
  - Gauge researcher response
PROGRESS SO FAR....
• September 2018 - Plan-S: “cOAlition S, an international consortium of research funders [...] requires that, from 2020, scientific publications that result from research funded by public grants must be published in compliant Open Access journals or platforms.”

• November 2018: Implementation Guidelines:
  • Full OA journals and platforms.
  • VOR/AAM in repository with no embargo.
  • Hybrid journals under ‘transformative agreements’ only.

• Plan-S is a high risk high reward strategy

  → If high impact journals don’t flip, researchers are stuck between a ‘rock’ of funders and a ‘hard place’ of assessment and (international) reputation.
Why ‘Taverne’ remains important:

- Only 30% of all research is funded by Coalition-S.
- Taverne also applies to publications where Dutch researcher is not the corresponding author (ca. 50%).
- Many researchers prefer Taverne for both practical reasons (more flexible) and reasons of principle (bottom-up, instead of top-down).
IMPLEMENTING TAVERNE IN PRACTICE

• Identifying and involving enthusiastic researchers across disciplines and career stages.

• Developing workflows to identify and harvest publications within the scope of the project.

• Researchers are generally enthusiastic about the project, although some remain concerned about:
  • Relationship with publishers / editors.
  • Relationship with co-authors.