

EMPOWERING OPEN SCIENCE

The European Rights Retention Community of Practice

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WHAT IS THIS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)?

The European Rights Retention CoP addresses critical gaps in implementing Rights Retention (RR) strategies and policies across European institutions.

It was launched in December 2024 by SPARC Europe under the Knowledge Rights 21 Programme.

WHO ARE OUR CoP MEMBERS?

- ✓ **Librarians** overseeing OA/RR policies
- ✓ **Research office staff** coordinating RR policies
- ✓ **Legal experts** on copyright and contracts
- ✓ **Funders** and **policymakers** shaping RR strategies
- ✓ **Researchers** advocating for RR
- ✓ Institutional **non-profit publishers**
- ✓ **Research support** professionals

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WHAT CHALLENGES DOES THE CoP ADDRESS IN RR?

- **Absence of a policy framework for rights retention:** Lack of policies from institutions and funders that enable authors to retain rights.
- **Publisher resistance:** Publishers demand copyright transfer and exclusive agreements, a default practice we want researchers to change.
- **Low awareness among researchers:** They often lack knowledge of their rights, prioritising journal prestige over control of their work.
- **Inconsistent application of Open licences:** Open licensing is not the default option for sharing research outputs, and is also not consistently applied by authors.
- **Rights Retention capacity gaps:** Authors, librarians and institutions often lack the skills and time to shape and adopt strong and effective policies that will implement, monitor and could lead to 100% Open Access.

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