



INTRODUCTION

Consortio Colombia is an initiative formed by 63 institutions in the country, which aims to strengthen their academic and research capacities through subscription and access to high-impact bibliographic databases, as well as the development of projects of common interest. It is supported by the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MinCiencias), the Colombian Association of Universities (ASCUN) and the operation of Consortia.

The Consortium revolves around the subscription of relevant, up-to-date and high-impact digital bibliographic resources. Our Consortium has currently signed agreements with the following publishers: Elsevier, Springer Nature, Taylor & Francis, Oxford University Press and Cambridge.

The Consortium decided to explore the APC expenditures made by member institutions in order to define management alternatives to reduce the expenses assumed by the institutions. That is why, in the first place, it hired a consultancy to establish the amount of resources invested by the country in the payment of the APC (the results of which are available in (Vélez et al., 2020). Secondly, it decided to negotiate with the main publishers to sign Transformational Agreements of the Read and Publish type, and thus reduce the expenditure paid for APC, centrally control open access publication in hybrid journals, and promote open access in Colombia and in the institutions that are part of the Consortium.

Our transformative agreements cover 2022-2024 and were signed with publishers Elsevier, Springer Nature and Taylor & Francis. Consortio Colombia expects to save almost USD 5 million in APC payments.

We would like to show that an organized, systematic and collective work like ours can advance in the transitional routes to open science even in countries generally considered as not part of these movements.

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RESULTS

We used 100% of article quota for 2022

We support publication in high-impact journals by regional and smaller universities.

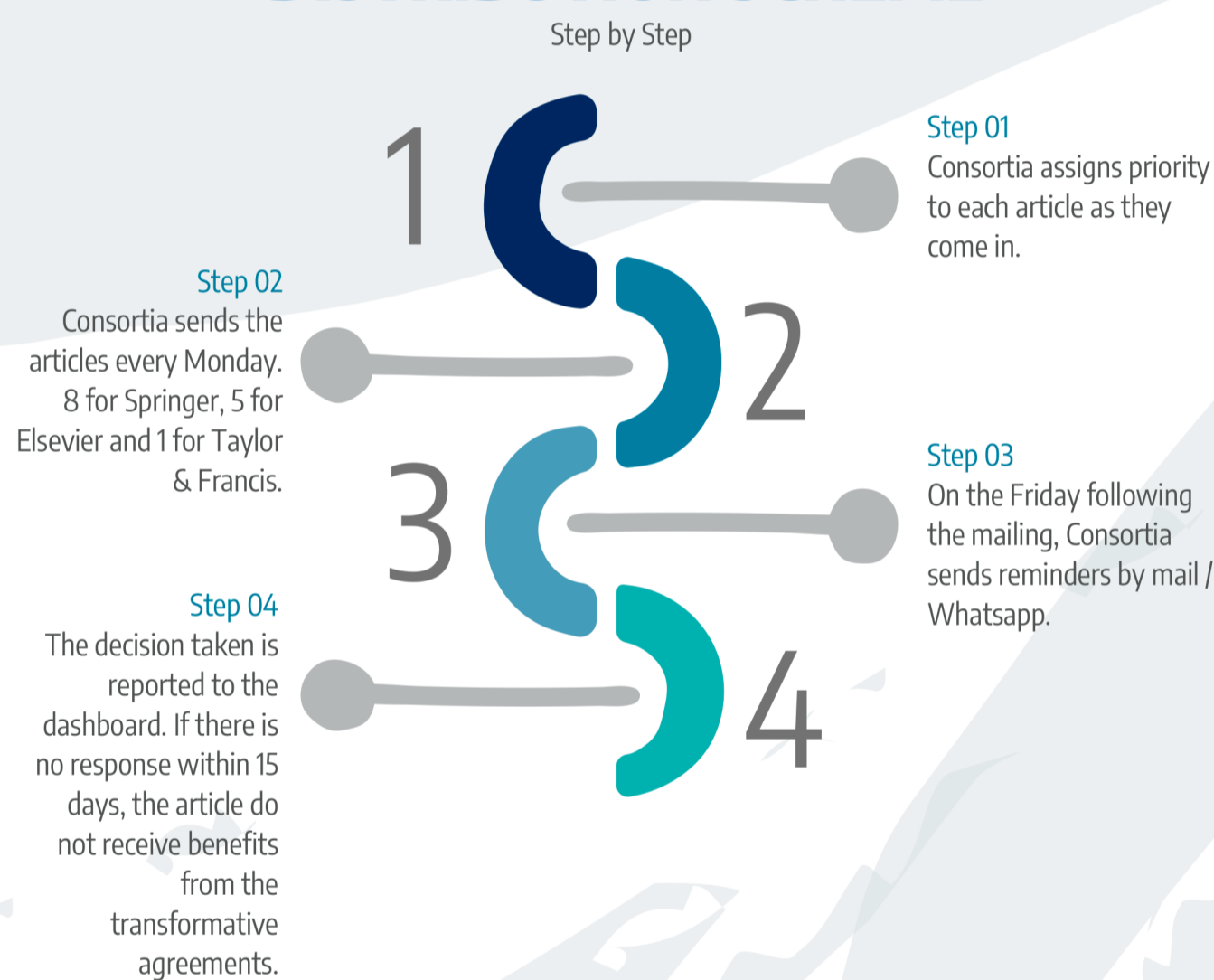
We have succeeded in increasing open access dialogues in regions far from the economic center of the country.

We are working collaboratively with other countries to promote open access.

OBJECTIVES

- Define a methodological route to estimate the APC amount payments in Colombia.
- Engage the Consortio Colombia institutions in scientific divulgation processes, researching capabilities development and better understanding about Open Science and Open Access initiatives in local and global dimensions.
- Propose innovative practices for the distribution of transformational agreement quotas within a consortium.
- To disseminate among the Colombian academic community the open access movement and motivate researchers to change their publication practices.
- To be an active part in the promotion of open access in Latin America, with innovative practices that open new paths for the region.

DISTRIBUTION SCHEME



RESULTS 2022

263 articles → USD 818,419

ELSEVIER

Taylor & Francis
Taylor & Francis Group

SPRINGER
NATURE

	ELSEVIER	Taylor & Francis	SPRINGER NATURE
Approved	150	40	73
Waiting	0	0	0
Rejected	59	41	15

FINDINGS

- It is essential to use a rigorous methodology that allows establishing the work route to collect and analyze the necessary information.
- The agreements open the door to discussions, including at the Latin American level, on open science and access to knowledge by society beyond universities and research centers.
- Those responsible for leading and participating in the negotiation must be trained in communication skills, so that they can define collective strategies to carry out the negotiation process.
- To increase the understanding of what transformative agreements are so that the Consortium's stakeholders could understand the implications and justifications for signing such agreements.

Transformative Agreement in Colombia



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