

Open Access Policy of France



Open access to scientific publications and
research data

"The scientific information is a common
good that must be available for all"

(Geneviève Fioraso)

The context



Many events or official stands in favor of free access to the results of research financed on funds public, publications and data research

Laws and/or governmental Statements : United States, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Italy, Mexico, etc.

Movements and petitions from communities of researchers : United States, Britain, France.

The European Commission takes stand in its communication and its recommendations of July 17, 2012.

June 2013, G8 also supports open access in the "G8 Science Ministers Statement".

France, on January 24, 2013, through the voice of the Minister of higher education and research, Geneviève Fioraso, stated unequivocally its support.

The great principles



- ✓ Consistency with the recommendations of the European Commission on the "Open science".
- ✓ Contribution to the European goal of promoting the European Research Area
- ✓ Plurality of open access roads : Green, Gold, Platinum.
- ✓ Implementation of a national policy on open access, associated with an action program.

The action plan of France



The Digital Scientific Library (BSN)

- It born out of the need for a better coordination in major negotiations, on the occasion of the renewal of the Elsevier market in 2010, and better articulation between universities, research organizations and operators.
- National policy framework which covers actions for scientific and technical information (ISTEX, convention HAL, digitization project, a national and single structure for negotiation via consortium Couperin, etc.).
- Two levels for the governance : a professional operational level with working groups whose fields of action concerns a segment concerning Scientific and Technical Information, there are 10 of them today, and a strategic level with a political arbitration role.

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General programme of actions

1. Develop the Green Open Access. Launch a consultation on embargo periods.
2. Accompany the evolution of the Open Access Gold: master Gold Open Access publishing costs and establish principles of control. Give a larger share to the Gold of type Plos and BioMed Central.
3. Develop a 3rd road : Platinum Road, on the basis of economic models combining public investment on infrastructure and marketing of services with high added value (e.g. revues.org).
4. Optimize the National Platform HAL in connection with institutional repositories.
5. Offer researchers a national model of publishing contract.
6. Engage in a discussion on the place of scientific outputs in research evaluation modes.
7. Initiate working together with national publishers to support their actions abroad.

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2013 Actions

- **Signature 2 April 2013**, of the national open archives HAL convention (Hyper Article online) by the Conference of Presidents of universities and by the directors and presidents of research organizations.
- **The orientation on the embargo periods.** Decision next to cap the embargo periods for the exact sciences in consistency with the European Commission and international custom. For the Social and Human sciences, the MESR supports an economic study on the impact of Open Access on the Social and Human sciences edition.
- France develops and supports several **digital infrastructures**. As regards free access : Persée, Open Edition, Cines, in order to ensure access, dissemination and preservation of data.
- France is developing a new device to treat the theme of **research data**, in the context of BSN.
- France ministry of higher education and research strengthens its partnership with the National Research Agency (ANR), main funder of research projects, in its action program in favor of open access.

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2013 Actions – Focus sur HAL

HAL (Hyper Article en Ligne) is the national open repository, which is part of the international movement for open access to scientific information

- Multidisciplinary national platform including institutional portals .
- Allow the deposit of pre-print and publications in full text and their notices. Benefits of a long-term archiving.
- Links with the raw research data (2013).
- Propose an « epijournals » service : the editorial boards of such epijournals organize peer reviewing and scientific discussion of selected or submitted preprints. An alternative to economic models existing.
- Interconnected with institutions open repositories and with the most important thematic open repositories, such as ArXiv and Pubmed Central.
- Part of the top ten open repositories the most visible in the world.
- 240 000 full text documents since 2001, 75% in STM and 25% in SHS. In 2012, 152 805 and in 2013, 178 778.