ENOUGH MONEY IN THE SYSTEM?

Post-transition Study 2018

The study looked at the potential costs of publishing all relevant articles open access across all institutions (all public universities in Austria) participating in the Austrian Transition to Open Access (AT2OA) project. At the same time, information on existing relevant spend (mostly subscriptions) was gathered. The average, observed APC was €2,500 at the time and was used for estimating the potential publishing costs.*

On a national-level: YES

Institutional level: VARIES

Less than 1% difference with all institutions combined

Significant additional investment required

Existing, relevant spend would be more than sufficient

REDISTRIBUTING COSTS WITHIN THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM

Challenging for institutions to make this financial move quickly

We need: a gradual shift towards publishing-based costs

Preserving a "reading" element

NEW COST-SHARING MODEL INTRODUCED IN 2023

Parameters:

- Share of OA content
- # of publications
- APC (Article processing charge)
- Subscription in year 0

Example: Read & Publish agreement with Publisher X, Institutions 1-11

Methodology:

Publish fee = # of publications × share of OA content × APC
Read fee = Subscription in year 0 × (1− share of OA content)
Publish fee + Read fee = Smooth Transition Fee

2019

1st transformative cost-sharing model: „Tiering Model“ introduced

2022

Consortium-wide consultation and review: new model introduced for transformative agreements, based on a model developed by Dr. Nina Schönfelder**

METHODOLOGY:

Discrepancy between existing expenditure and publishing value

Gradual increase

Decreasing costs


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