

Bibsam Consortium Case Study

– Financial flows and cost scenarios for an open future

The Bibsam Consortium

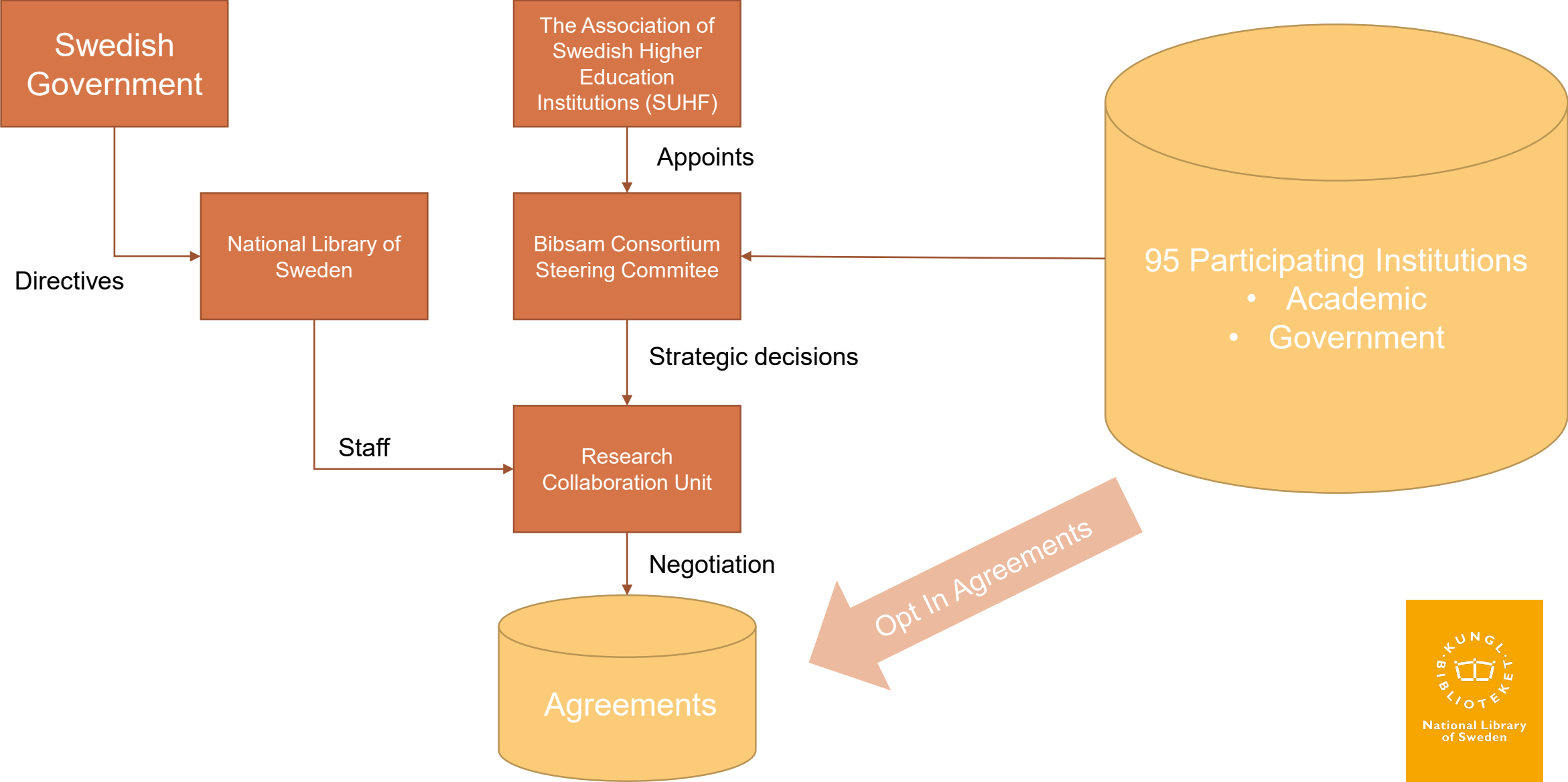
- 95 institutions
- Around 30 transformative agreements
- 52 million € yearly turnover
(68% of the total expenditure for scientific publishing)
- 16 500 Open Access articles yearly
- Administrated by the National Library of Sweden

*The National Library of Sweden shall **promote** and **coordinate** the work of introducing open access to scholarly publications.*

- Government Directive 2021

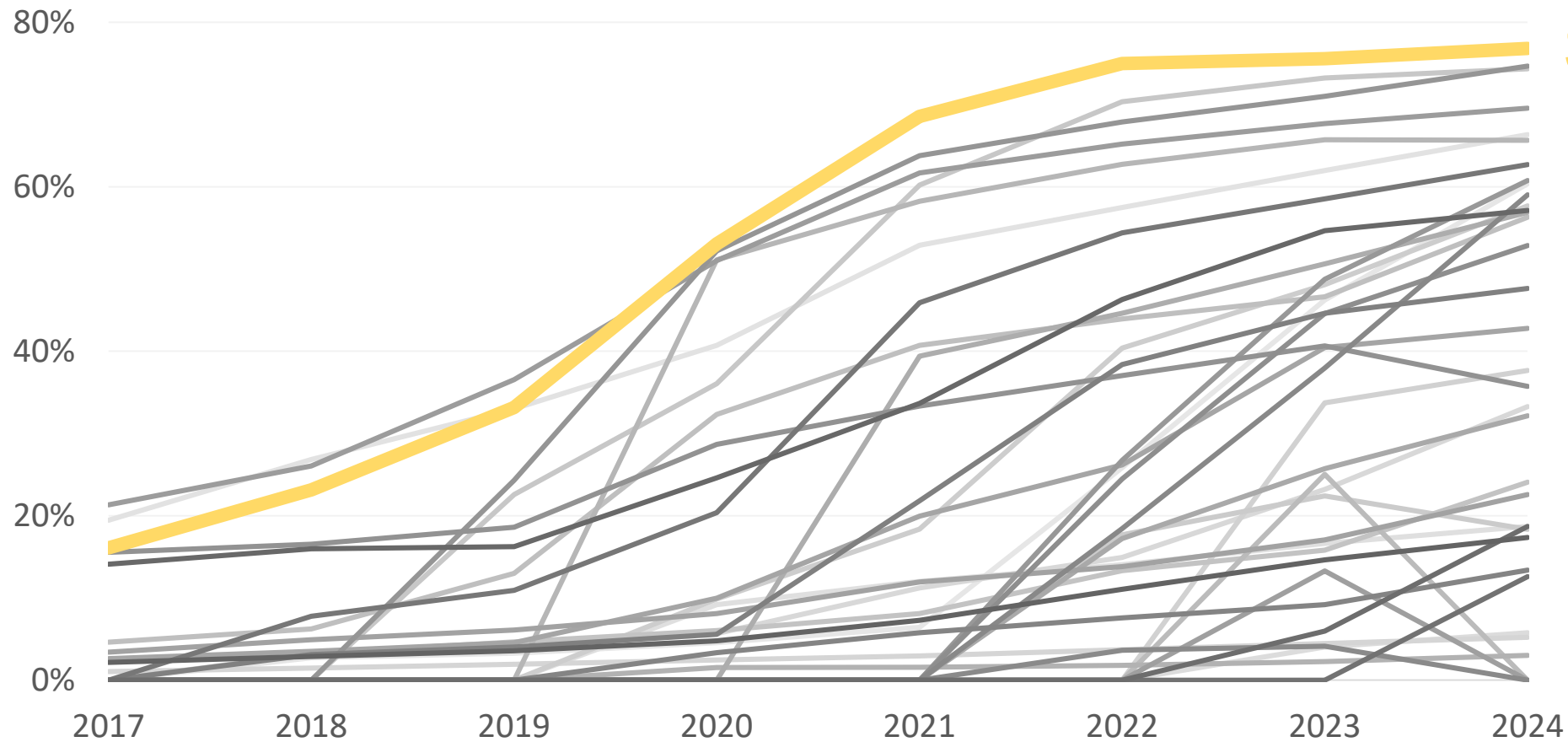


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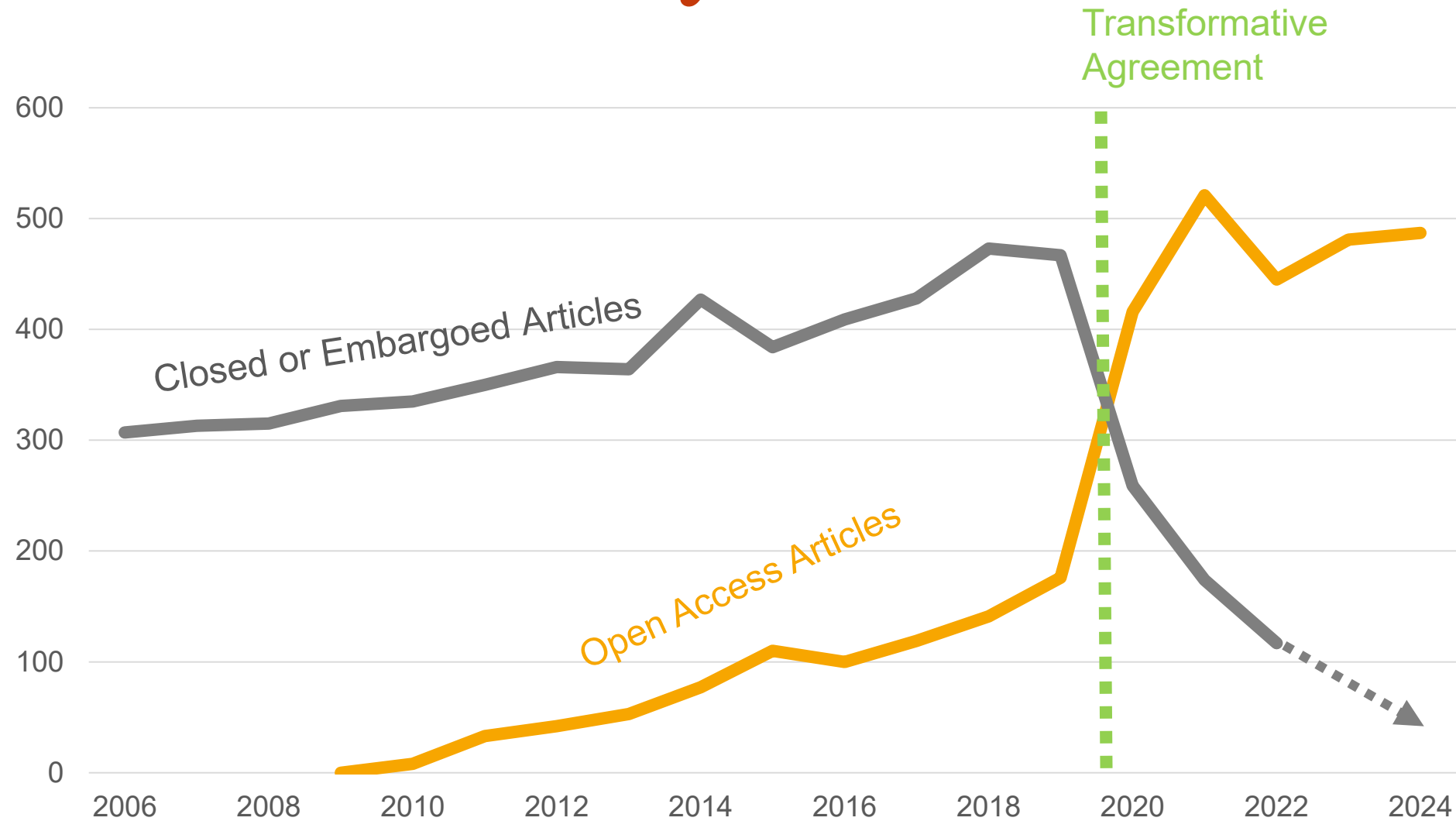
Open Access article share in hybrid journals

National Article Output
(source: Hybrid Open Access Dashboard)



Sweden

Publishing Example: American Chemical Society



The transformative agreements are intended to shape a path to transform the system, not a new business agreement for the publishers.

Widmark, W. (2024). How Can We Get Beyond the Transformative Agreements: A Swedish Perspective.
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Transformative Agreement Lifecycle

Fully Open Access Publishing

Publishing as a Service

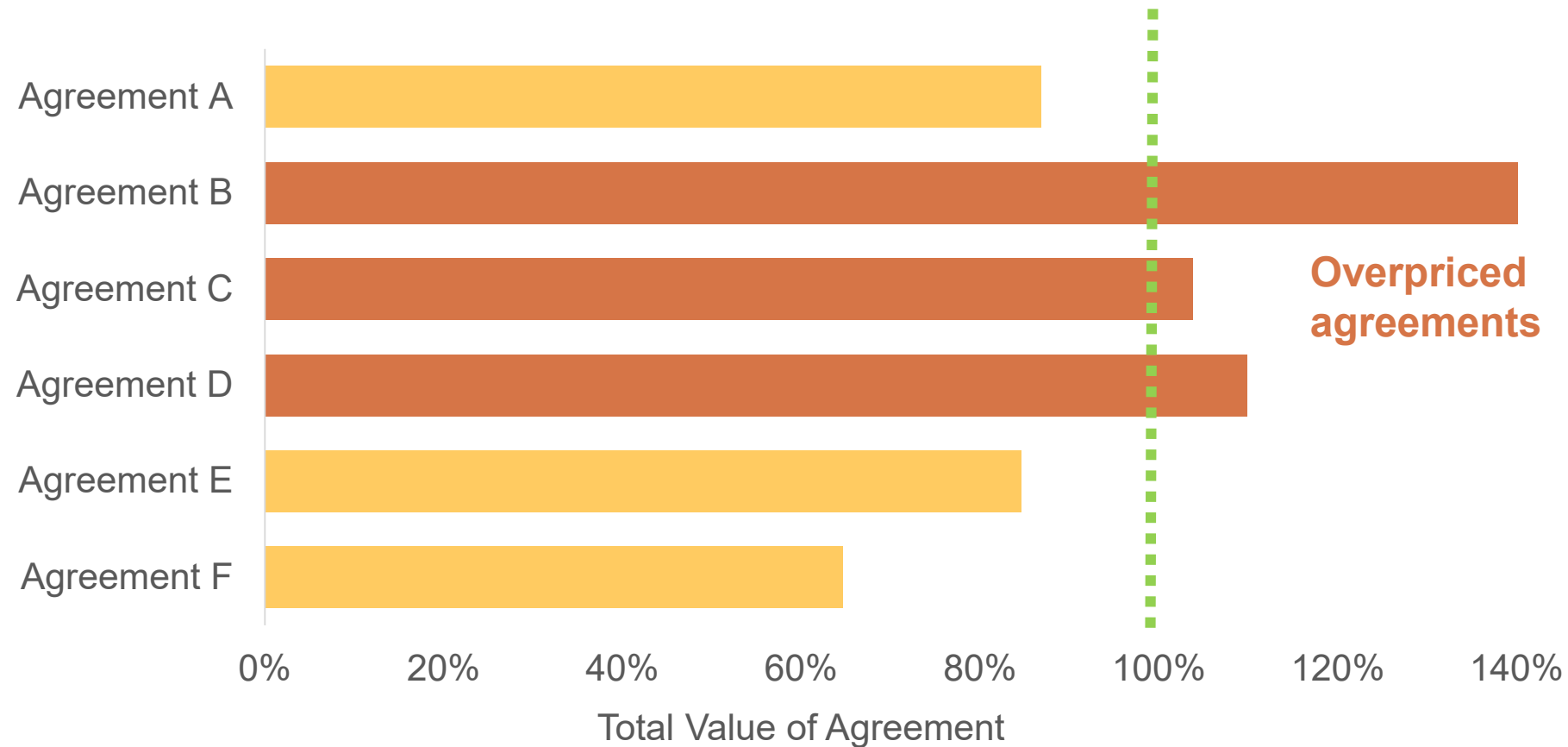
Read & Publish

Read Only

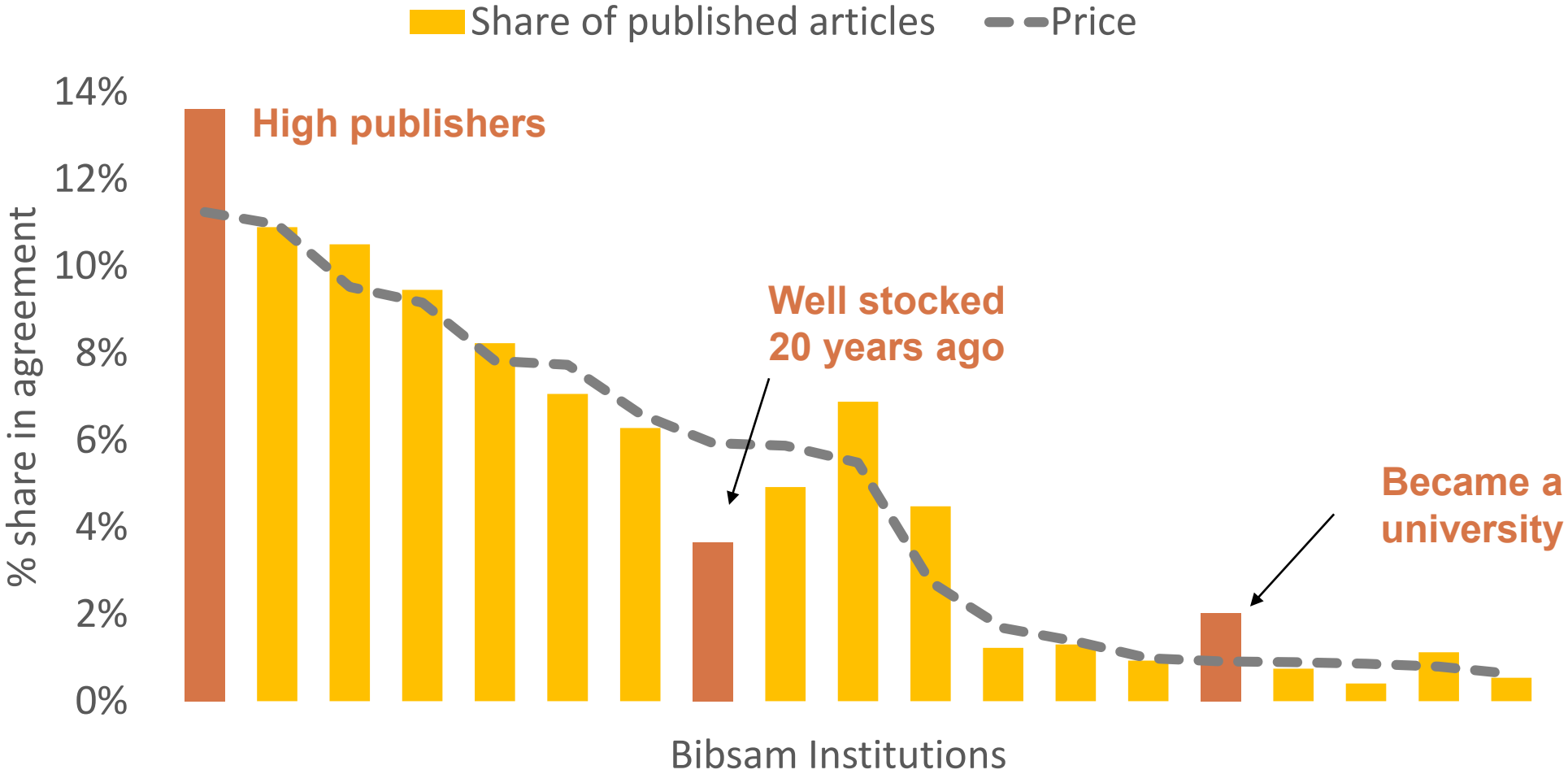
“Up or Out”

Agreement – Old Prices

Agreement Value vs List price of published articles



Institutional- Unbalanced price distribution



Bibsam Consortium Action Plan

...the Consortium **should not sign agreements for reading and publishing in so-called hybrid journals**, and instead only negotiate for publication in open access journals; this approach should be implemented from 2026 and apply to all open journals, regardless of publisher...

<https://www.kb.se/samverkan-och-utveckling/nytt-fran-kb/nyheter-samverkan-och-utveckling/2024-02-26-the-bibsam-consortiums-new-action-plan.html>



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Thank you!

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