The Open Access Policy by the Research Council of Lithuania: Implementation of Guidelines

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The Research Council of Lithuania

– supports the policy of the EU regarding OA,
– approves of reuse and content mining in OA publications and data,
– participates in the Open Science movement,
– advocates OA among policy makers, scientists and knowledge managers,
– supports global, national, regional and institutional initiatives fostering OA.
OBJECTIVES

• ensure *dissemination* of research results
• promote *cooperation* of researchers and reduce identical or uncoordinated research
• enhance the credibility of research results, transparent obtaining and maintaining of data, and cherish *academic ethics*
• facilitate the *interaction* between researchers, policy makers, and social partners;
• secure a better *societal impact* and economic *return* of research results.
TARGETS AND SCOPE

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

• Repositories
  – deposited in a repository immediately after they are accepted for publishing
  – metadata of the publications must be completely open
  – Embargo period 6-12 month

• Open Access journals/books
  – processing charges are eligible expenses (except hybrid journals)
  – Creative Commons CC-BY licence needed for APC, BPC

RESEARCH DATA

• Data underlying the scientific publications
  – opened together with publications
  – linked to relevant publications

• Data generated by a project
  – adjustable data management plan in the proposal
  – DMP expenses are eligible
  – exemptions for OA to data
Data Management Plan (in preparation)

Science Europe Data Group: Domain Data Protocols

- **Content/Volume/Data character** (digital and non-digital)

- **FAIR principles**: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable (quality assurance, unique identifiers, format, openness) / Costs

- **Responsibility** for the data / Acknowledgement (including unique identification) and crediting

- **RDM workflows** / Prioritisation of data to be kept: criteria for the eligibility of data for keeping, access management, timing for disclosure
Implementation of the Guidelines

• Regulated by the
  – application form for project funding (contents, DMP),
  – project financing contract,
  – interim and/or final reports of the projects.

• Responsibility lies
  – during the project with the project leader
  – Afterword - with the implementing institution

• Non-compliance: from warnings to suspended funding
FINAL PROVISIONS

• Guidelines do not restrict the academic freedom of researchers to choose publishers, however, they are encouraged to opt for Open Access publications.

• Researchers are recommended to select only the best Open Access journals in their respective domains.

• All scientific results archived in repositories are recommended to be licensed using the Creative Commons CC-BY licence.
GUIDELINES ON OPEN ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND DATA

http://www.lmt.lt/lt/nuorodos/atvirosios_prieigos_dokumentai.html