10 ways libraries can support the implementation of Plan S

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1. Continue to innovate the scholarly communication system and provide guidance to COAlition S on where to invest — be this in services or infrastructure

2. Work with the Plan S implementation group to explore collective funding approaches to subsidise Open Access to research

3. Provide information on strong scholarly communication publishing alternatives and platforms for a range of outputs, such as being OA publishers for their institution or introducing new compliant publishing models

4. Supply a stable, quality-controlled standardised infrastructure to deposit, curate, verify and disseminate a range of OA research outputs through their repositories

5. Supply information on local policies and implementation mechanisms that will support the local (Member State) implementation of Plan S

6. Provide information on publishing needs within a range of disciplines, and on the related challenges of going OA

7. Provide intelligence on consortium-level publisher relations, negotiations

8. Provide data on OA publishing outputs, and monitor and report on progress on OS practices

9. Provide training on open science principles and on copyright, licensing and author rights in particular to support the implementation of Principle 1 of Plan S

10. Help provide training on Plan S requirements to the research community

Please note that the above offers a range of means for how libraries and their networks could support Plan S. It should be understood that much of what is covered herein depends on external additional resources.

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