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RÉSUMÉ de l'INTERVENTION

The Challenges of open access in the United Kingdom

UK open access policy has been profoundly informed by the fragile consensus achieved around the Finch Report in 2012. The long term destination of Gold OA is set, but the two sides of the UK's dual university funding system have emphasised different routes to that destination, while being careful to remain flexible and allow universities and researchers to respond in ways that respect academic freedom, value for money and other considerations. The resulting challenges are: (i) achieving compliance in a complex policy environment, noting policies from funders, journals, publishers and universities; (ii) constraining costs, both administrative costs arising from radical changes in workflows and systems, and the total expenditure by universities on journals; and (iii) realising the benefits of open access, raising the visibility and reach of research, and tracking its use and impact.

BIOGRAPHIE

Dr Neil Jacobs is Head of Scholarly Communications Support at Jisc in the UK. In this role, he is responsible for a range of Jisc work that enables UK universities to implement Open Access efficiently and effectively, reflecting the policies of UK Government and (inter)national research funders. He is also involved in Jisc's negotiations with publishers to transition to Open Access without excessive cost to universities. He maintains close ties with UK research funders, libraries, research managers and domain experts. Neil has been working on Open Access for over 10 years, and in the library and information profession for over 20 years, covering policy, economic, technical and organisational aspects of scholarly communication.