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## **RÉSUMÉ DES INTERVENTIONS**

## The Challenges of open access in Germany

The open access publishing is supported by almost a major players in the German research community and by all parties represented in the federal and state parliaments as well as be the governmental departments responsible for research policy. Nonetheless Germany does not have one coherent open access strategy. In his talk Christoph Bruch will describe the German open access landscape and explain the various policy approaches. Special emphasis will be put on legal circumstances that limit the ability to have formulated policies one open access policy that is subsequently adopted by all stakeholders.

## Conditions for a sustainable open access publishing market

There is common agreement that academic publishing id undergoing major changes due to the digital revolution. Open access publishing is one aspect of this. The research community and especially the libraries have high hopes that a switch to open access publishing will greatly increase access to knowledge. What seems pretty straight forward on first sight turns out to be quite complicated when being transformed to policy. Sustainability is a catchword used regularly when advocating open access publishing but there is no common agreement on what constitutes sustainability in the context of academic publishing. Christoph Bruch will give an overview about various approaches to "producing" sustainability in academic publishing. This will include economic as well as technical aspects.

## **BIOGRAPHIE**

Dr. Christoph Bruch is senior advisor for Strategy at <u>Helmholtz Open Science Coordination Office</u>. His focus is on legal aspects concerning research publications and research data. He is a member of the <u>Working Group on Legal Aspect</u> of the German <u>Priority Initiative "Digital Information"</u> and chairs the Science Europe Task Force on Legal Aspects a subcommittee of the <u>Science Europe Working Groups on Research Data</u> and <u>Open Access to Scientific Publications</u>.

He studied political sciences at <u>Johan Wolfgang Goethe University</u> in Frankfurt am Main and <u>Free University</u> <u>Berlin</u>. Before joining <u>Helmholtz Association</u> he held professional positions at the <u>Free University Berlin</u>, the <u>German Institute for Urban Studies</u>, and <u>Max Planck Society</u>.