



Events in the Netherlands - a national approach to open access

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opinions are my own



Connecting Worlds

- OA is NOT national, but
 - **global**
- OA does NOT stand on its own, but
 - **part of the Open Science system**

Why?



- **Principle:**
 - results of publicly financed research should be publicly available
- **Better knowledge transfer**
 - better **connect** science with society and business innovation
- **Improve quality of science**
 - better interaction within and between disciplines
 - reduce publication bias and research waste
 - improve on research integrity
 - provide platforms for use of new tools & analytics (TDM)
- **Ensure a sustainable future for academic publishing**
- **Efficient & Effective**
 - use of technology, easy access

How?

- **Exchange Information**
- **Set Standards**
- **Advance Models**
- **Advocate for Gold OA**
- **Educate**
- **Promote Innovation**

**PURPOSE OF
OASPA**

Dutch Approach: NWO

- **Develop OA Policy on**
 - Peer reviewed articles
 - Books → support OAPEN platform
 - Data
- **Financial Support**
 - OA Funds for publishing and outreach
- **Create/encourage awareness**

Peter Suber: the largest obstacle to OA is misunderstanding
- **Adapt NWO Grant Rules**
 - **Research results must be open access**
 - **Share Research Data**

Current NWO Grant Regulation

w.r.t. publications

- 25. Research results that have been produced with the aid of NWO funds should be made accessible to the general public and for further research as much and *as soon as possible*...
- 28. ... Publications supported by NWO funds should therefore, irrespective of other publication possibilities, be made accessible to the general public as quickly as possible via Open Access. Copyrights may only be assigned to a third party insofar as this does not block the option to publish via Open Access. Deviation from this rule is only possible with the explicit prior approval of NWO.

Update on NWO OA Policy

NWO will make the funding conditions more stringent

- Research results paid for by public funds should be freely accessible ***immediately*** upon completion.
 - publish results immediately and without a period of embargo
 - the researcher selects the journal in which he/she publishes.
- NWO Open Access Funds (for NWO funded projects) is continued, but no longer for Hybrid OA
 - Note: publishing in Hybrid OA Journals is still allowed
 - Will also become eligible for OA Books
 - Also for advocacy / outreach at conferences
- Pilot on Open Data
 - Data Section and – if granted – a Data Management Plan

Dutch OA Policy

- Principle
- Improve quality
- Knowledge transfer
- Sustainable systems for scholarly communication

Stakeholders are not capable / willing to switch to new systems

- **Current system for scholarly publications is not sustainable**

NL will focus on

- Open Access of Publications
- Optimal Use of Research Data

Dutch Policy

- Go for an Open, Transparant, Sustainable System for Scholarly Communication
 - Gold/immediate Green

NL Open Access policy

- Letter to Parliament 2013
- Update to Parliament 2015
- NL/UK non paper on Open Science 2015

Polder model

I. Set up a national policy

→ Letter to Parliament

II. Determine & Get support from national stakeholders

→ Extensive discussions + final meeting/agreements

→ Collect facts & figures

→ AWTI advice on societal impact

Feedback loop to your policy

III. Internationalize

→ Join forces at international level

→ Set up a Working Group (stakeholders & experts

OCW, EZ, DANS, KB, NWO, SURF, Tudelft, VSNU, ...

Connect within Europe (ERAC Taskforce, H2020, ...)

→ Outreach

Feedback loop to your policy

Principles

Taxpayers' money should be spent in a rational and efficient way.

Transparency, openness, accountability and public engagement with research will be strongly enhanced by publishing articles in open access.

Goals

- Access to scientific publications
- Access to the underlying data
interoperable, easy to re-use
- Sustainable future for academic publishing
- Implement OA in a straightforward and easy way
- Promote re-use of data and publications
in a universal, simple and straightforward way

Dutch Presidency

Political lines of action:

- Competitiveness Council
- ERA
- ERAC TF on Open Data

Join forces

- within Europe & global
- with Stakeholders

From Vision to Action

Include Stakeholders
funders, research institutions,
publishers/information service
providers, researchers, ...
Society, Business (innovation)

Activities (planned)

Get input & information

- Participation in EC committees, EC Projects
- Meet with stakeholders
- Expert meeting on Open Access on June 23 in Brussels
- EC Open Science Agenda
- Informal meeting of Research Ministers, January (Amsterdam)
- A number of specialist co-meetings
 - e-IRG meeting in March
 - GRC workshop in March
 - ...
- Presidency conference on Open Science on April 4-5 in Amsterdam connect stakeholders; from vision to action prepare 'council conclusions'
- Formal Competitiveness Council of Research Ministers (Brussels)

Approach for discussion!

- **Leadership**
 - e.g. develop national policies; alignment
- **Innovate on Research Processes**
 - e.g. new research methods on based on OA (like TDM)
- **Quality Assessment**
 - e.g. impact on science, society and innovation
- **Training & Skills**
 - e.g. awareness, data-scientists, new users
- **Monitoring**
 - e.g. share expertise and information
- **(e-)Infrastructures**
 - e.g. platforms, e-Infra as a Service

A nighttime aerial view of a city, likely London, featuring a prominent highway interchange in the foreground. The city skyline is illuminated with lights, and a large white text overlay reads "CONNECT WORLDS".

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