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RÉSUMÉ DE L'INTERVENTION

Open Access, how to finally get it right

For almost 20 years Open Access is being discussed in academia. It is basically about finding ways to benefit from digital publishing rather than being punished. Academia is until now largely a secluded paradise (as long as someone pays the fees). Toll bars keep the general public out. This is not sustainable. Everyone knows this and almost everyone (including many publishers) agrees transition better be fast. Why is this not happening? Basically because academia is a fragmented community unable to negotiate in a smart and united fashion. Here the European Research Area should take the lead, decide upon a road map and act accordingly. The Dutch Presidency of EU (2016, first semester) will facilitate this process.

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