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Financial flows and cost scenarios for an open future

Max Planck Digital Library Case Study

**17th Berlin Open Access Conference: Moving OA Forward
From Transformation To Collective Responsibility**
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Open Access transition at the Max Planck Society

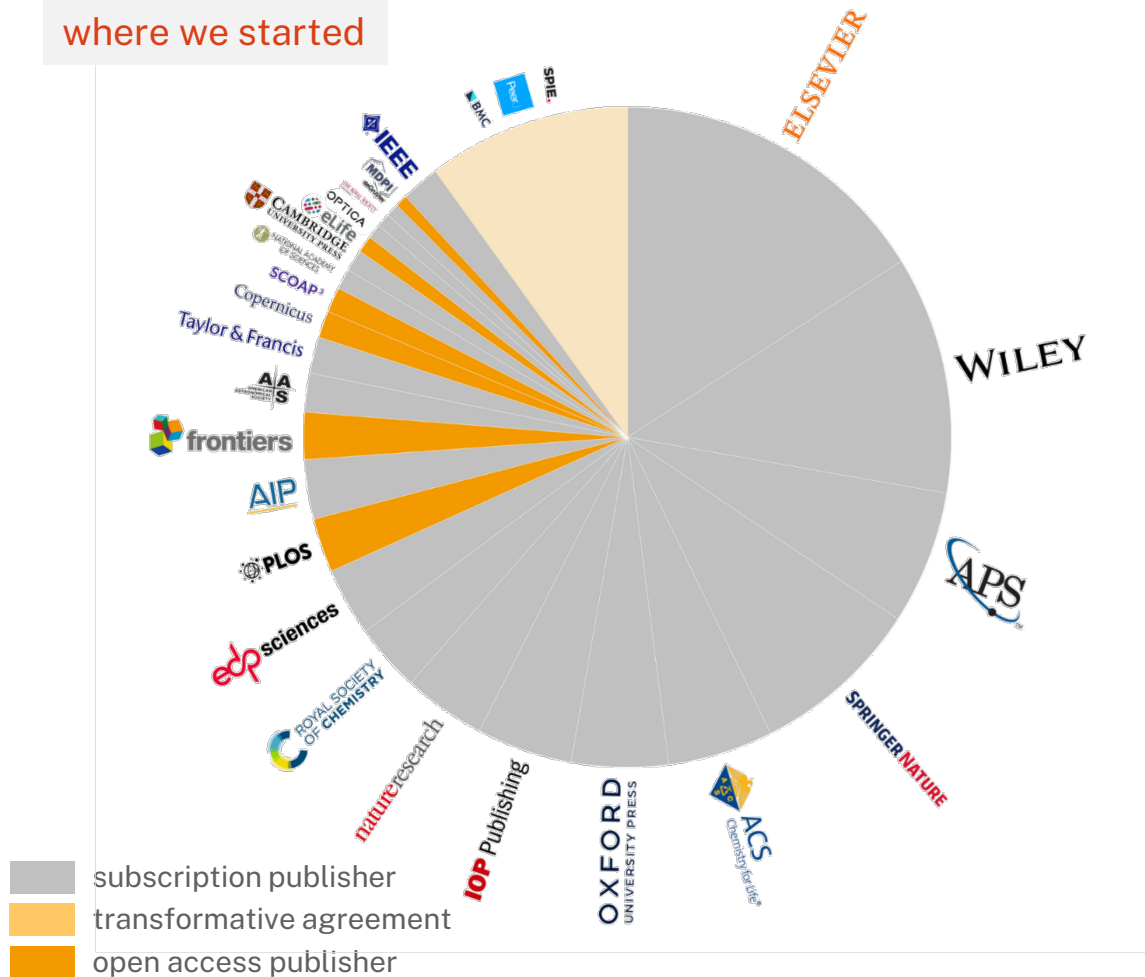
Making the results of the Max Planck Society's scientists freely available for the benefit of science and the whole of humanity is a key aspiration of the Society.

Through systematic measures, the **MPDL negotiated** agreements

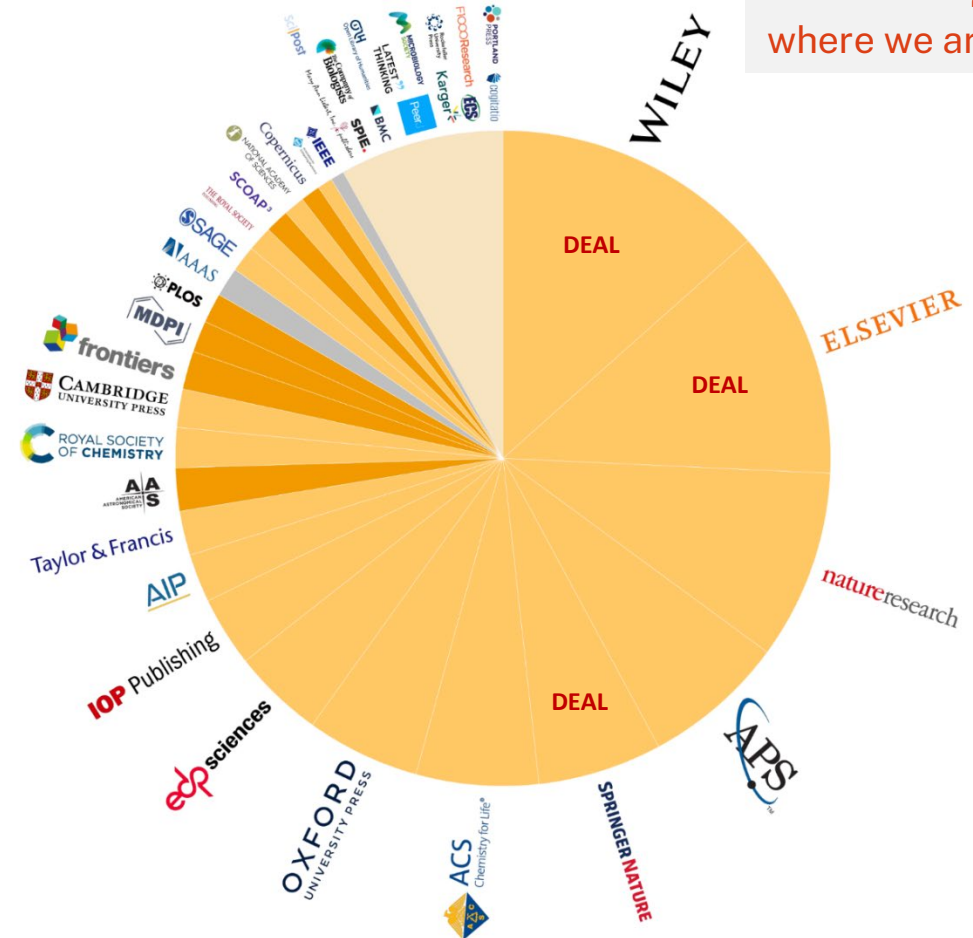
- Became significantly **more cost-efficient** by re-purposing the investments from subscription agreements in order to cover the publishing output of MPG researchers in **over 13.000 journals**
- Enabled the continuous growth of immediate OA publishing of articles by MPG researchers, in the journals of their choice, **covering the vast majority of the Society's papers**
- These results been realized with a **stable budget**, securing **significant cost savings** while providing significantly more value for our money in comparison to previous subscription-only expenditure
- **Eliminated double payments** of researchers and the Max Planck Institutes for OA publishing

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2015
where we started



2025
where we are now

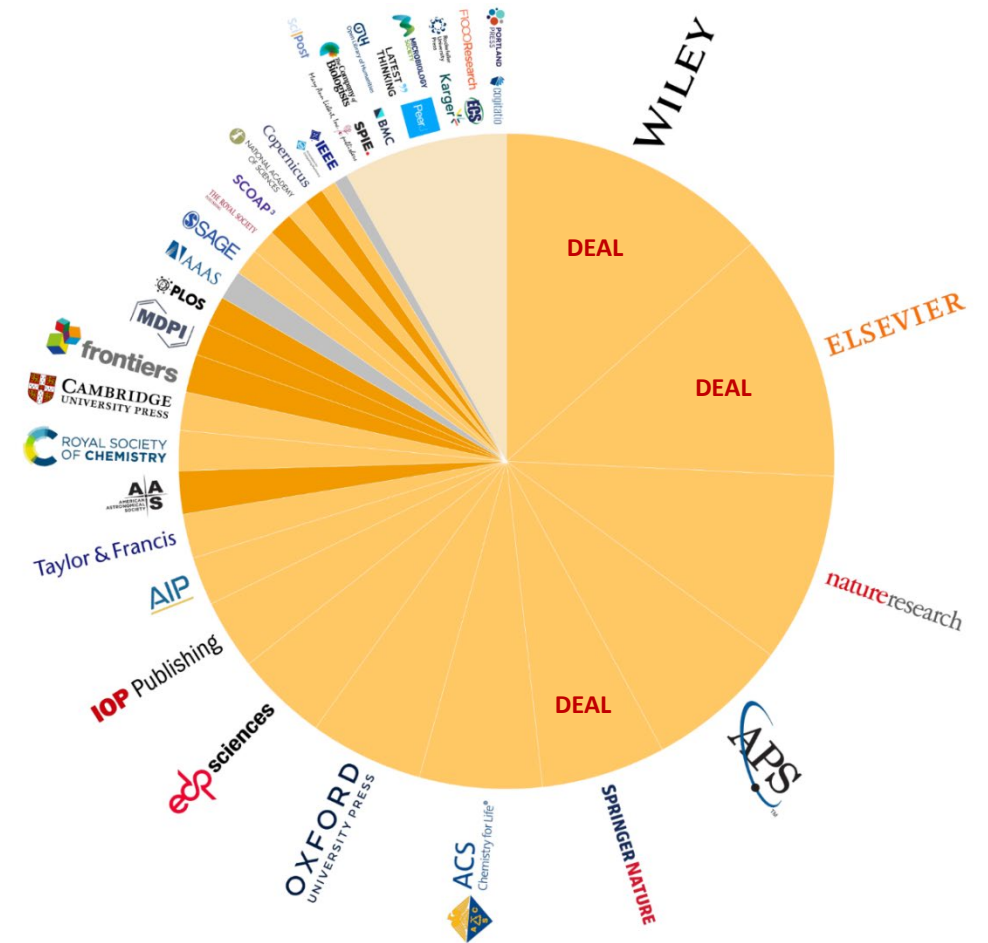
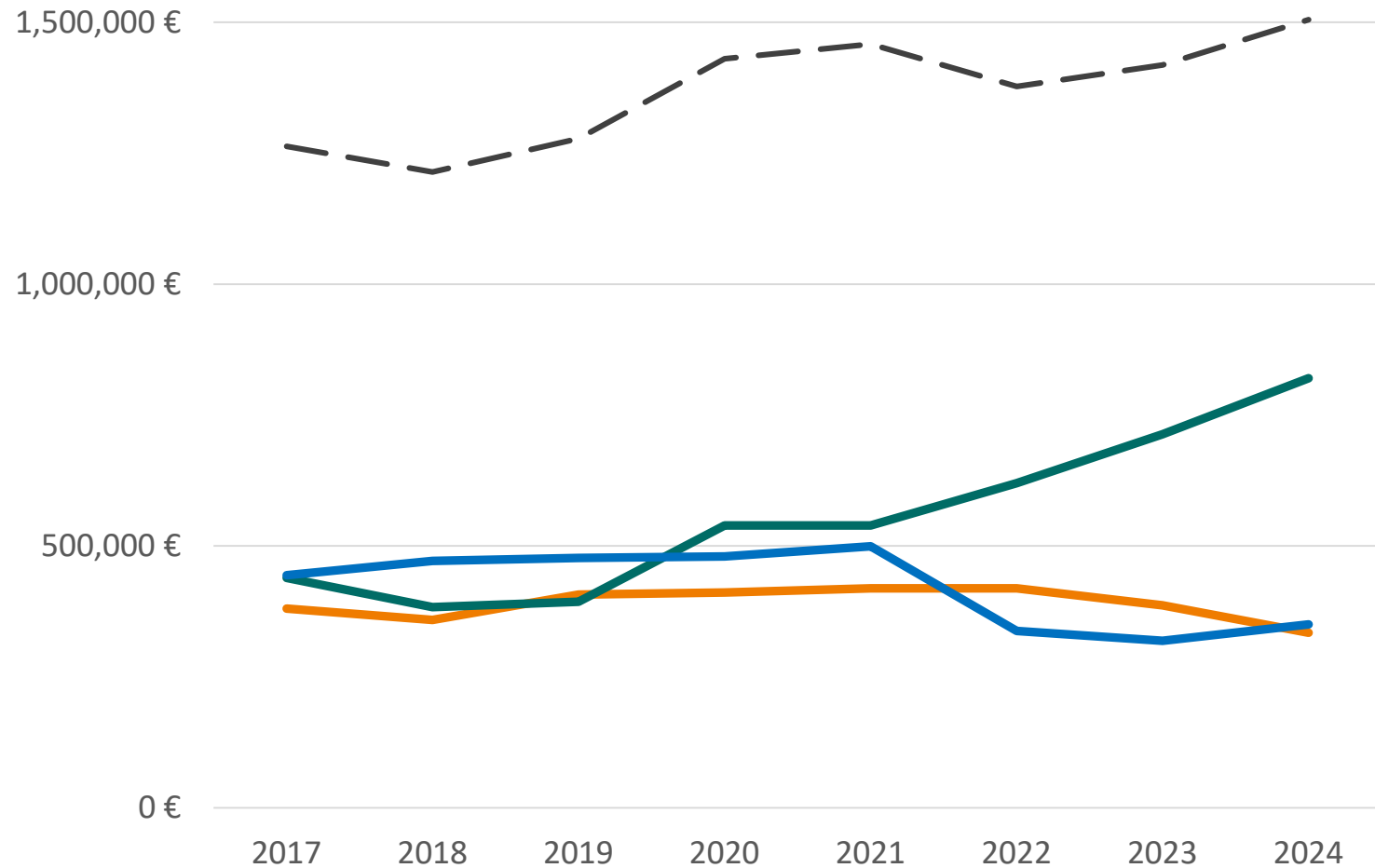




“ Recent developments and studies indicate that this **transition process can be realized within the framework of currently available resources**

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Aligning investments with OA publishing services

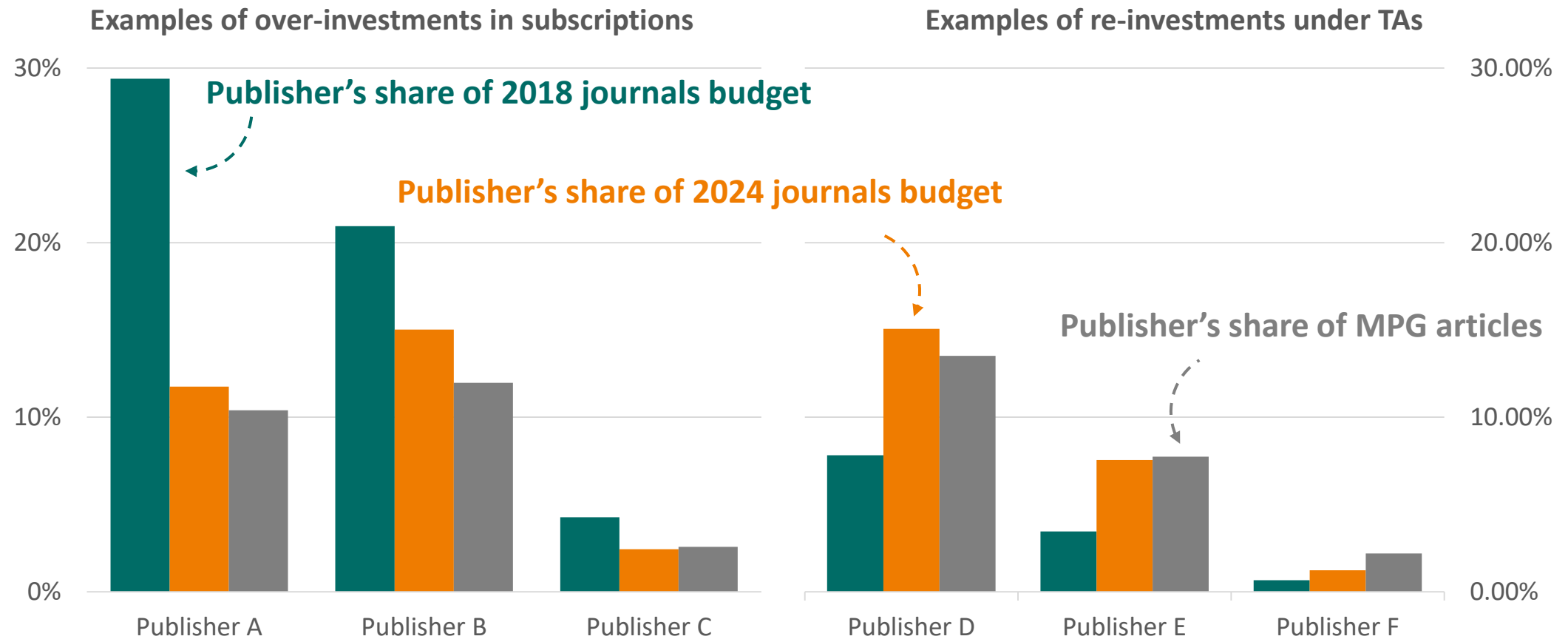




“ Accordingly, we intend to **re-organize the underlying cash flows**, to **establish transparency** with regard to costs and potential savings

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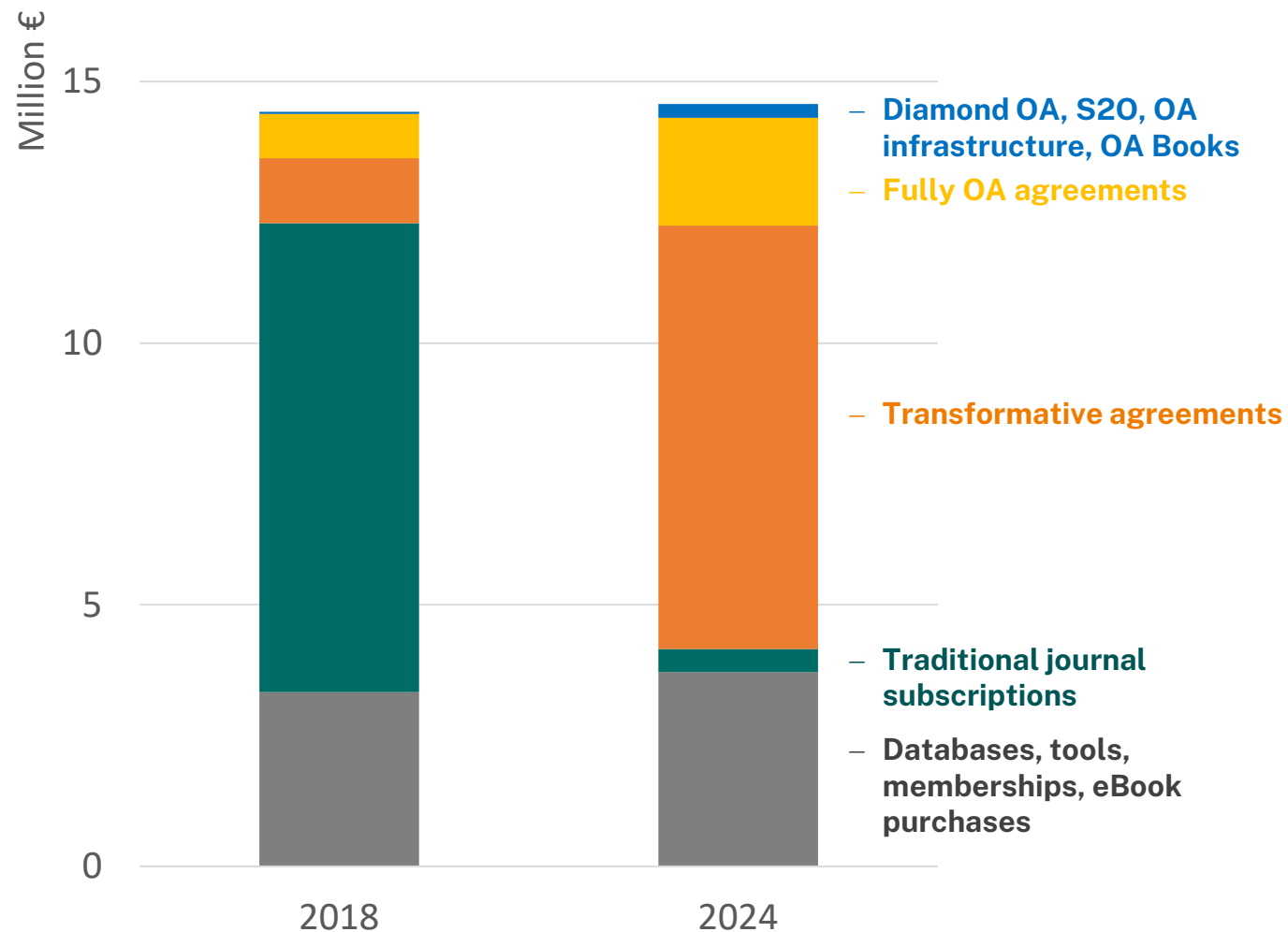




“ We will pursue this transformation process **by converting resources currently spent on journal subscriptions into funds** to support sustainable OA business models

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Annual license fees in the MPDL for providing access to scientific literature and for open access publishing

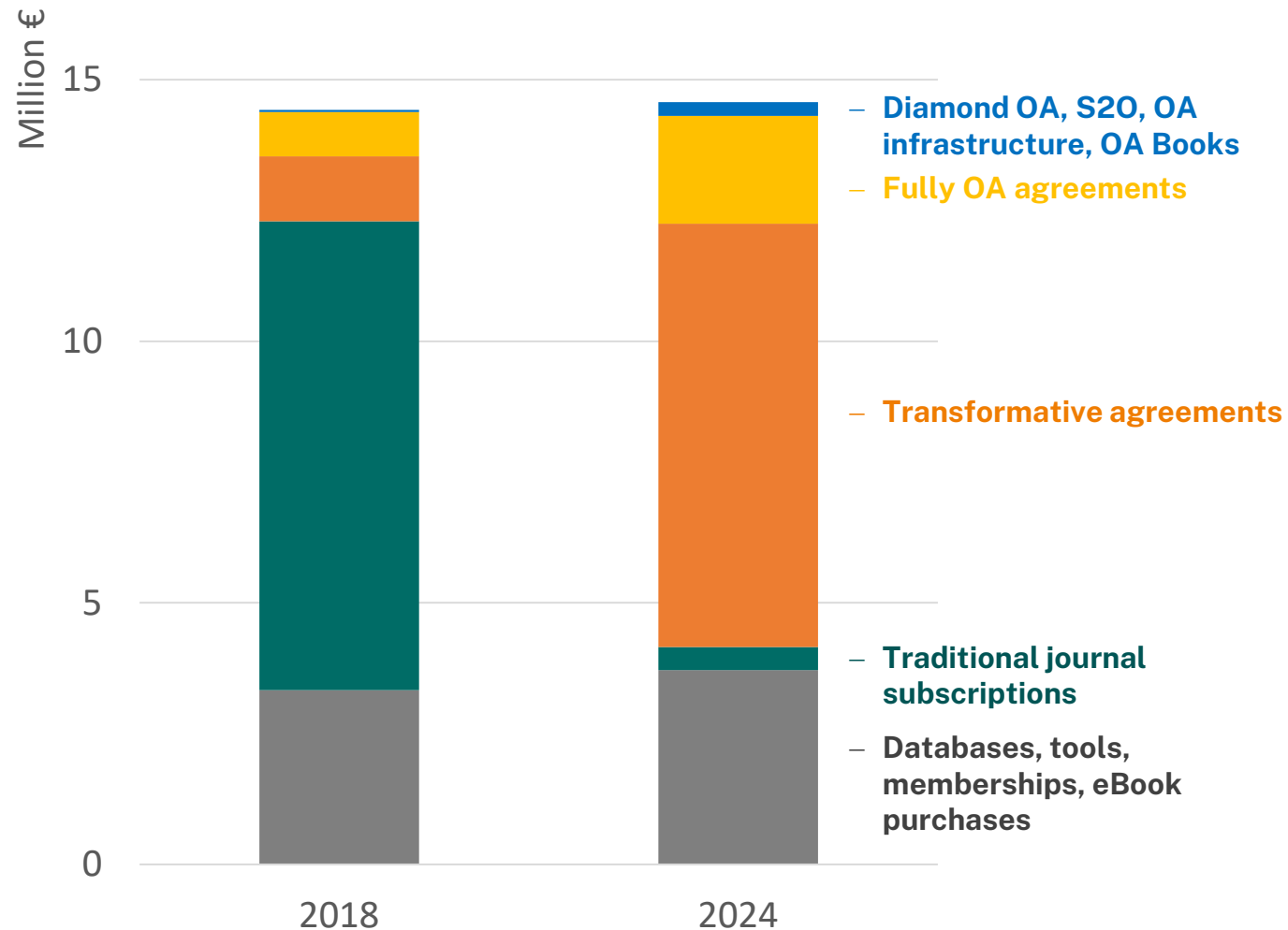




“ At the same time, we continue to support new and improved forms of OA publishing

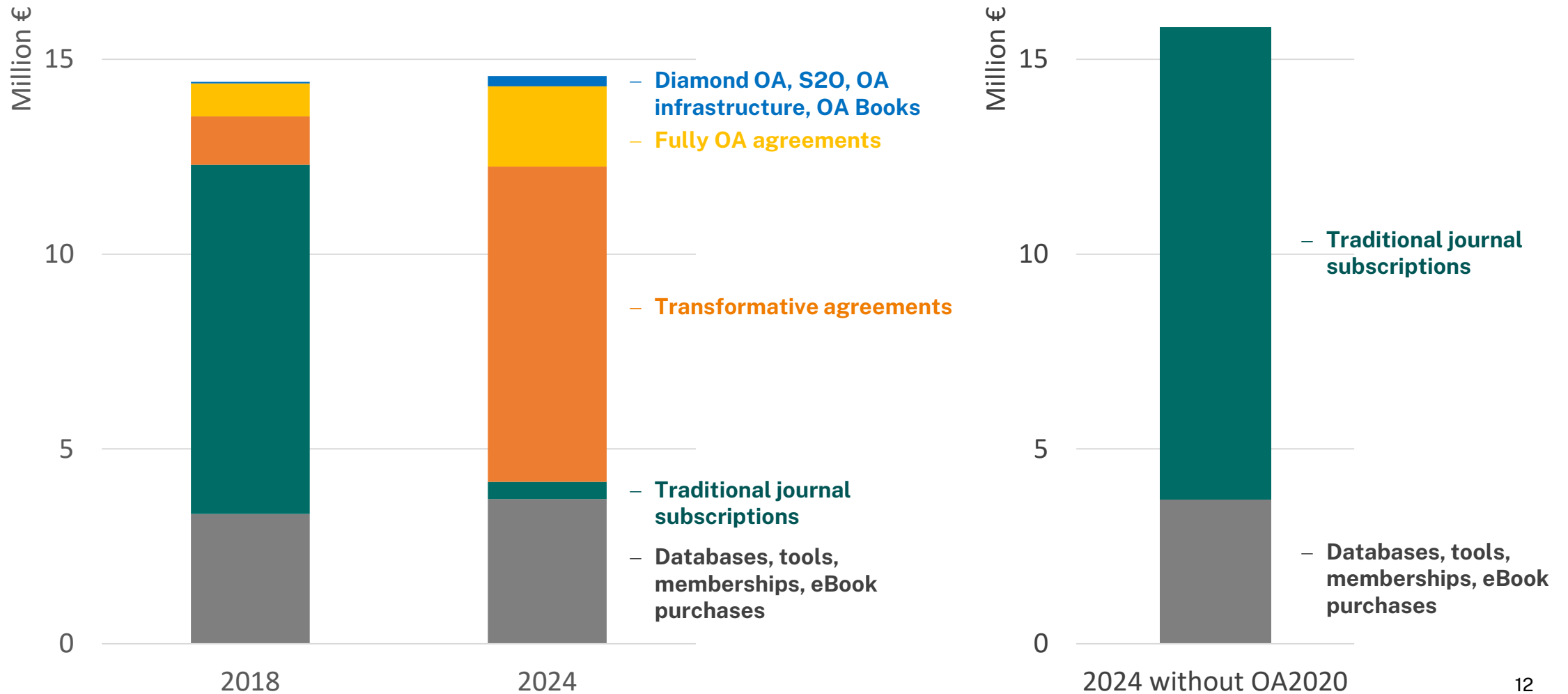
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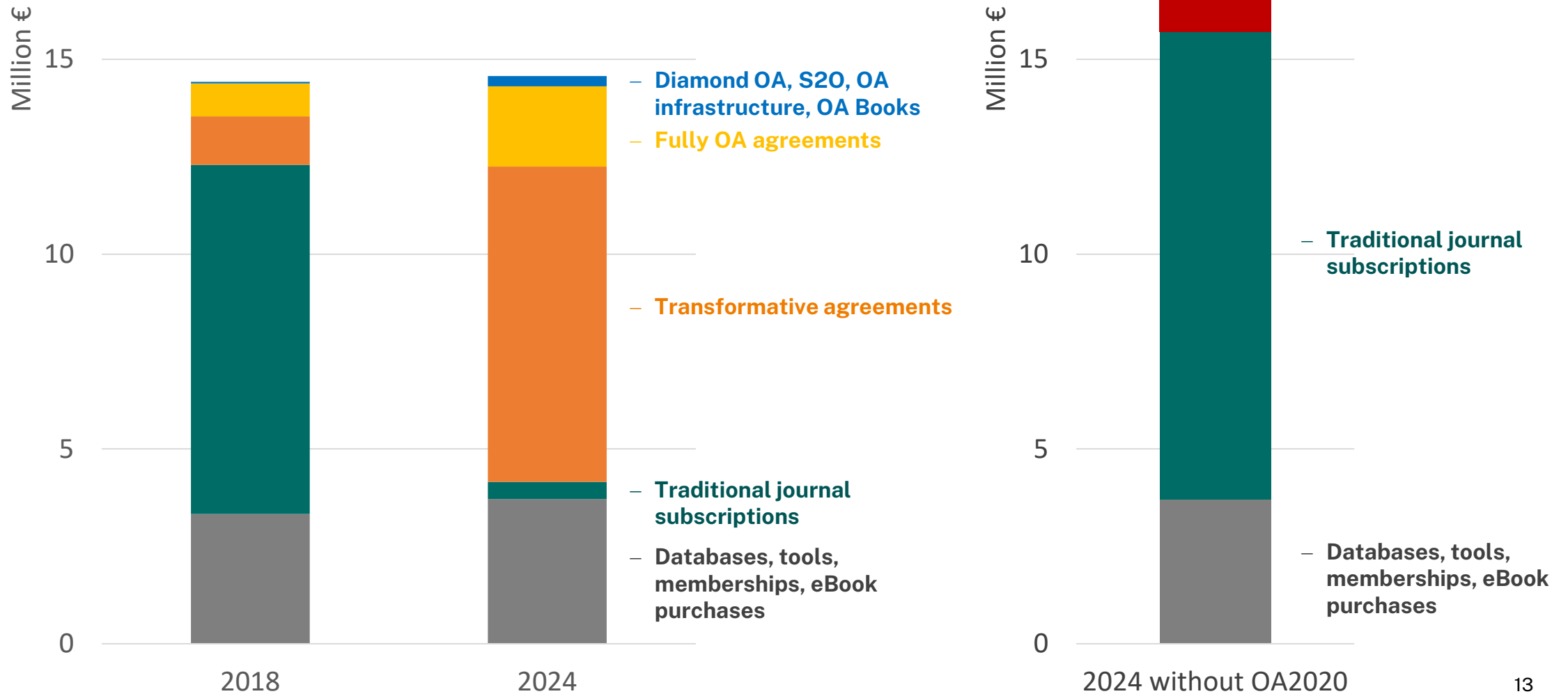
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Thank you for your attention!

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