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GREEN OPEN ACCESS IN PRACTICE

– results and recommendations from the DEFF-funded project (2017-2018)

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Concluding conference for Open Access Monitor – DK

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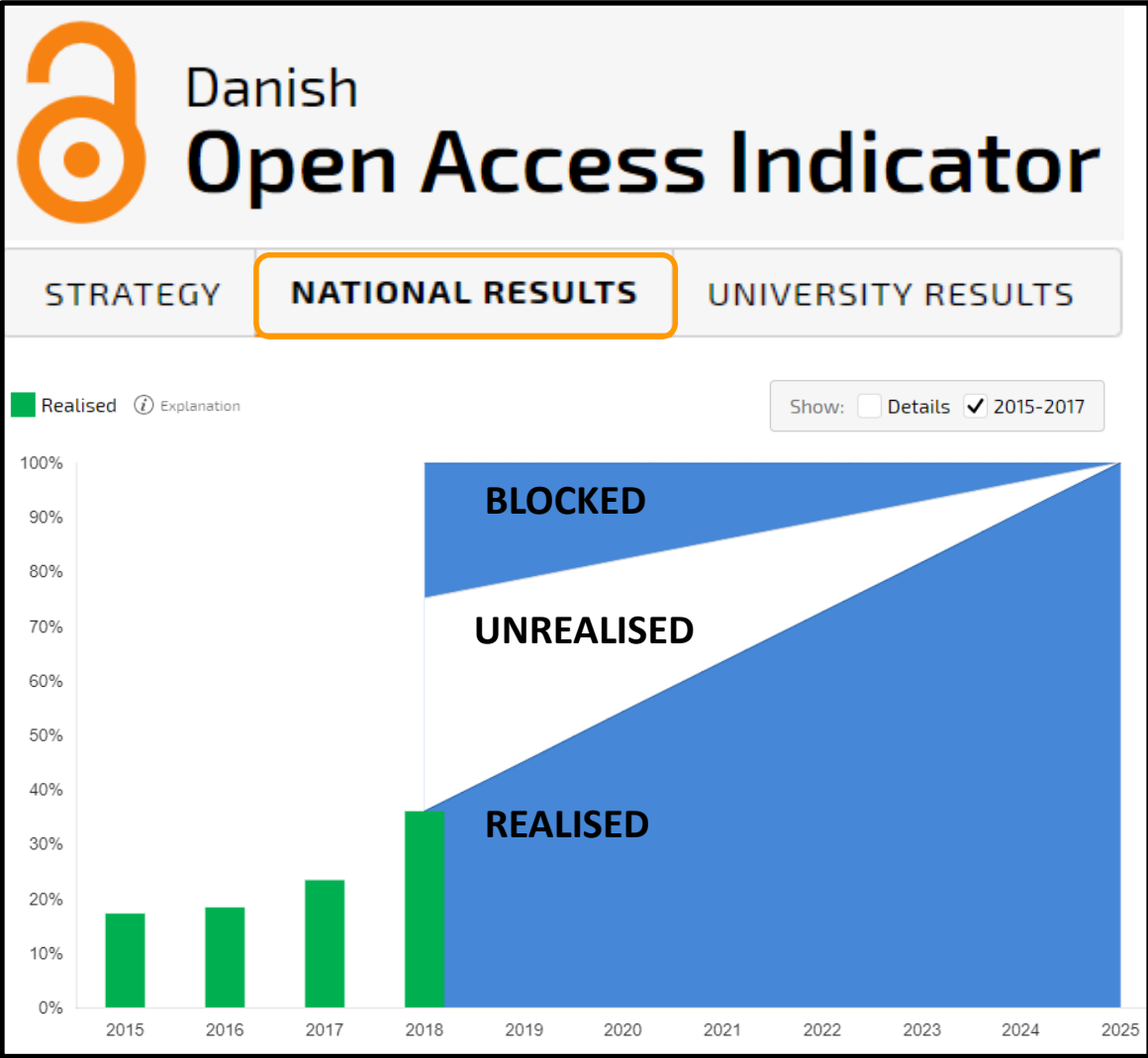
DENMARK'S NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR OPEN ACCESS

The strategy states that the implementation of Open Access is to take place through the **green** model – i.e. parallel filing of quality-assured research articles in institutional repositories with Open Access.

However, the strategy does not exclude the use of the golden model as long as it does not increase the publication expenses.

🇩🇰 OPEN ACCESS TARGET:

FROM **2025** ONWARDS, THERE SHOULD BE UNIMPEDED DIGITAL ACCESS FOR ALL TO ALL PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES FROM DANISH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS – WITH MAX. 12-MONTH EMBARGO.





BACKGROUND



In 2016, the Danish Open Access Indicator revealed an untapped Open Access potential of about 60%.



There are several challenges involved in the registration of **green** Open Access articles and these make it difficult to reach the national green Open Access goals.

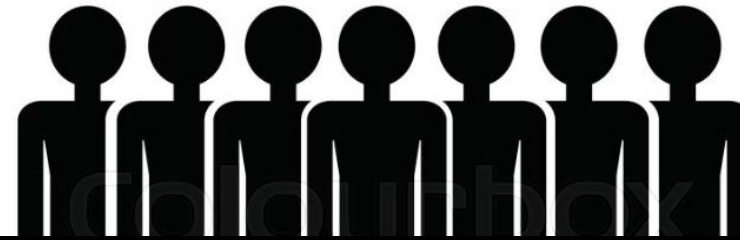
The challenges relate to:



RIGHTS AND LICENSES
GREEN OPEN ACCESS VERSIONS
EMBARGO PERIODS OF JOURNALS

The project '**GREEN** OPEN ACCESS IN PRACTICE' (2017-2018) focused on these very concrete challenges.

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Denmark's Electronic Research Library (DEFF) is an organizational and technological collaboration between Danish academic, research and educational institutions.

As a national consortium, DEFF negotiates and enters into contracts for electronic resources on behalf of the institutions.

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2017-2018 (STATUS: FINISHED)

FUNDING (DKK):

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DEFF funded: 1.251.000 DKK 🇩🇰

Total incl. VAT: 1.875.000 DKK 🇩🇰



QUESTIONNAIRE TO PUBLISHER



DURING THE PROJECT, WE EXPLORED PUBLISHER PRACTICES VIA:

CONTRACTS
WEBSITES
A SURVEY

The publishers were selected on the basis of the number of publications published in 2016 authored by researchers affiliated to the institutions represented by the project group. This amounted to a list of 46 publishers.

- 8. November 2017: launch of survey
- 20. November 2017: 1st reminder (SurveyXact)
- 17. Januar 2018: 2nd reminder (personal email)

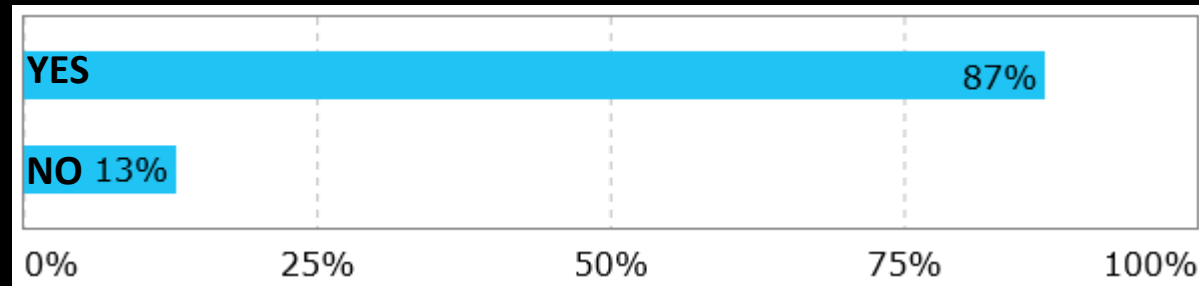
RESULT:

- 22 complete and 5 partially completed responses

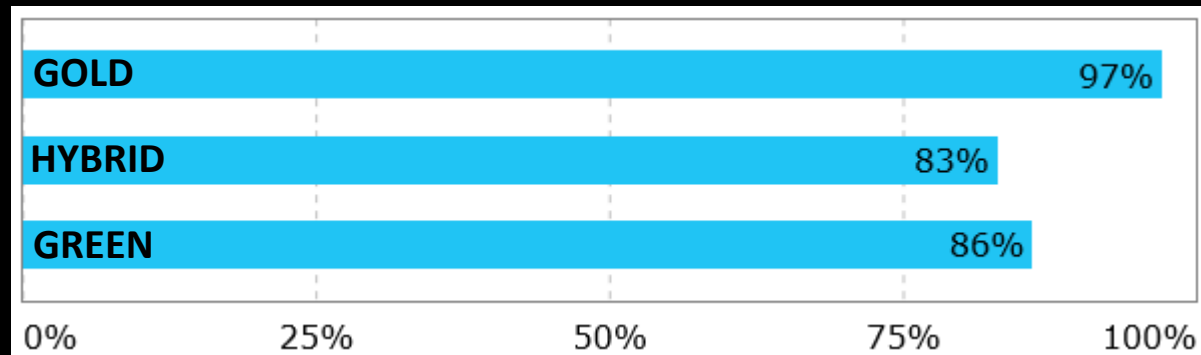
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BMJ GROUP	OPTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
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IMPACT JOURNALS	WILEY

OPEN ACCESS SUPPORT BY THE PUBLISHERS

DO YOU SUPPORT OPEN ACCESS?



WHICH TYPE(S) OF OPEN ACCESS DO YOU SUPPORT?



CHECKING JOURNAL EMBARGO
PERIODS IS NECESSARY.

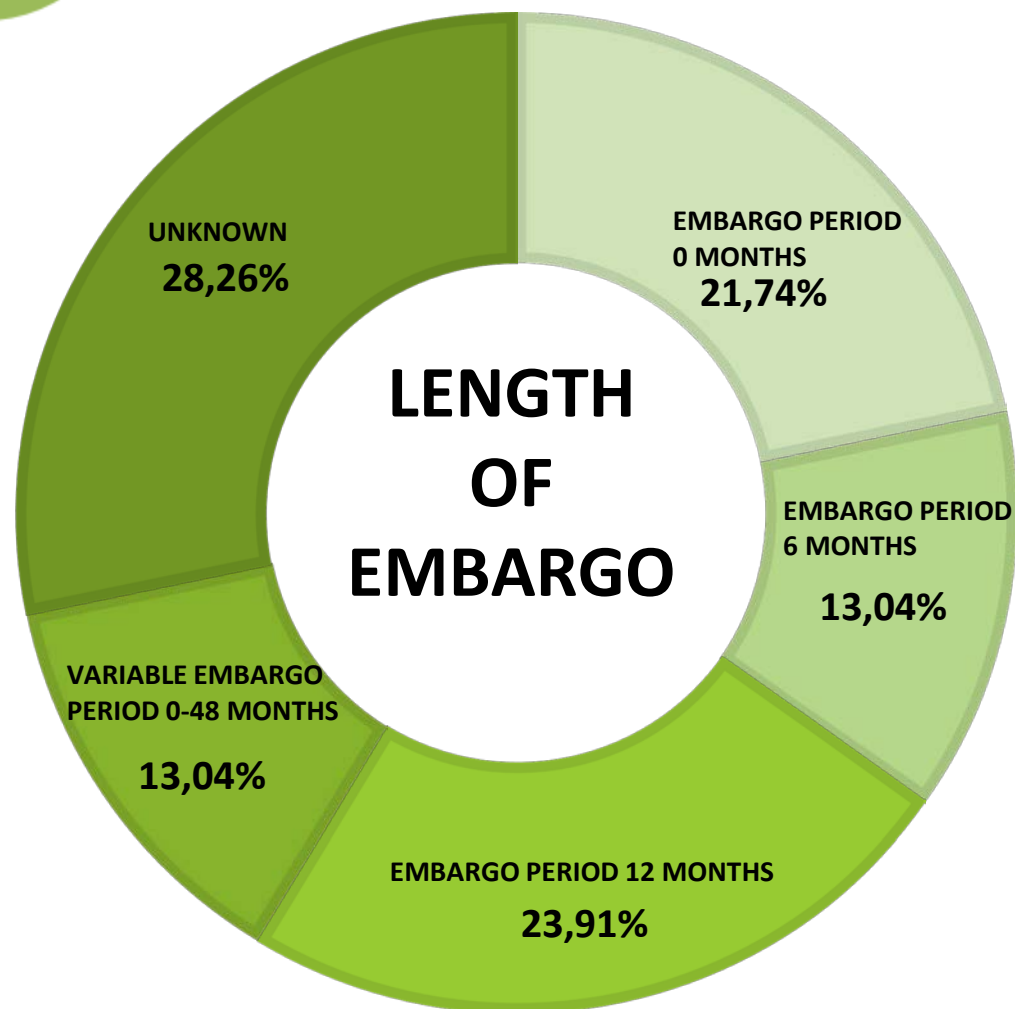
CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH UPDATING
INFORMATION IN SHERPA/RoMEO.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NEGOTIATED
VS. NON-NEGOTIATED LICENSES
IN RELATION TO EMBARGO PERIODS.

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Title lists (including a specification of embargo periods) must be made available on an annual basis
- It must be clearly stated when the embargo period begins
- Embargo periods of max. 12 months (the national strategy states that publications must be made available with Open Access within 12 months)

LENGTH OF EMBARGO

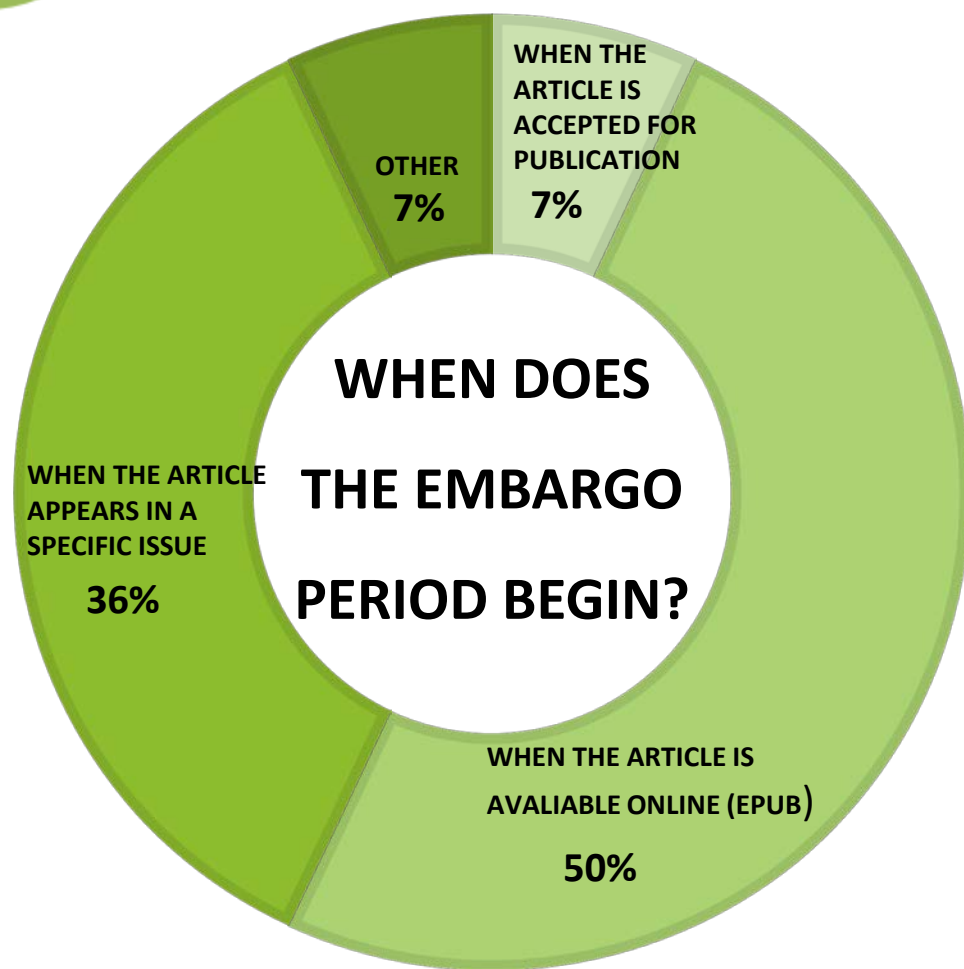


EMBARGO PERIOD 0 MONTHS: 21,74%
EMBARGO PERIOD 6 MONTHS: 13,04%
EMBARGO PERIOD 12 MONTHS: 23,91%
VARIABLE EMBARGO PERIOD 0-48 MONTHS: 13,04%
UNKNOWN: 28,26%

DENMARK'S NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR OPEN ACCESS:

From **2025** onwards, there should be unimpeded digital access for all to all peer-reviewed scientific articles from Danish research institutions – with a **maximum 12-month embargo**.

WHEN DOES THE EMBARGO PERIOD BEGIN?



WHEN THE ARTICLE IS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION: 7%
WHEN THE ARTICLE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE (EPUB): 50%
WHEN THE ARTICLE APPEARS IN A SPECIFIC ISSUE: 36%
OTHER: 7%

Publishers have different views and policies on when embargo periods begin. This complicates the practical administration of embargo dates in relation to **green** Open Access versions.

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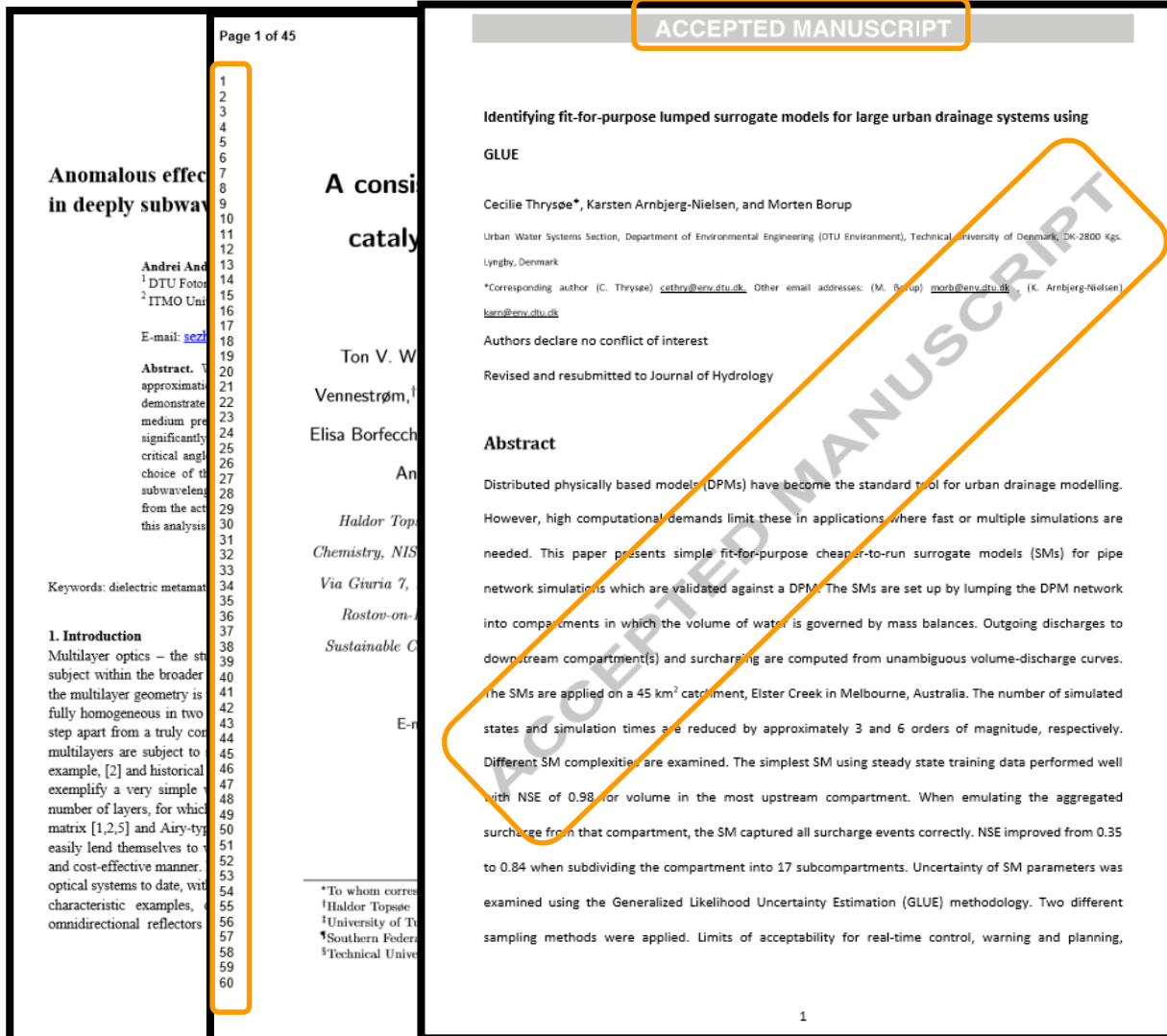
PERMITTED OPEN ACCESS VERSIONS

THE NATIONAL **GREEN**
OPEN ACCESS STRATEGY
REQUIRES THAT PERMITTED
OPEN ACCESS VERSIONS
ARE REGISTRED AND
MADE AVAILABLE IN
REPOSITORIES.

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- It must be clearly stated that self-archiving is allowed
- Which **green** Open Access version may be deposited in an institutional repository?
- What is the publisher's definition of a **green** Open Access version?
- How do the authors get hold of the **green** Open Access version?

DEFINITION OF A GREEN OPEN ACCESS VERSION



NAME VARIATIONS FOR GREEN OPEN ACCESS VERSION:

ACCEPTED DRAFT/ FINAL DRAFT
ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT
ACCEPTED VERSION
AUTHOR ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT
AUTHOR MANUSCRIPT
POSTPRINT
VERSION 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREEN OPEN ACCESS VERSION:

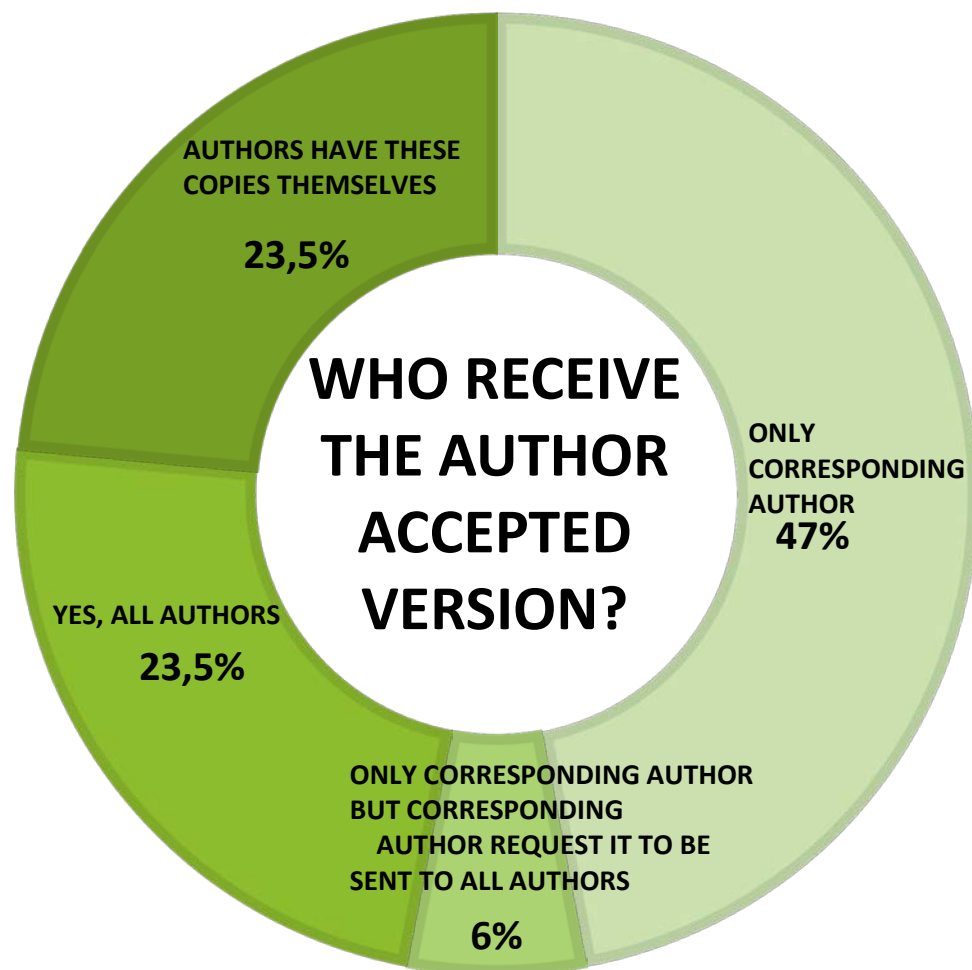
- Does the article use the typography of the journal?
- Have volume and issue numbers been added to the article?
- Does copyright information appear on the article?
- Does the article look like a published version or is it simply a plain word document?
- Does it say in the article that it is an accepted manuscripts, a just accepted manuscript etc.?

IF IN DOUBT, ASK THE PUBLISHER!



Permitted
open access
versions

WHO RECEIVE THE AUTHOR ACCEPTED VERSION?



ONLY CORRESPONDING AUTHOR: 47%
ONLY CORRESPONDING AUTHOR BUT CORRESPONDING
AUTHOR REQUEST IT TO BE SENT TO ALL AUTHORS: 6%
YES, ALL AUTHORS: 23,5%
AUTHORS HAVE THESE COPIES THEMSELVES: 23,5%

All authors ought to receive a **green** Open Access version from the publishers.

The best solution would be for publishers to make the **green** Open Access version available via an API solution so that publications may be harvested and self-archived in repositories.

PUBLISHER PRACTICES

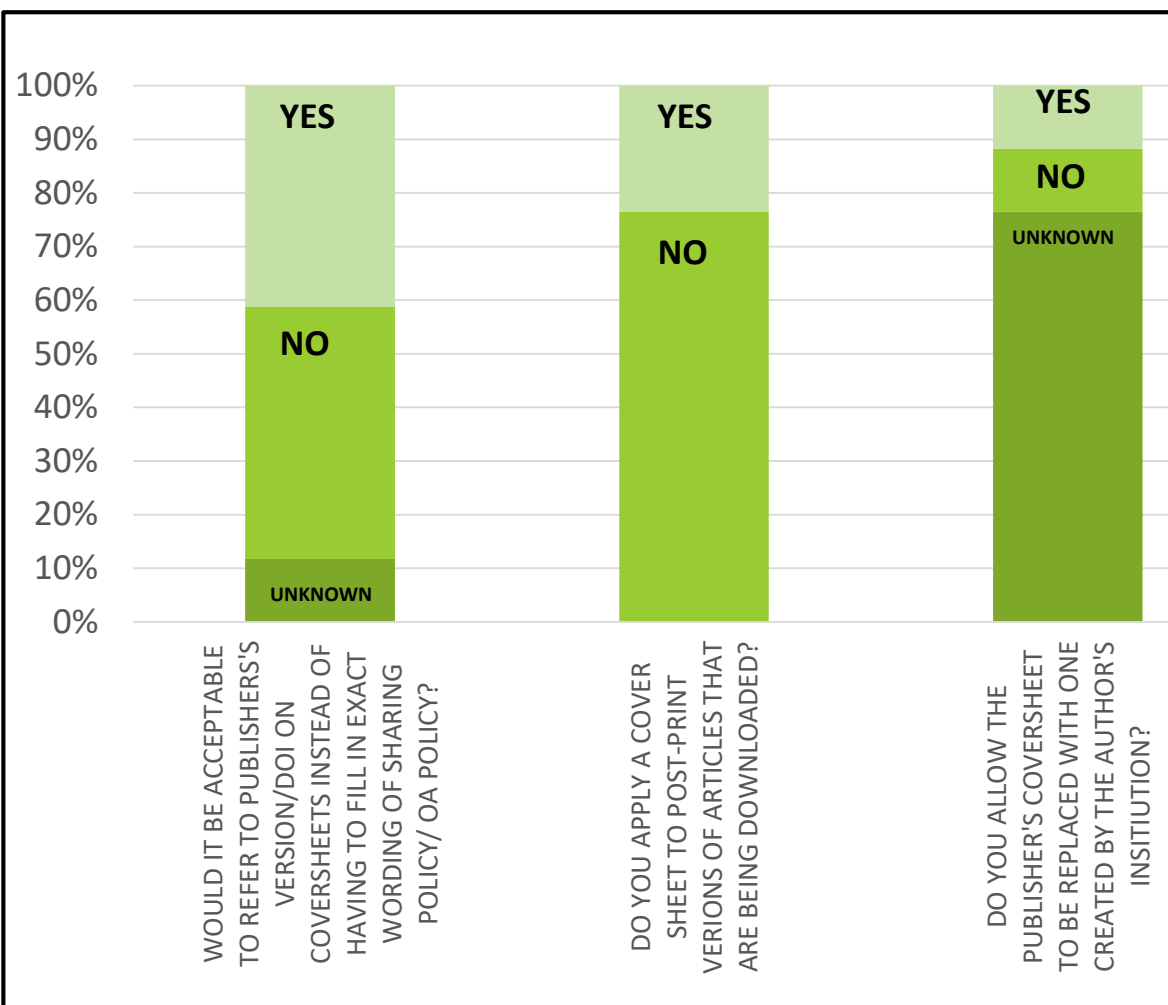
PUBLISHERS HAVE A VESTED
INTEREST IN GOLDEN AND
HYBRID OPEN ACCESS BECAUSE
— FROM A PUBLISHER POINT OF VIEW —
THESE CONSTITUTE GOOD BUSINESS
MODELS WHEREAS THERE ARE
NO PROFITS
TO GAIN FROM **GREEN** OPEN ACCESS.

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Shorter embargo periods
- Rules for changing embargo periods
- Rights to self-archiving
- API for embargo lists and accepted manuscripts
- Title lists that include embargo periods
- Coversheets

Challenges that we have addressed during the project have been sent to the DEFF's license secretariat.

PUBLISHER COVERSHEET POLICY



WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE TO REFER TO PUBLISHER'S VERSION/ DOI ON COVERSHEET INSTEAD OF HAVING TO FILL IN EXACT WORDING OF SHARING POLICY/OA POLICY?

YES: 41,18%
NO: 47,06%
UNKNOWN: 11,76%

DO YOU APPLY A COVER SHEET TO POST-PRINT VERSIONS OF ARTICLES THAT ARE BEING DOWNLOADED?

YES: 23,53%
NO: 76,47%
UNKNOWN: 0,00%

DO YOU ALLOW THE PUBLISHER'S COVER SHEET TO BE REPLACED WITH ONE CREATED BY THE AUTHOR'S INSTITUTION?

YES: 11,76%
NO: 11,76%
UNKNOWN: 76,47%

A standard set phrase on embargo periods will make the administration of **green** Open Access versions a lot easier.

EXAMPLE OF A STANDARD COVERSHEET (DTU)

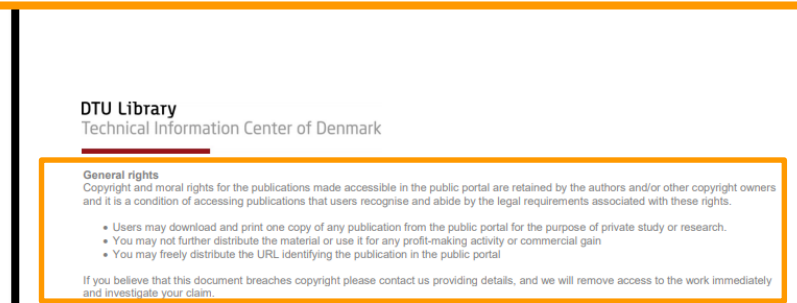


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THE WORKFLOW OF RESEARCHERS

DURING THE PROJECT, WE CONDUCTED **10 INTERVIEWS** WITH RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS WITH RESEARCHERS

- Researchers do not consider Open Access when choosing a publication outlet. The important factor is the quality of the individual journal
- Uncertainty about which version is the **green** Open Access version
- Various practices in relation to whether a researcher saves the **green** Open Access version
- Publishers are not good at making researchers aware of self-archiving options
- Some researchers have misgivings about **green** Open Access because the **green** Open Access version looks different from the publisher's version

CHALLENGES



- Researchers' use of hybrid journals
- Researchers' misgivings due to differences between publisher version and **green** Open Access version
- Funder requirements

NEED OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO MANAGE:

- EMBARGO PERIODS AND EMBARGO HISTORY
- WHOM DO THE EMBARGO PERIODS APPLY TO?
- WHAT IS ALLOWED – WITH WHICH TYPES OF MANUSCRIPTS – BY WHICH PUBLISHERS?

ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE FUTURE:

- THE LIST WITH EMBARGO PERIODS IN PURE
- DELIVERY OF **GREEN** OPEN ACCESS VERSION TO ONE'S OWN REPOSITORY

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MODEL 1: CENTRAL DATABASE

Elsevier/PURE or others will set-up a database. Every year, title lists from negotiated agreements and title lists from publisher websites will be added to the database – including embargo period information. The database API will be integrated with PURE so that embargo information becomes available in the PURE templates.

MODEL 2: SHERPA/RoMEO

SHERPA/RoMEO will be extended so that it contains title lists from negotiated agreement and title lists from publisher websites – including embargo period information. This information will be visible in PURE for example be part of the information that is already harvested from SHERPA/RoMEO (currently only visible in Danish PURE installations).

RIGHTS AND LICENSES

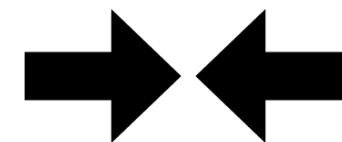
LICENSES AND RIGHTS ARE CENTRAL ISSUES
IN RELATION TO **GREEN** OPEN ACCESS.

THERE IS A NEED FOR NEGOTIATING
GOOD EMBARGO PERIODS
(PREFERABLY NO EMBARGO PERIODS AT ALL)
FOR AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED BY
DEFF AND FOR LOCALLY
NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS.

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Short embargo periods due to national strategy requirements
- Ensure that negotiated embargo periods are shorter than publishers' normal embargo periods
- Rules for changing embargo periods
- Rights to self-archiving (which version and definition)
- When does the embargo period begin
- API for embargo periods and **green** Open Access version
- Title lists with embargo periods
- Text coversheets/ general rights

QUESTIONNAIRE AND DATA COMPARISON



	CONTRACT/ GENERAL TERMS	SURVEY
PUBLISHER 1	6	0
PUBLISHER 2	6	12
PUBLISHER 3	12	0 (Author accepted manuscript)
PUBLISHER 4	12	0 (Author accepted manuscript)
PUBLISHER 5	12	0 (Author accepted manuscript)
PUBLISHER 6	24	0
PUBLISHER 7	6-12	N/A
PUBLISHER 8	6-12	12
PUBLISHER 9	N/A	12 (via PMC)
PUBLISHER 10	Different	0 (Golden publishing)
PUBLISHER 11	Different	0

Differences in publisher answers in
survey
compared with
contracts
and
general terms.

What is correct when we talk about embargo period?
Needs to be checked further!

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES



COVERSHEETS:

- Does the publisher have specific coversheet requirements?
- The possibility of standard coversheets

EMBARGO LISTS AND EMBARGO PERIODS:

- Availability and updating of embargo lists
- When does the embargo period begin?
- Shorter embargo periods (max. 12 months)

RESEARCHER WORKFLOWS:

- Researchers' use of hybrid journals
- Variations in **green** Open Access versions
- Researchers' misgivings due to variations in **green** Open Access versions

SELF-ARCHIVING:

- Which **green** Open Access version may be used?
- How does the publisher define self-archiving?
- How do authors get hold of the **green** open Access version?

SHERPA/RoMEO:

- More Danish journals should be added to the site
- Reassurance that the information has been updated

SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Title lists with embargo periods in PURE
- Updating embargo lists
- Delivery of **green** Open Access version to one's own repository

RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATION



- Requests to OJS journals (Open Journal Systems) concerning admission to Sherpa/RoMEO and DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)
 - Proposals to DEFF regarding issues to be addressed during license negotiations:
 - * embargo periods
 - * self-archiving rights
 - * API solutions
 - * coversheets
 - Established list of embargo periods
 - Characteristics of **green** Open Access versions
- Questionnaire to publishers regarding:
 - * when the embargo period begins
 - * who receives the **green** Open Access version from the publisher
 - * the publishers' definitions of the **green** Open Access versions
 - * the possibility of using one's own coversheet
 - Identified several instances in which the license contracts were at variance with the publishers' responses in the questionnaire
 - Insight into researcher workflows

QUESTIONS

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