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**“Enabling National Processes and
Regional Coordination in Six
Mediterranean Countries: The
Contribution of MedOANet
project”**

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- Facilitates the development of explicit and coordinated Open Access strategies and policies in the aforementioned and neighboring countries
- Reinforces regional coordination of strategies and structures among Member States
- In six Mediterranean countries: Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal



- **Science in Society 2011**
- **CSA**
- **1/12/2012-30/11/2013**

Organisation		Country
NATIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTRE	EKT	GREECE
FUNDACION ESPANOLA PARA LA CIENCIA Y LA TECNOLOGIA	FECYT	SPAIN
UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO	UMINHO	PORTUGAL
CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE	CNRS	FRANCE
CONSORZIO INTERUNIVERSITARIO PER LE APPLICAZIONE DI SUPERCALCOLO PER UNIVERSITA E RICERCA	CASPUR	ITALY
HACETTEPE UNIVERSITESI	HACETTEPE	TURKEY
EUROPEAN NETWORK COPYRIGHT IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE e.V	ENCES	GERMANY
STICHTING LIBER	LIBER	NETHERLANDS
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- **Mapping the open access ecosystem in six countries**
 - 3 surveys on open access
 - MedOANet Open Access Tracker

- **Coordination at the national level**
 - Policymaker engagement
 - Task forces
 - Workshops

- **Regional coordination**
 - Workshop at Minho and final conference
 - Forging close connections to other relevant projects
 - Guidelines on policy development

Mapping the Ecosystem

- Directed to funders, RPOs and publishers
- Conducted between April and June 2012
- To be published in November 2013
- Material for evidence-based policy development overall, per survey and per country

Participation

- 221 RPOs (44% response rate)
- 187 publishers (19% response rate)
- 16 funders (12% response rate)

- RFOs do not seem to perceive access to the research they fund as an integral part of their responsibility
- Half with open access policies, mostly voluntary
- Unregistered policies

- Systematic engagement necessary, especially in order to align with recommednation and Horizon 2020

- RPOs mainly universities with repositories (80%) and some voluntary and non-policed policies (50%)
 - Most policies concern PhD Theses
 - Repositories contain diverse materials
 - Libraries heavily involved in repositories
 - Diverse landscapes in different countries
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- **Concrete and mandatory policies necessary**
 - **Attention to peer-reviewed research necessary**
 - **Priority towards green-open access=repositories**

- Largely societies and other academic and institutional presses, medium-sized, mainly in the SSH
- Positively disposed towards open access, many provide open access
- Liberal attitudes towards self-archiving
- Concern about financial viability
- Lack of formalized and explicit policies

- Awareness-raising regarding copyright, licensing and business models necessary

- Online tool for systematic one-stop-shop presentation of information on open access in six countries
 - Lasting tool for tracking growth of various aspects of open access per country
 - Tool that interoperates with existing major services internationally
 - Encourages stakeholder community to register policies and activities
 - May be expanded to track other types of policies and strategies, as well as countries
 - Contribute to harmonization of information contained in various registries
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- <http://www.medoanet.eu/open-access-tracker-information>

National coordination

- Enable each country to move towards coordinated national agendas on open access with emphasis on policy development
- Facilitate synergies between various actors in each country
- Facilitate the continuous flow of information on open access developments, especially policy developments, in a coordinated way
- Facilitate the development and implementation of coordinated policies in each country

- Policymaker engagement and task forces
 - National open access workshops
 - Guidelines for policy development in the language of each country
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- Policymaker engagement ongoing work
 - Also to be extended in the future

- Stakeholders brought together, sometimes for the first time and foundation work for systematic development of common principles and policies at the national level
- Forged synergies between previously fragmented groups
- Open access policies brought decisively into the agenda of policymakers
- Outcomes of policymaker engagement in varying success in the different countries.
 - Best practices: Italy, Portugal
 - <http://cnr.it/sitocnr/Iservizi/Biblioteche/PositionAccessoAperto.html>

Regional and European Coordination

- UMinho workshop and current conference
- Enhanced collaboration between organizations in the project countries
- Enhanced coordination and collaboration with other relevant projects/initiatives
- MedOANet guidelines for research funding organizations (RFOs) and research performing organizations (RPOs)

- Directed to RFO and RPO decision-makers
- Concise, comprehensive and evidence-based guidance:
 - Main steps for implementing policies
 - Most significant components of a policy
 - Best practices in policy development and implementation
 - Summaries of essential concepts
 - Model policies
- In seven languages!

- Mandatory self-archiving
- Open access when possible (RPOs) and no more than 12 months embargo (RFOs)
- Emphasis on peer-reviewed research
- Start the discussion on open access to research data by recommending it

- Set the open access policy agenda to policymakers or intensified process, contributing towards policy alignment
- Brought together stakeholders and policymakers in taskforces for coordinated national approaches, with perspective to the future
- Mapped the open access ecosystem offering data for evidence-based policymaking
- Set standards through the guidelines
- Reinforced the abilities of the partners as centers of expertise
- Reinforced collaboration and coordination between the countries

Thank you!
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