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# Open Science/Open Research/Open Data

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# About MDPI

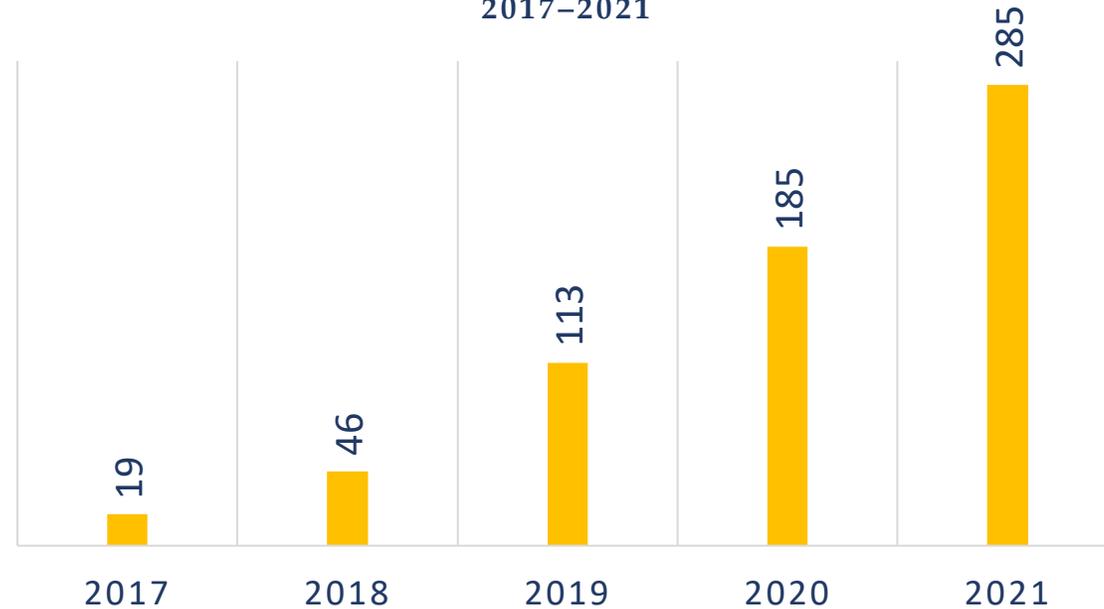


# About MDPI



- Pioneers in OA
- Largest OA publisher globally
- 4<sup>th</sup> largest publisher overall
- 400+ gold OA journals across all subject disciplines
- Head office in Basel, Switzerland
- Poland office in Krakow
- MDPI is proud to publish an increasing number of articles from authors at the University of Szczecin

UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN  
ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN MDPI JOURNALS  
2017–2021



# About Open Science



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*“Open Science is the practice of science in such a way that others can collaborate and contribute, where research data, lab notes and other research processes are freely available, under terms that enable reuse, redistribution and reproduction of the research and its underlying data and methods.”*



## Main Goals



- Transparency in experimental methodology, observation, and collection of data
- Public availability and reusability of scientific data
- Public accessibility and transparency of scientific communication
- Using web-based tools to facilitate scientific collaboration



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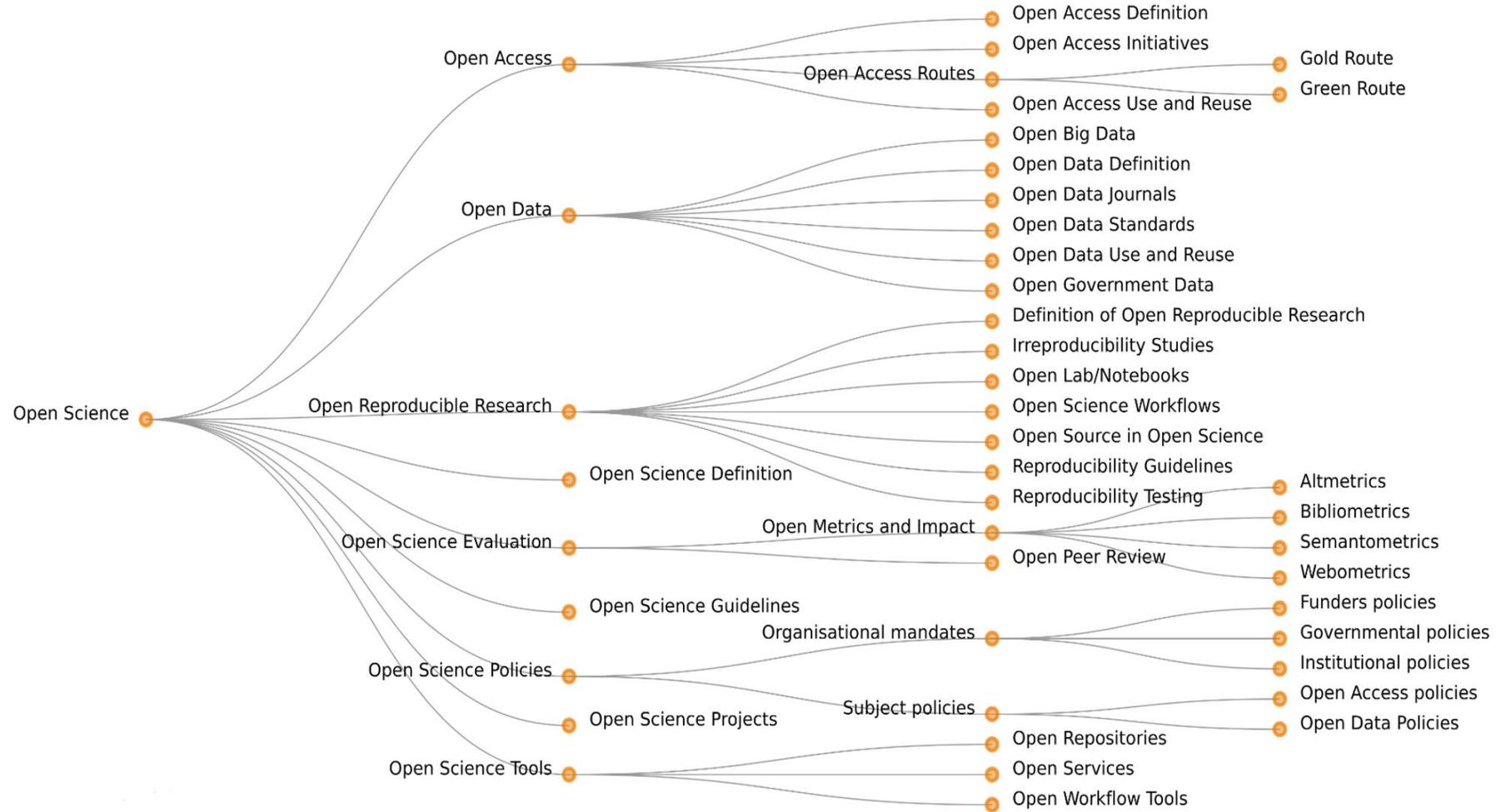


Figure 1. Open Science Taxonomy.

# What is Open Access?



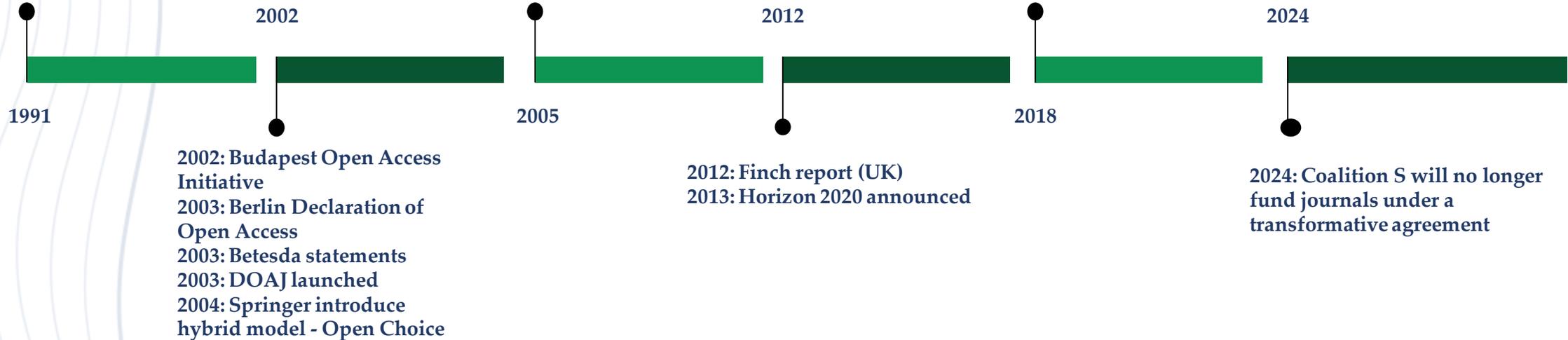
# Open Access Timeline



1991: arXiv preprint server launched  
1996: MDPI launches its first OA journal  
1997: PubMed  
2001: PLOS

2005: Wellcome Trust OA policy  
2008: NIH OA policy (US)

2018: Coalition S launches Plan S  
2018: Wellcome Trust strengthens OA policy  
2021: Plan S mandates come into force  
2021: Horizon Europe



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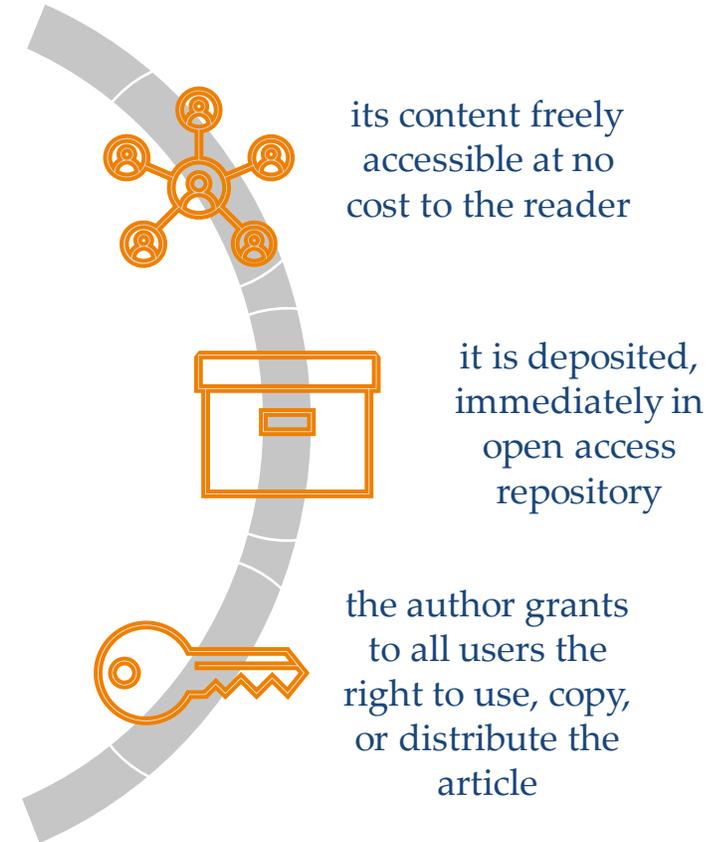
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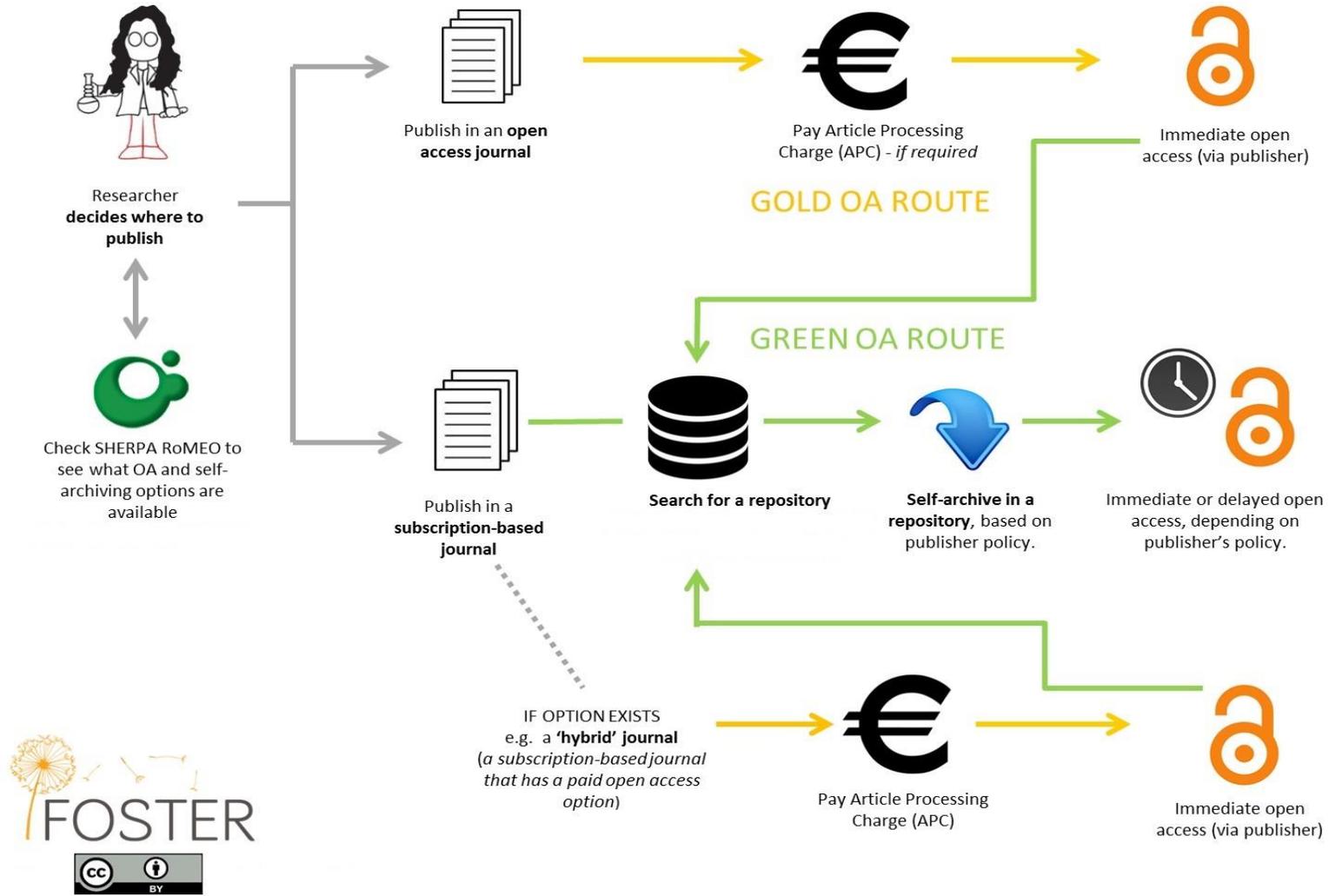
### BBB Declarations - Three Defining Statements on Open Access



*“Open access (OA) means free access to information and unrestricted use of electronic resources for everyone. Any kind of digital content can be OA, from texts and data to software, audio, video, and multi-media.”*



# Open Access Models



# Open Access Model: Gold

## WHAT?

- Final, publisher version of a manuscript (**version of record/VOR**) freely available

## WHEN?

- **Immediately** on publication

## WHERE?

- Journal/publisher's website

## OTHERS CAN SHARE AND RE-USE?

- Yes. Published with a **Creative Commons Attribution license** — CC-BY
- Authors/institutions **keep copyright**

## HOW?

- **Fully open access** journals
- **Hybrid** journals

## COST?

- Authors/funding institutions pay an **Article Processing Charge (APC)**
- Sometimes referred to as the 'author pays model'
- University agreements



# Open Access Model: Green

## WHAT?

- **Author's version** of an accepted manuscript (AAM)

## WHEN?

- **Immediately** or after an embargo of **6–24 months**

## WHERE?

- Open Access **repository** (university or subject repository)

## OTHERS CAN SHARE AND RE-USE?

- It depends. **License restrictions can vary.** Traditionally, copyright is signed off to the publisher

## HOW?

- **Most subscription journals** have a policy allowing green open access deposits

## COST?

- **No direct cost** for authors but green open access is **supported by the subscription model**



# Open Access Models: Summary



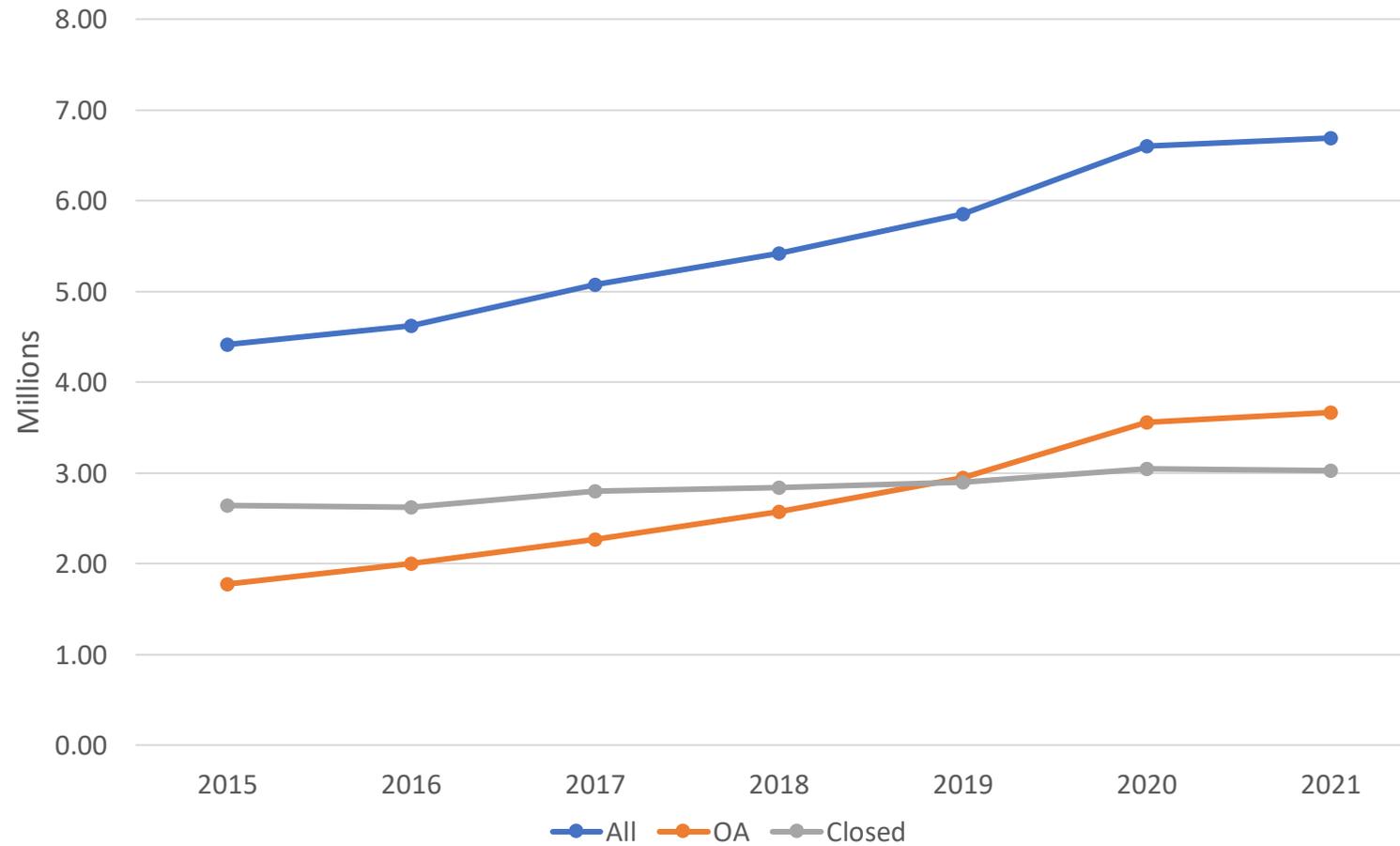
Model?	Accessible Version?	APC?	Financial Model	CC-BY License?
Gold OA	VOR	Y	APCs	Y
Green OA	AAM	N	Supported by subscription income	Y – Often NC
Platinum OA	VOR	N	Usually sponsored by annual fee from association or institution	Y
Diamond OA	VOR	N	Usually supported by library/voluntary work and contributions	Y



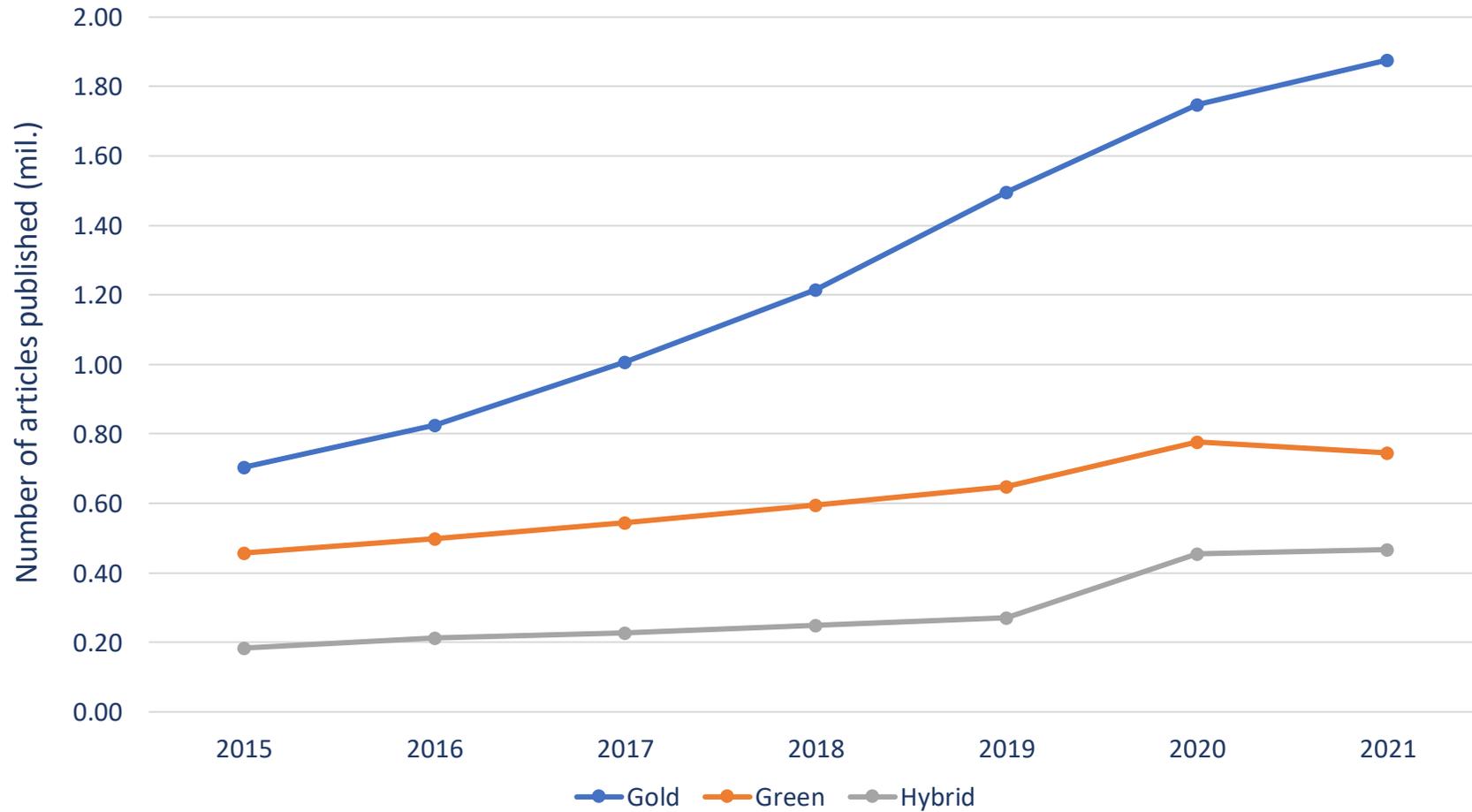


# Literature Growth

2015–2021



# Open Access Literature – Growth: 2015–2021



# OA Acceleration...



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Plan S

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Transformative Agreements

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Transformative Journals

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2024?

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Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe

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SDGs

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OSTP 2022 (USA)



# Traditional and Open Access Academic Publishing

## Traditional



- Pay to read
- Restricted access/Often not free to use/reuse
- Delayed publishing cycle
- Copyright owned by publisher
- Higher APC on average \*

## Open Access



- Free to read
- Widely available/Often Free to use/reuse
- Short publishing cycle
- Copyright owned by author
- Lower APC on average \*



# Why Open Access?

Benefits to the Authors, Scientific Community and Funders

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Improved methodologies

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Short publishing time

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Retained copyright (CC-BY)

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Greater visibility

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Higher citation rate

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Fulfillment of funding mandates

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# Visibility and impact

Studies have highlighted that OA **increases visibility and impact**, with OA articles attracting **higher altmetric scores**.

- SPARC EUROPE - [Open Access Citation Advantage Service](#)
- **Altmetric** (<https://www.altmetric.com/>)

The study by Springer Nature and Digital Science (2018) highlighted that:

- On average, OA articles were **downloaded 1.6x more** by users based at **academic institutions** and **4x more** by **users overall**
- OA articles attracted an average of **1.6x more citations**
- OA articles attracted an average of **2.4x more Altmetric attention**, with **1.9 x more news mentions** than non-OA articles



# OA Mythbusting...



# Mythbusting

## *I have no funding and therefore I cannot publish Open Access ...*

It is possible that funding is available. An increasing number of research bodies and funders are making funding available, and an increasing number of publishers are making agreements with universities to cover APCs as part of their subscription agreements. Most journals also have waivers available for authors where necessary. If you are unsure if you have access to funding for APCs speak with your university library in the first instance. If funding is unavailable, there are other routes to OA i.e., green OA, platinum OA, diamond OA.

## *It's 'author pays'! That means that I am paying...*

No. Article Processing Charges are paid most commonly by universities, funders, libraries and institutions and not by authors directly.

## *The quality is lower...*

No. OA Articles undergo peer review in the same way that subscription articles do. Numerous studies have dispelled the idea that 'OA journals are inherently, or more inclined to be, of lower quality than subscription journals' 'There is no evidence that, in the mainstream literature, open access (OA) journals suffer significant quality issues compared with non-OA journals. An increasing number of fully OA publications are attaining higher Journal Impact Factors at faster rates than their subscription and hybrid counterparts' \*.



# Mythbusting

*Open Access articles are just articles without copyright...*

No. OA articles are published using a CC-BY license meaning articles can be shared, used and adapted freely, provided they are cited appropriately. Authors publishing with a CCBY license keep their copyright.

*All Open Access is Gold Open Access ...*

No. There are many different options for making your work OA. Green OA offers an alternative route where funding is not available. It is important to check the requirements of your funder and institution before making a decision on your route to OA.

*Open Access journals are 'fringe', 'emerging', or 'other' than subscription models...*

No. MDPI have been around for 25 years, and there are many more emerging fully open access publishers! Most subscription journals now offer the option of publishing OA via the hybrid model. Open Access now accounts for a significant proportion of research articles that are published each year.

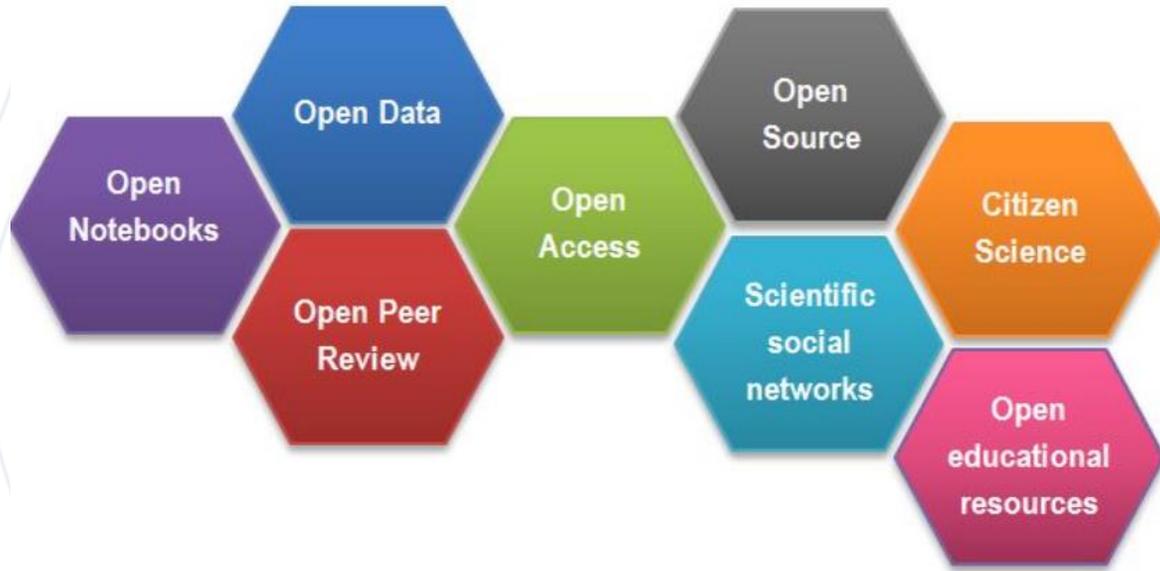


# Open Research



# What is Open Research?

Open Science facets as a beehive  
by FOSTER consortium.

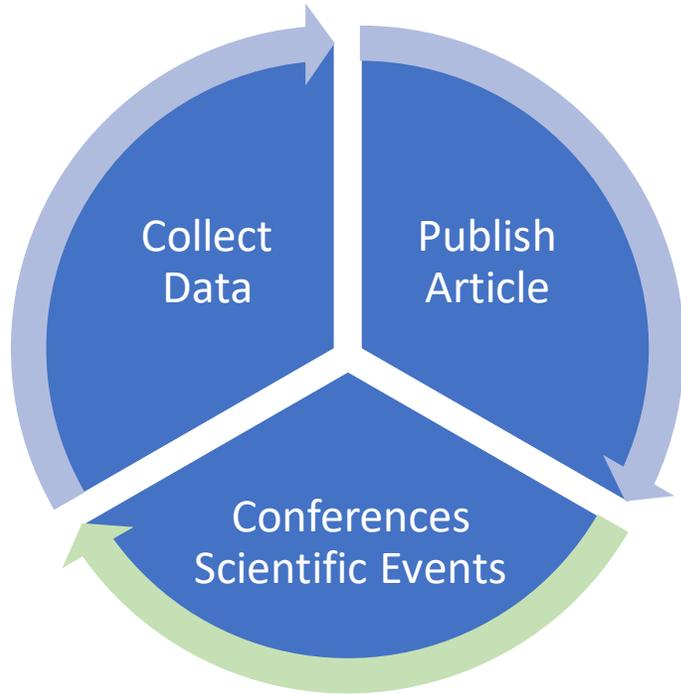


**Open Research**, often referred to as **'Open Science'** is *“about extending the principles of openness to the whole research cycle...fostering sharing and collaboration as early as possible thus entailing a **systemic change** to the way science and research is done.”*

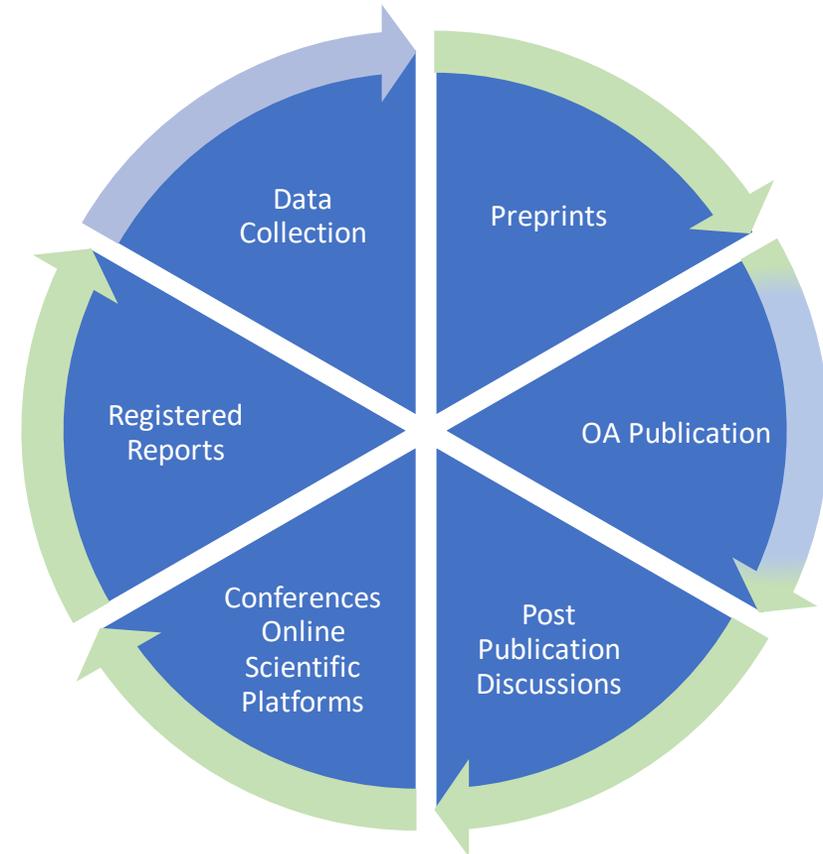


# Developing an Open Research Lifecycle

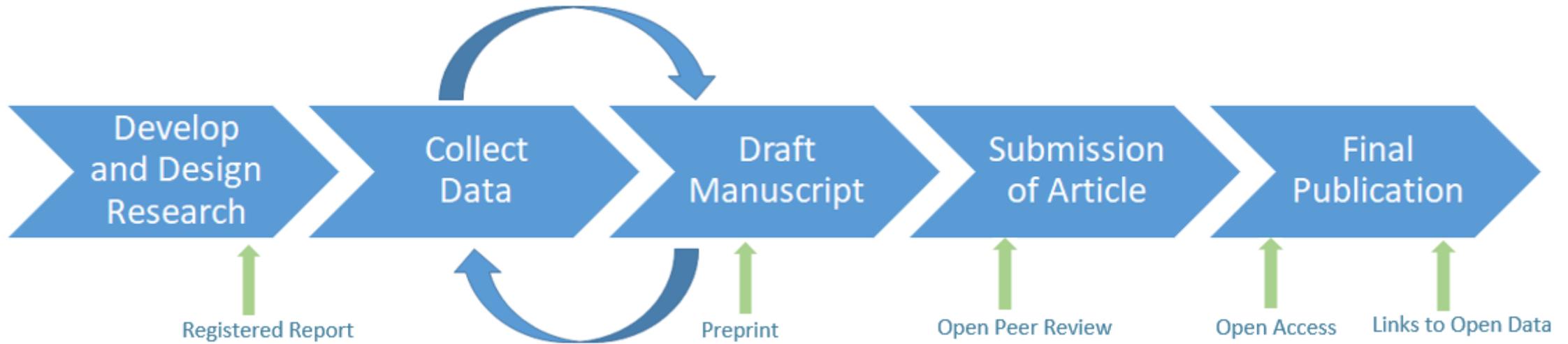
## The Traditional Lifecycle of Research



## The New Open Lifecycle



# An Open Research Workflow



# Registered Reports

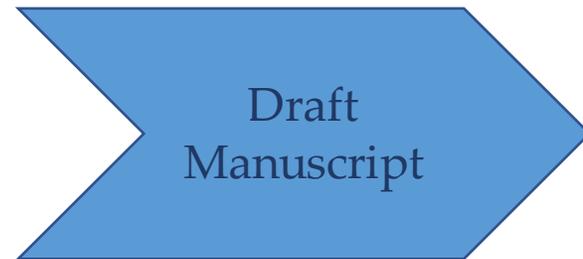


- Publishing '**registered reports**' is the practice of sharing your research question and methodology prior to data collection.
- Usually provide feedback on:
  - The importance of the area of study / research question
  - The soundness of the research question
  - The quality / rigor of the proposed methodology
- The benefits:
  - **reduction in research bias**
  - **increased transparency and reproducibility**
  - **reduction in research waste**



# Preprints

- Preprints are drafts of research papers that are shared online prior to peer review.
- The benefits
  - Speed
  - Community Feedback
  - Increased visibility for your work
- The practice of publishing preprints is more common in some research communities than others i.e, Physics.



# Open Peer Review



- **Open Peer Review** = Open, transparent, and often collaborative
- Open peer review can combine a number of different elements including:
  - Open identities
  - Open reports
  - Open comments
- **Benefits** of open peer review:
  - Increased transparency and insight into editorial decision-making process
  - More open and constructive feedback from reviewers
  - Demonstrates contribution of the reviewer
- **Challenges** of open peer review:
  - Harder to find reviewers
  - Can be less 'critical'



# Open Data

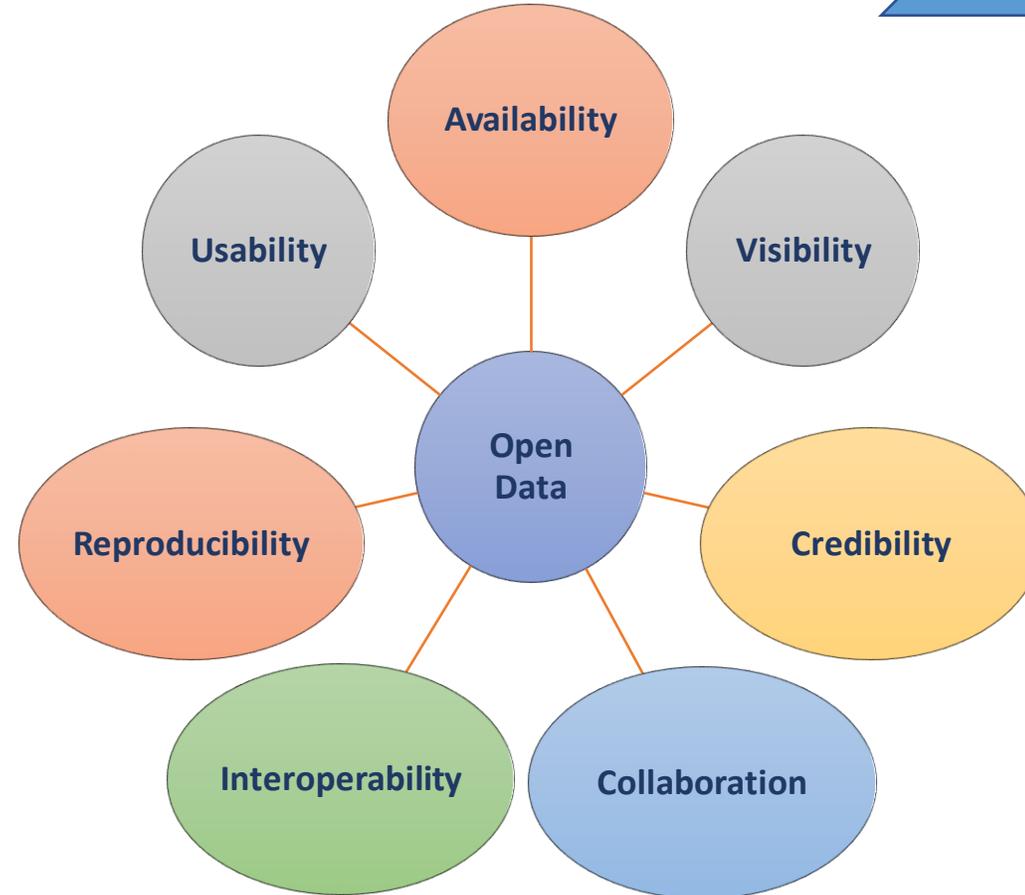


# Open Data



“Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone – subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike”

*Open Data Handbook*

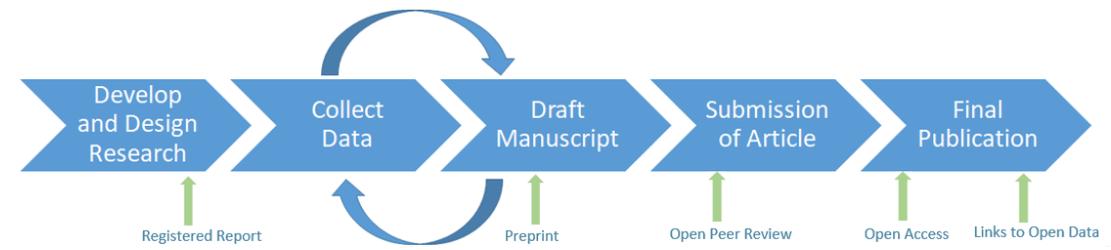


# Open Data: Considerations

- It is not possible to make all data openly available
- Data should be as **open as possible**, but as **closed as necessary**
- The types of data collected varies across different disciplines
- Some data that contains **personal or commercially sensitive** data has to remain closed
- It is important to have a clear **data management plan** from the start of your research project
- What is common across all disciplines is the need for data to be **organized, described and stored** in ways that ensure it is retrievable and reusable (FAIR principles)
- Most universities now have their own **data repositories**, and there are many other general and subject specific repository options available
- Repositories often include all type of research outputs including figures, data sets, videos, posters, thesis, codes, preprints, presentations, etc.
- Make sure you are aware of your **funder and institutions data policies**, and speak with your institution for further guidance



# MDPI Supporting Open Research



**Preprints**

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**REGISTERED REPORTS**

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**PREPRINTS**

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**OPEN PEER REVIEW**

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**OPEN ACCESS**

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**OPEN DATA**



OPEN  ACCESS

The central graphic is a stylized orange padlock icon. The top part of the lock is a simple U-shape, and the bottom part is a circle with a smaller circle inside, representing the keyhole.

**Science should not be hidden  
behind the paywall!**



Thank you!

Q&A

