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## Open Access in the Mediterranean Countries: Greece

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- 80% scientific association/learned society press or academic institution press
- Mainly small-sized presses (57.9%)
- 14/15 exercise peer-review
- 76,5% agree with the statement that publicly funded research should be openly available to all.
- 13/18 publish in Open Access
- 11/14 benefit from Open Access publishing
- Half of them were concerned that the Open Access publishing model will affect their sales

## Very flexible policies on OA: great opportunity for green OA

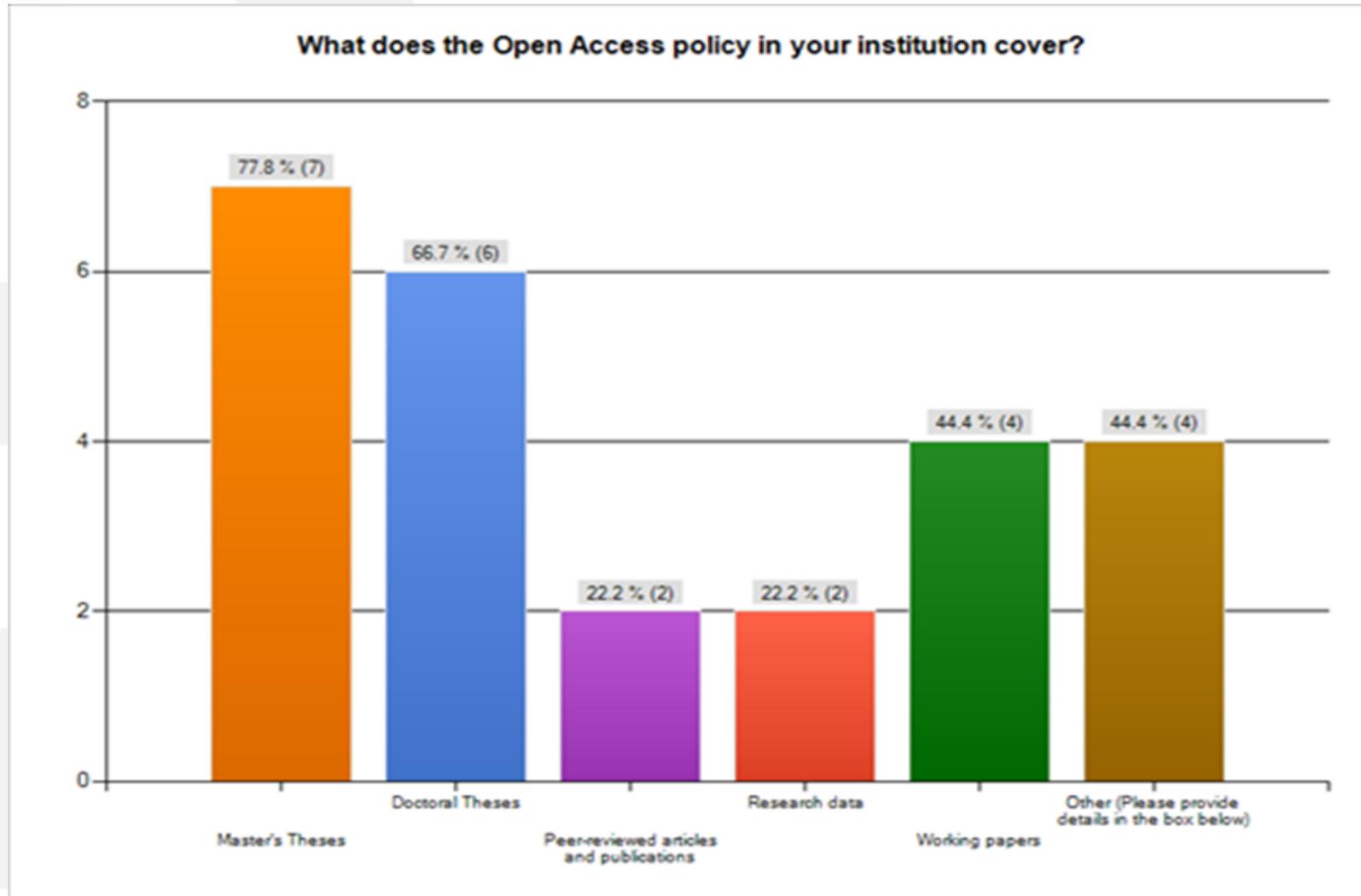
- 58% do not require authors to sign a contract
- 84,2% permit the authors to self-archive their work in Open Access repositories under very good conditions
  - Self-archiving of the **publisher's version** allowed for 50% (7/14) of the publishers
  - Self-archiving **of any version** (author's or publisher's) allowed by 28.6% of the publishers
  - 50% permit authors to make their work available in Open Access repositories **as soon as it is published.**

## Obstacles

- **No policy** regulating the ability of authors to self-archive available in their website
- Approximately 95% (17/18) are not registered with the Sherpa/Romeo database
- Lack of information circulation re: IPR and what authors can do

- 40% of Greek RPOs operate an institutional repository (18/30)
- Mostly institution-wide repositories with an explicit policy available on the website.
- More than half of the remaining 60% are planning to establish one (10).
- Maintained by the library - in some cases libraries are assisted by the IT dept. Significant role of the library
- Most repositories are registered with the OpenDOAR service and use Dspace as the software.
- The policies regulate mostly submissions (87.5%) and content (100%), while some of them also metadata (50%) and preservation (37.5%)

- Only 25% of Greek RPOs have an institutional open access policy (8/32)
- Policies enforced through modifications in the rules/processes of the institutions
- Only 1 has a policy regarding long-term preservation.
- Voluntary for 80% and not supported by enforcement mechanisms
- Only half of the RPOs without a policy have plans to implement one.
- Most RPOs with OA policy usually require deposit as soon as the work is published. Only 1 RPO has registered their policy with the ROARMAP service.
- There is awareness regarding Open Access and willingness to participate in developing policies.



- Low level of response (3/18) -> low involvement in open access activities - complete lack of relevant policies, BUT willingness to become involved in open access activities
- OA Policies:
  - **NO POLICY: 3/3**
- Mostly not involved in any type of Open Access initiative
- They are aware of the FP7 Open Access Pilot and already planning to adopt an Open Access policy for a wider spectrum
- A new law for Research and Technology is being drafted, which will adopt an Open Access policy in Greece
- **The creation of the National Task Force contributed to the raising of awareness**

- Substantial lack of Open Access policies among RPOs and funders
- **RPOs: the main stakeholder** in implementing OA policies in Greece and the progress has been observed mostly **with regard to infrastructures and not policies.**
- Where RPO policy available, need to increase policy coverage for peer-reviewed research
- Funders: generally not involved in OA activities and do not have OA policies - **more engagement and awareness-raising** is necessary with them.
- Important opportunity: scholarly publishers, mainly small-sized academic publishers with a very friendly attitude towards open access and already provide access to large parts of their publications.
- Sustained engagement with policy-makers and high-ranking RPO officials is necessary - **especially with those who already have the infrastructure and can relatively easily move on with policies**

Thank you!

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