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Programme Open Science II

Call for proposals: Supporting Green Open Access

List of Approved Projects

Call Deadline: 02.03.2025

Decision by the Delegation Open Science: 23.06.2025

Overview Approved Projects

Submitted projects: 3   Approved projects: 2, of which 1 with conditions   Success rate: 67 %

Short title	Full title	Leading institution	Partner institution(s)	Project Manager	Total costs (CHF)	Funds requested (CHF)
GOAL - Hub	GOAL Information and Collaboration Hub	Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissen-schaften	Hochschule Luzern	Enrique Corredera Nilsson	220'250	110'000
NAIF	National Approach for In-teroperable repositories and Findable research results	ETH Library / ETH Zurich	UZH, EPFL, ZHAW, PHSG, UNIFR, UN-INE, HSG	David Johann Simon Willemin	588'000	293'000

Short Summaries of the Projects

Abstracts by the applicants:

GOAL - Hub

GOAL Information and Collaboration Hub

The revised Swiss national Open Access (OA) strategy endorses different publishing models for making scholarly literature publicly accessible, including (self-)archiving of authors' manuscripts in digital repositories or so-called Green OA (SNSF and swissuniversities, 2024). For this purpose, establishing a supportive legal framework (Pathway C) is also envisioned. However, since no secondary publication right by law currently exists in Switzerland, higher education institutions (HEIs) and especially their repository managers bear main responsibility for proactively implementing this pathway. With this project proposal, we aim to connect individual activities at Swiss HEIs in the field of Green OA and so to strengthen coordination and collaboration between infra-structures and services at the national level (Pathway A).

Building on the groundwork laid by the project "GOAL – Unlocking the Green Open Access potential in scholarly and professional journals in Switzerland" (co-funded by swissuniversities, 2022-2024) we propose a practical, bottom-up solution to facilitate the work of repository managers. More specifically, the GOAL database, which collects Green OA policies from Swiss practice-oriented journals, shall be expanded into an information and collaboration hub for (Green) OA in Switzerland. This will be achieved by adding open information on further publication formats to the database as well as becoming a platform where repository managers from the participating and associated institutions can document their experiences and individual agreements with publishers and collaborate internally. In this way, the GOAL hub will demonstrate once again that cost-effective, sustainable partnerships between HEIs and publishers are possible while maintaining and fostering bibliodiversity in the Swiss publishing landscape.

NAIF

National Approach for Interoperable repositories and Findable research results

Compared to other countries, Switzerland lacks a systematic overview of the output (e.g., scientific publications) produced by researchers at Swiss Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Most institutions have their own repositories in which a large number of their publications are listed. However, these repositories differ in coverage of the institutional research outputs and completeness of metadata for the available publications. An Open Access (OA) monitor has been implemented in Switzerland, which provides a rough overview of the distribution of OA publications, amongst other things. While the implementation of this monitor was a step in the right direction, it does not allow standardized data analysis beyond answering simple questions. In sum, little information and data are available on research conducted at Swiss HEIs, with the consequence that Swiss research is less visible and Swiss policymakers still rely on traditional university rankings and external data providers for monitoring and steering, rather than consulting standardized, high-quality information pro-vided by local HEIs.

The project aims (1) to make research outputs by researchers at Swiss HEIs more visible, and (2) to optimize the data basis for monitoring and steering Swiss research in general and OA publications in particular. To achieve these overarching goals, the project will work towards more standardization and interoperability across repositories in Swiss HEIs and develop scenarios for a national approach to disseminate and reuse Swiss research results. In addition, the project aims (3) to promote the responsible use of indicators for research assessment on the basis of the national approach and standardized repositories.