H2020 Guidelines on Open Access to scientific research publications and data

AlmaDL Alma Mater Studiorum Digital Library
Who?

All beneficiaries are required to deposit in a repository to ensure preservation and open access to their *scientific publications*.

H2020 programme also recommends the preservation and the open access dissemination of *underlying data and research data* but there is no obligation to do so.
What?

A machine-readable electronic copy (usually a PDF document) of:

the published publisher’s final version of the paper, including all modifications from the peer review process, copyediting and stylistic edits, and formatting changes

OR

a final peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication: the final manuscript of a peer-reviewed paper accepted for journal publication, including all modifications from the peer review process, but not yet formatted by the publisher (also referred to as “post-print” version).
Where?

Researchers must deposit in a repository for scientific publications (online archives) of their choice:

the institutional repository of the research institution with which they are affiliated (for example AMS Acta at the University of Bologna)

OR

a subject-based/thematic repository

OR

a centralised repository, e.g. Zenodo repository set up by the OpenAIRE project.
Where? How to choose the repository

The repository must ensure (check the policies):

// the H2020 required metadata:

// the terms [“European Union (EU)” and “Horizon 2020”][“Euratom” and Euratom research and training programme 2014-2018”];
// the name of the action, acronym and grant number;
// the publication date, and length of embargo period if applicable;
// a persistent identifier (such as DOI);

// long term digital preservation and curation;
// interoperability by adopting standard protocols;
// OpenAire or OpenAire plus compliancy;
// adoption of Creative Commons is recommended.
When?

Each beneficiary must deposit in a repository as soon as possible and at the latest on publication.

When should Open Access be provided?

Each beneficiary must ensure open access to the deposited publication — via the repository — at the latest:

- on publication, if an electronic version is available for free via the publisher
- OR

within an embargo period in any other case: six months from publication, twelve months from publication for publications in the social sciences and humanities.
Gold Open Access

Researchers can choose to publish in open access journals, or in journals that sell subscriptions and also offer the possibility of making individual articles openly accessible - hybrid journals (gold open access).

The Author Processing Charges (APCs) incurred by beneficiaries are eligible for reimbursement during the duration of the action. For APCs incurred after the end of their grant agreement, a mechanism for paying some of these costs will be piloted.

Even in the case of open access publishing (gold open access), open access must be granted at the latest on publication by depositing in a repository.
AMS Acta http://amsacta.unibo.it

AMS Acta is the institutional repository of the University of Bologna that allows open access dissemination to scientific publications and research data:

// it adopts the Creative Commons licenses, permitting both access and re-use;
// it attributes a DOI (Digital object identifier) to publications ensuring their permanent identification and location on the web;
// it is compliant with the interoperability protocols and the requirements of the OpenAIRE and the OpenAIREplus projects;
// archived contents are deposited in the national archiving infrastructure “Magazzini Digitali” maintained by the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism for long term digital curation and preservation;
// quality data storage is ensured by ICT services of the University of Bologna (CeSIA) which adhere to the relevant standards regarding data integrity and security.
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