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Mediterranean Open Access Network

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- General Overview
- Policy definition and content
- Policy implementation and sustainability
- Policy enforcing and monitoring
- Final Remarks and Recommendations

- **Regional Diversity**
 - Current status of OA on the countries
 - Strategies, infrastructures, policies, etc.
 - Very different levels of awareness and involvement of stakeholders across the countries
- Lack of coordination, nationally, regionally and within the European context

- **DRIVERS and ARGUMENTS**
 - Monitoring/assessment of research output (Funders and RPOs)
 - Empowering institutions (management and preservation of institutional output)
 - Innovation and economic benefits (Funders)
 - Visibility and Impact (Funders and RPOs)
 - OA supports/promotes change in science and research dissemination
- **OBSTACLES**
 - Lack of awareness on both top level leadership and researchers
 - Lack of context for policy
 - Lack of coordination
 - Fear of change (and focus on publishing instead of research...)

- **NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Having/Capitalizing (local) champion(s)
 - Making researchers aware of the costs of dissemination
 - Having the infrastructure (repositories, ...)
 - Using the new EC OA policies for H2020 to promote policy definition and coordination (at institutional, funder, national and European levels)
 - Use the work done by EUA, LERU, etc.

- **POLICY CONTENT/WORDING**
 - Green, Gold (and other metals? – Platinum, Titanium,...)
 - Using UNESCO and LERU Guidelines
 - Converge with EC policy for H2020
 - Make clear and simple policy wording

- Link OA policies with research evaluation and monitoring
- Develop continuous Advocacy
- Build incentives/tools to “reward” compliancy (metrics – download and citation counts; report/list generation, etc.)
- Create, maintain and make sustainable the needed infrastructures (financial, human resources, etc.)
- Identify/acknowledge funders in “standardized way” (quality of metadata)

- Link OA policies with research evaluation and monitoring
- Require ID/link of OA version (from IRs or aggregators) on all official lists and reports
- Use of sanctions by funders? (retaining part of funding)

- Engage with top level management/leadership at research performing organizations, funders and policy makers
- Engage with relevant organizations (national Rectors Councils, EUA, LERU, etc.)
- Intensify coordination of “centers of expertise” and relevant initiatives and projects (OpenAIRE, RCAAP, Recolecta, ...) to promote policy and infrastructure alignment
- Explore creation of a “License to Publish” OA-compatible at European Level
- MedOANet Guidelines, built on existing documents (UNESCO, LERU, etc.), lessons learnt from the project, and translated into the six national languages

- In Summary:
 - Advocacy & Awareness raising
 - Convergence, Alignment & Coordination



Thank you!
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