



Regional perspectives on the current state in the OA transition - Finland

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FinELib consortium

Since 1997 serving Finnish HE, research institutes,
government organisations, public libraries

346 consortium members

18 agreements with OA

Turnover 29 m euros

Licensing e-resources & supporting open publishing

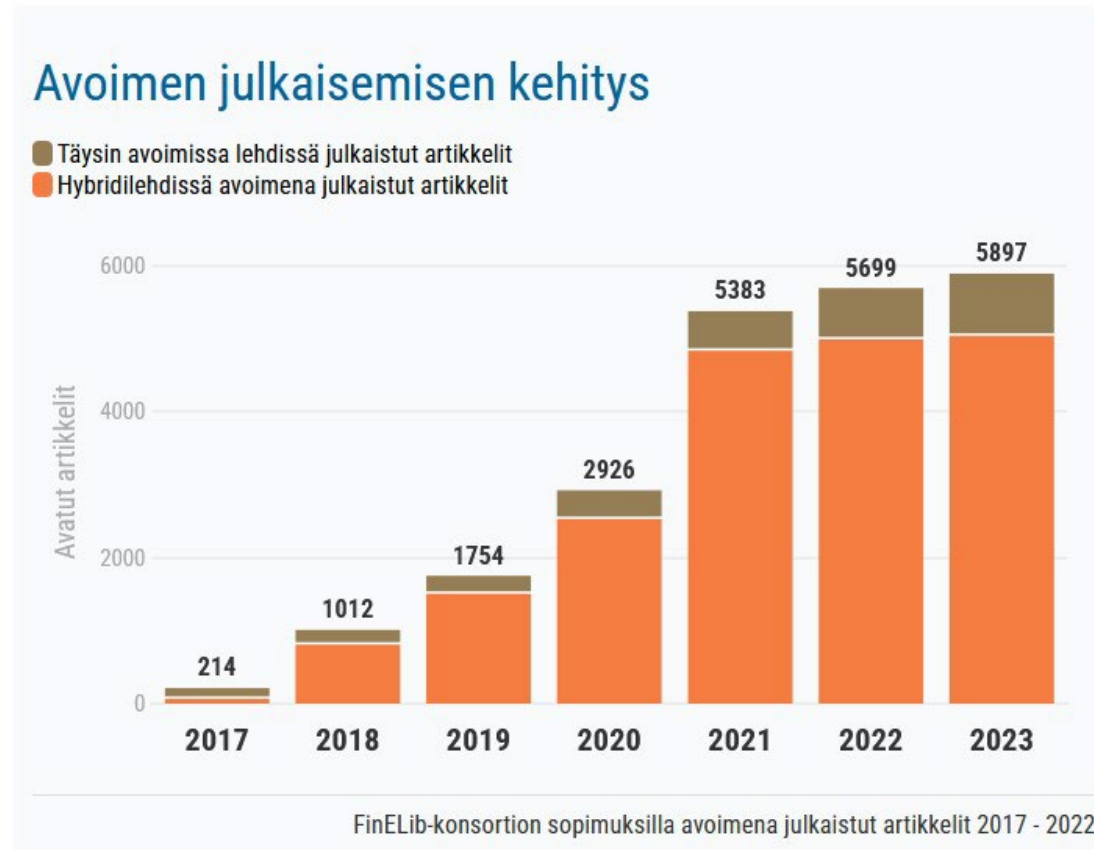
Characteristics of the open access transition in Finland

- Shared understanding of the importance of OA
 - Government support
 - Researchers
 - HE and research organisations
- National declaration for open science and research
- Resources
 - National Coordination Unit
 - HE funding model to support open access
 - FinELib consortium services

How transformative agreements fit in the picture

- Funder requirements: cOAlitionS
 - Plan S: publishers willingness to include open access in the agreements
- Aim with TA:
 - Transfer subscription money to open access
 - Transfer hybrid journals to fullOA-journals
- Also:
 - Improve publisher processes > OA as default
 - Use of CC BY licenses
 - Increase transparency
- FinELib acquisition requirements need to be met, e.g.
 - Transparency: ' It must be permitted to make agreements available to the public.'

FinELib Open Access Articles



* A Flourish chart

Brown: articles published in fullOA journals;
Orange: articles published in hybrid journals

Complementary approaches to open access

- Repositories – discussions on Rights Retention Strategy
- FullOA publishers
- Smaller publishers

- But...
 - No agreement because publisher could not agree to FinELib acquisition requirements
 - Libraries did not subscribe, because OA fund was not in library budget
 - The quality of OA publisher was perceived low

How OA strategy in Finland contribute to the global transition?

- Big share of Finnish articles published OA through TA agreements
- Efforts done with TA will benefit the whole community
 - Publishing processes, CC BY licenses, transparent agreements
- Contribution to shared resources
 - ESAC, openAPC, cOAlitionS – Journal Checker Tool + Finnish Publication Forum

Global view – lessons learnt

- TA agreements
 - ✓ Support publishers that are more transformative than others
 - ✓ Evaluate the value for the consortium members
 - ✓ Be prepared to walk away
 - ✓ Provide broad access to agreements (organisations, disciplines)
 - ✓ Share resources in the consortium, e.g. shared pool of OA articles
 - ✓ Keep it simple for researchers

- Alternative OA models / Innovations?



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