

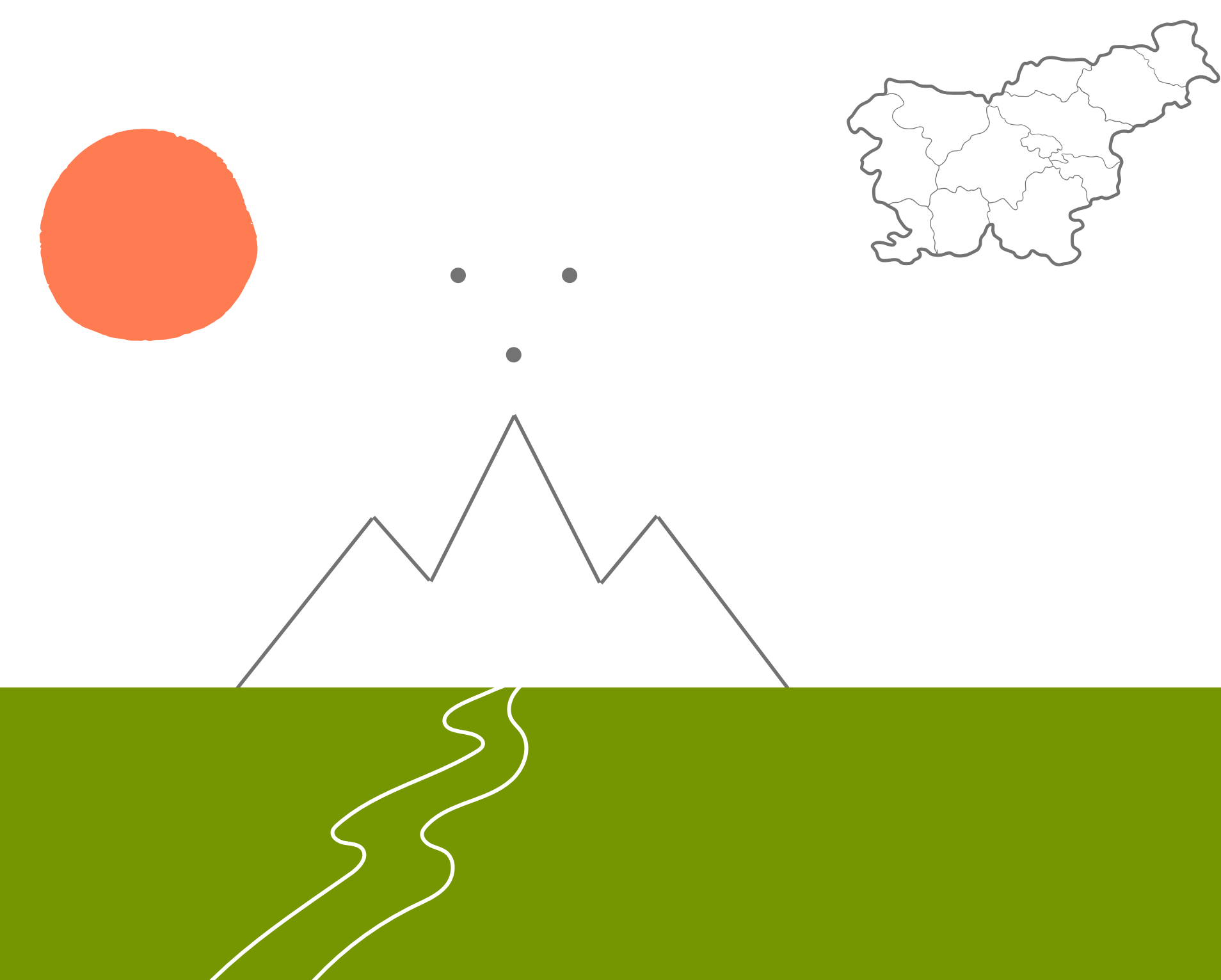
Slovenia's Open Access Efforts

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Slovenian ERA Roadmap

Framework and legal backgrounds

2015

National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020

Action plan for the implementation of the national strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020

Slovenian strategy for strengthening the European Research Area 2016-2020

2017

Requirements of Slovenian Rectors Conference

2018

Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency ARIS among 11 funding organisations, that launched cOAlition S in September 2018.



2023

Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (ReZrIS30)

Open science action plan to perform measure 6.2 of the Resolution (ReZrIS30)

Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (ZZrID)

Decree on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science

Policy

Fully aligned with H2020 policy:

- mandatory open access to all peer-reviewed articles, strongly recommended for RD (a pilot introduced) and monographs,
- depositing the publisher's version (VoR), alternatively the accepted manuscript (AAM) with max. 12M embargo for STM and 6M for SSH, in repositories,
- authors are encouraged to retain copyright and allow re-use under CC BY license or equivalent.

Library consortia are obliged to ensure the transparency of license agreements with publishers and a cost-neutral OA transition (one agreement for reading & publishing - DEAL model).

Adoption of Plan S principles:

- financial support for OA publishing under transformative agreements and transformative journals,
- Rights Retention Strategy – encouraged, but not mandated (lacking legal basis and assistance for researchers),
- efforts for OA publication fees being covered by the funders or research institutions.

Fully aligned with Horizon Europe (ERC and MSCA):

- outputs from research with ≥ 50% publicly funding,
- mandatory open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications and research data, strongly recommended for other research results,
- publisher's version (VoR) or the accepted manuscript (AAM) in trusted repositories with NO EMBARGO,
- authors retain copyright (only non-exclusive transfer to third parties allowed),

- re-use under CC BY or equivalent (exceptions for monographs, CC BY or CC0 for RD),
- RD management according to FAIR principles and mandatory RDM plan,
- metadata available under CC0 or CC BY,
- eligible costs are covered by funders or research organisations,
- APCs for OA in hybrid journals are not eligible costs!

A two-year transition period:

1. in justified cases, researchers may publish in subscription journals and provide OA by depositing AAM in repositories with max. 12M embargo for STM and 6M for SSH,
2. funders may continue to cofinance OA to articles in subscription journals under certain conditions:
 - the journal is on the eligible list within TA,
 - the available amount of APC vouchers ran out,
 - the corresponding author is not affiliated to a consortium or a TA member organisation,
 - the journal is not part of TA.

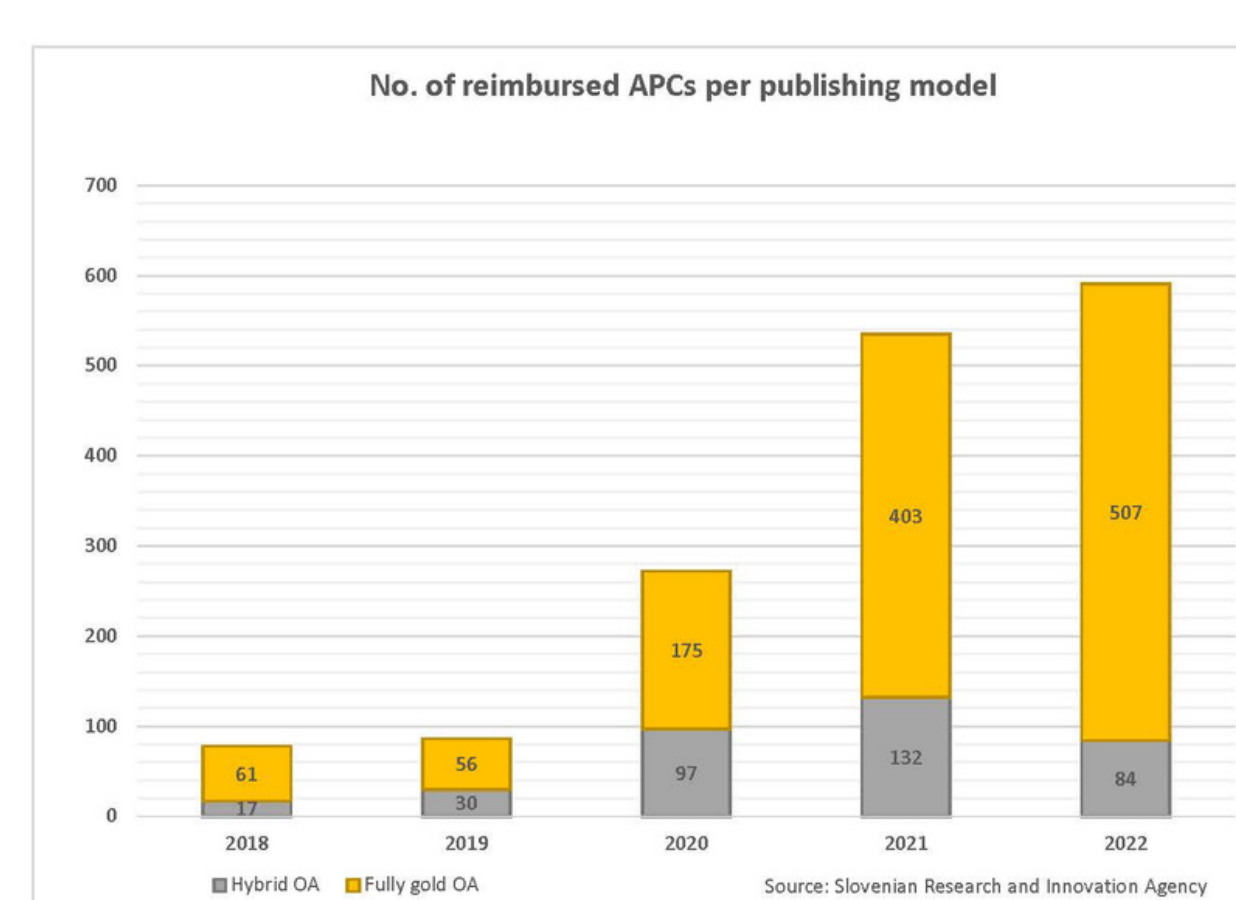
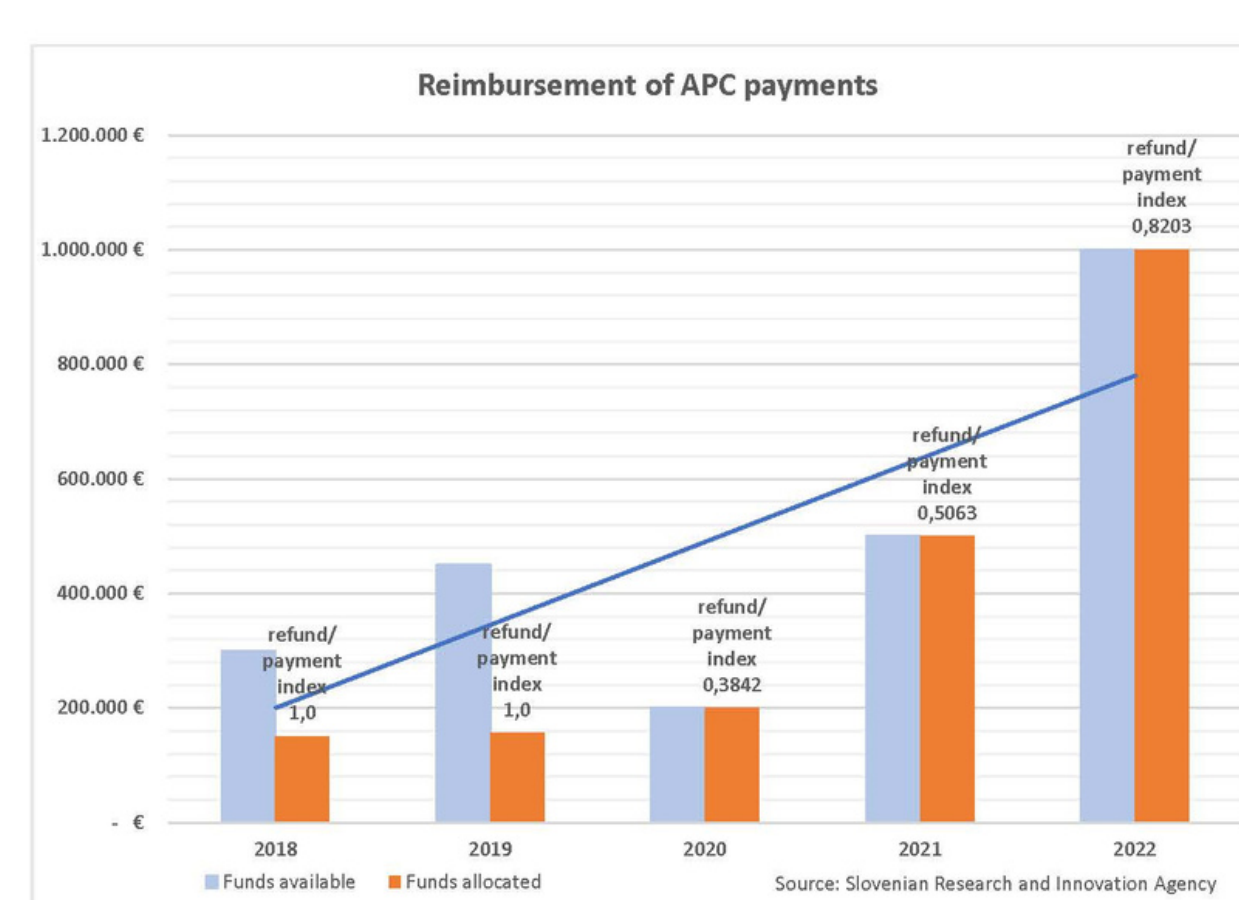
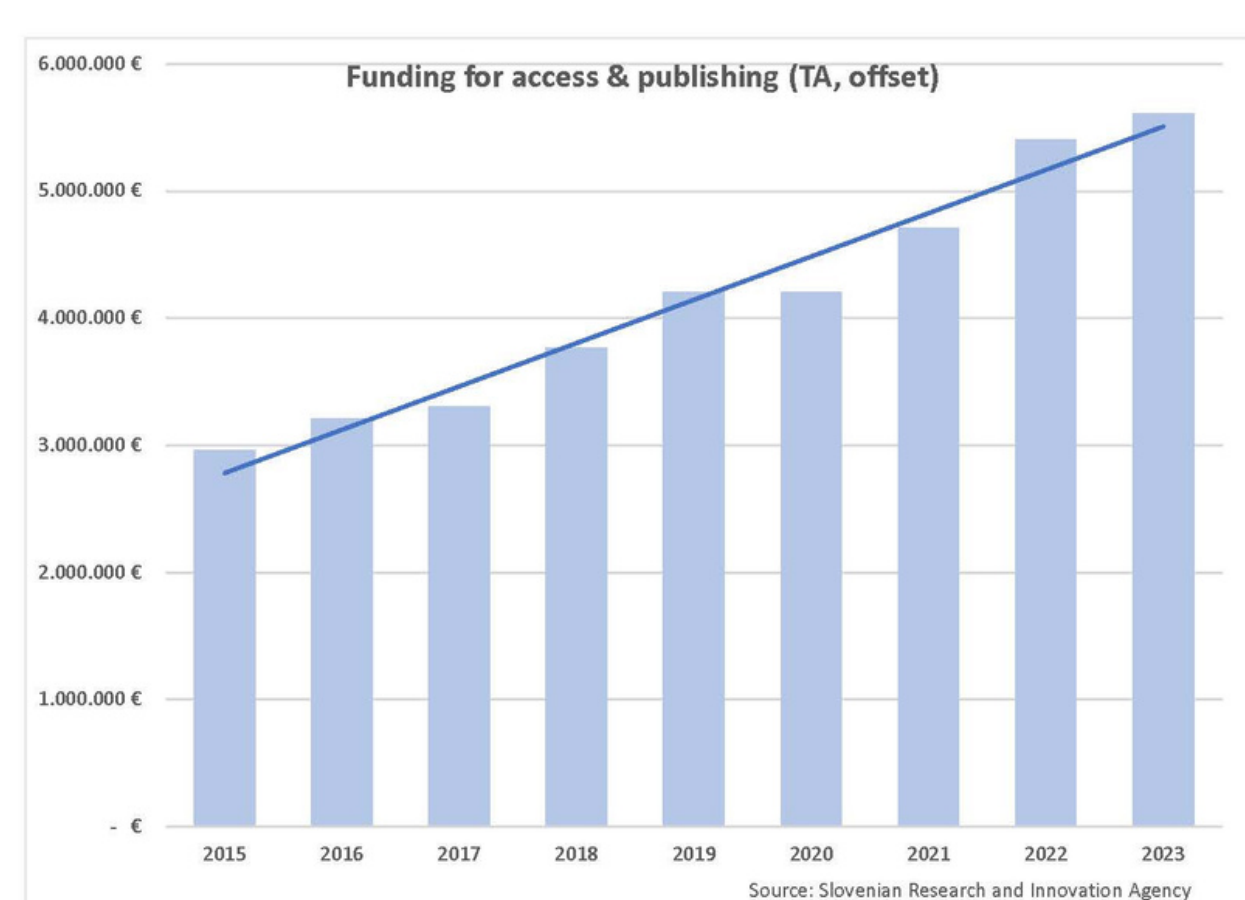
Funding

Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency – ARIS:

- central independent public funding organisation for Slovenian national research programme,
- framework for scientific research evaluation (Slovenian Current Research Information System - SICRIS),
- provides financial and strategic support for open science.

- funding access to foreign scientific literature and databases includes funding of TA and offset agreements

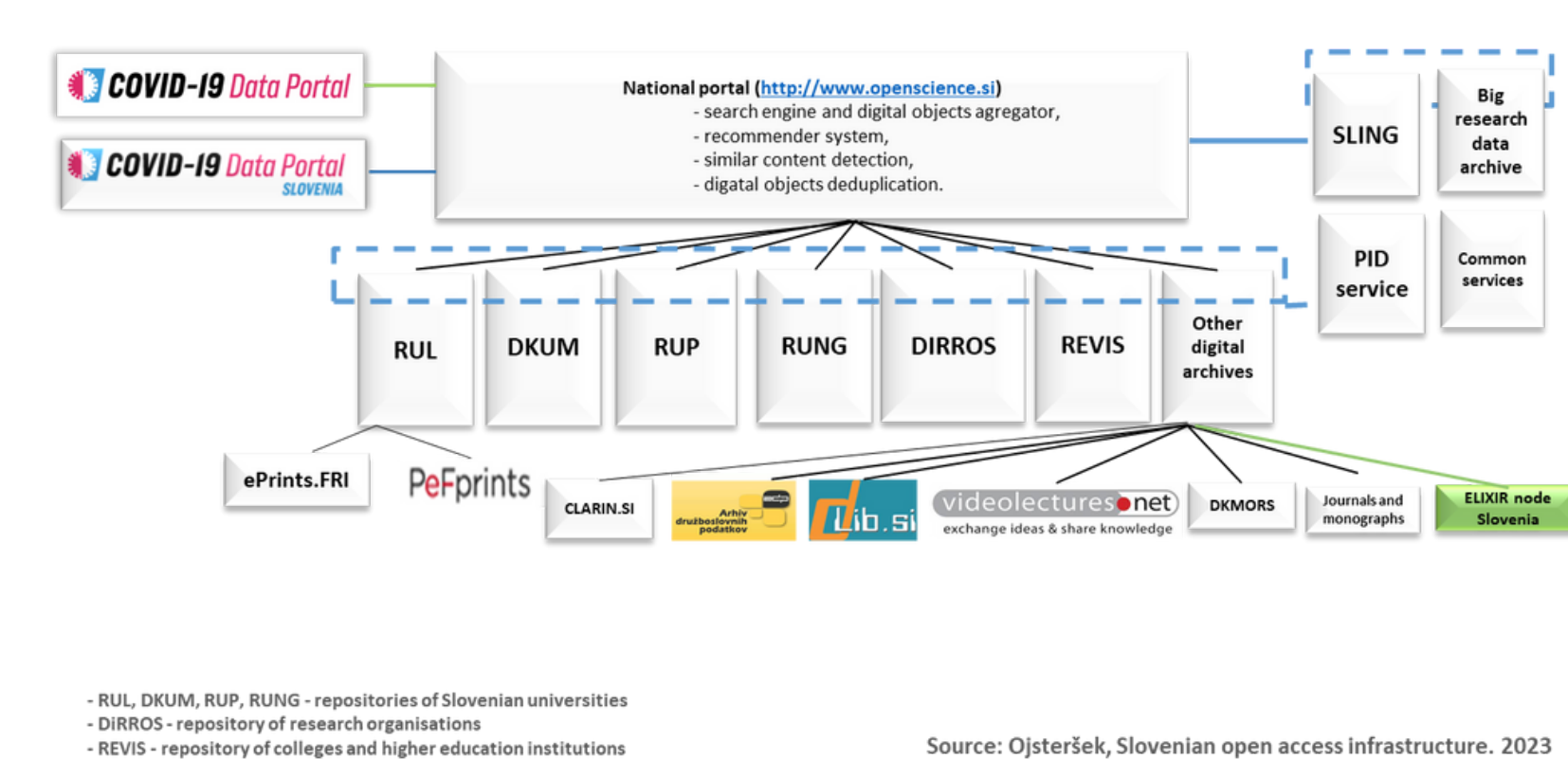
- APC reimbursements



National portal Open Science Slovenia (2013, financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation):

- a national approach to building open science infrastructure and FAIR digital objects,
- national PID service, national big data archive and other services,
- OpenAIRE compliant.

Structure diagram of Slovenian open access infrastructure



Library consortia (academic and research institutions) and transformative agreements

CTK consortium (Central Technical Library at the University of Ljubljana)

1st read-only agreement (3 members)

2001

1st offset agreement (15% discount on APCs, 15 members)
1st transformative agreement (5 members, 60 vouchers)

2019

3 read-only agreements (17 members)
6 transformative agreements (30 members, 800 vouchers)

2023

2002

1st read-only agreement (3 members)

2016

1st offset agreement (88% discount on APCs, 1 member)

2020

1st two transformative agreements (18 members, 50 vouchers)

2023

2 publish only agreements - discounts on APCs (15 members)
7 transformative agreements (42 members, 150 vouchers)

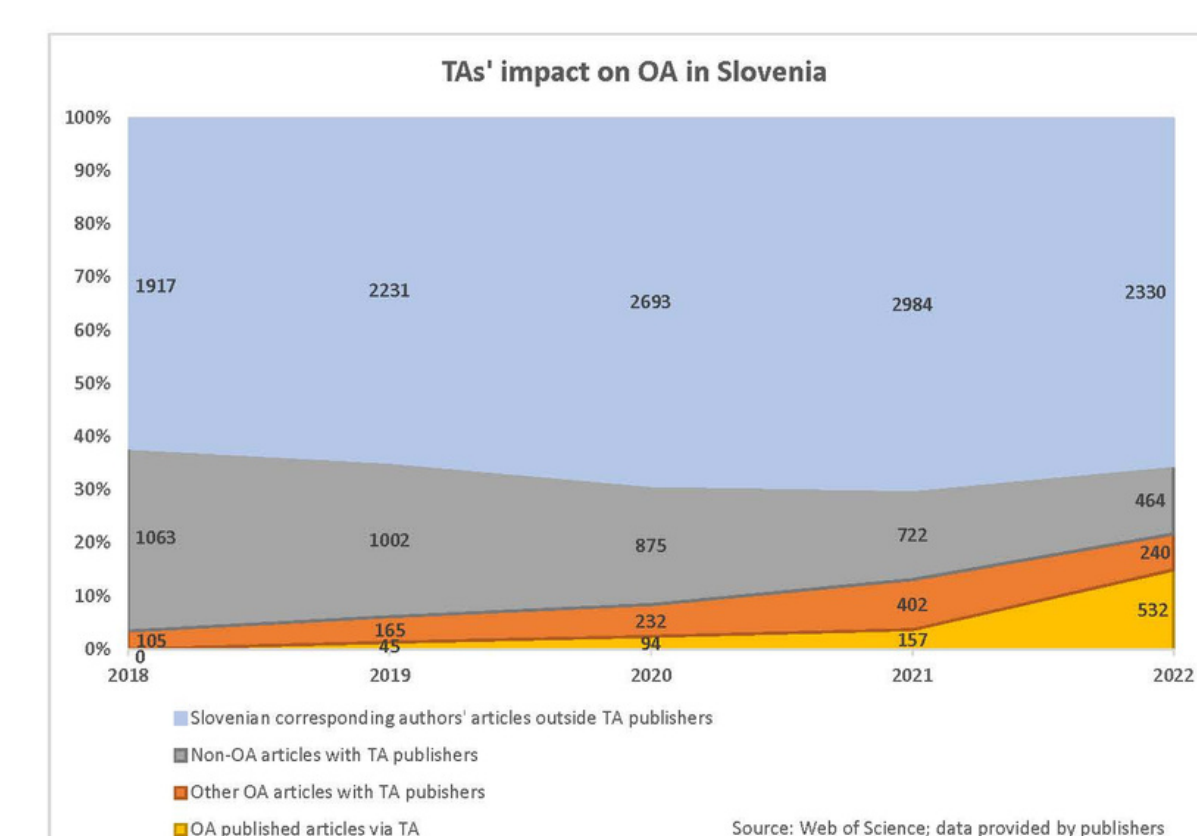
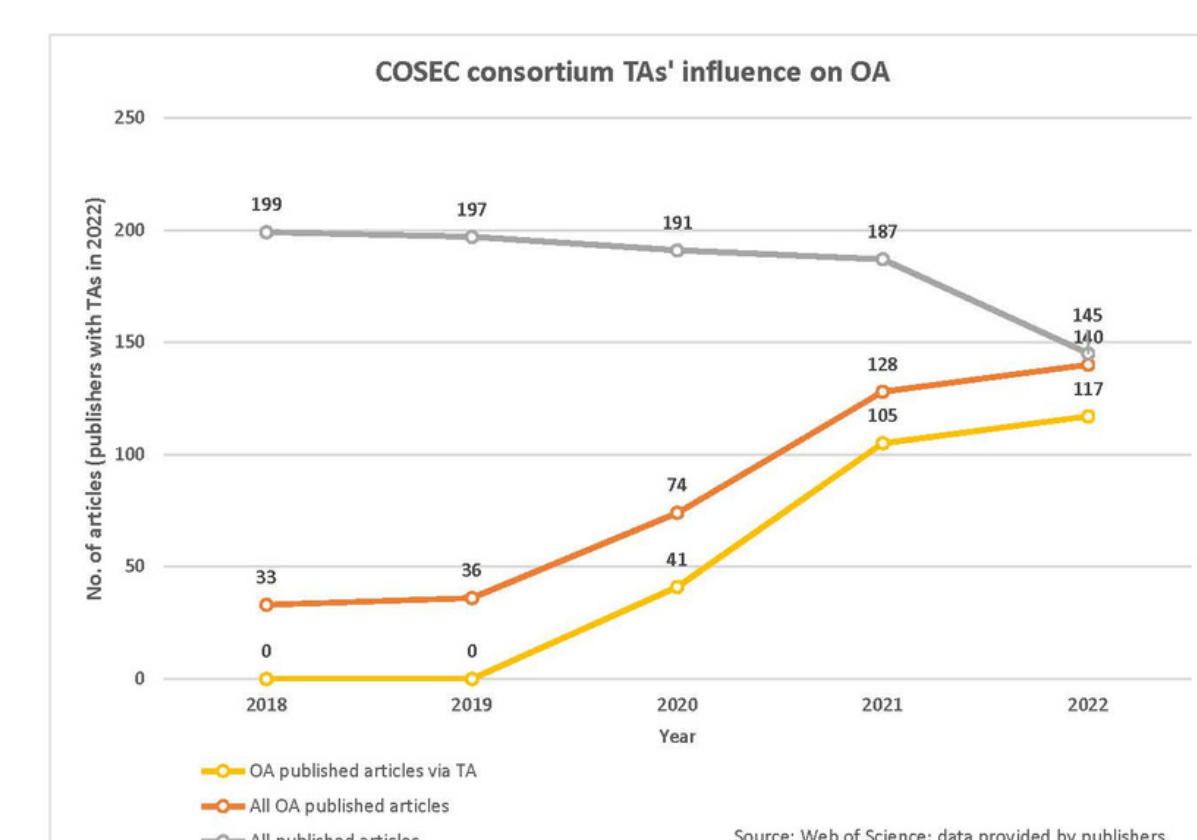
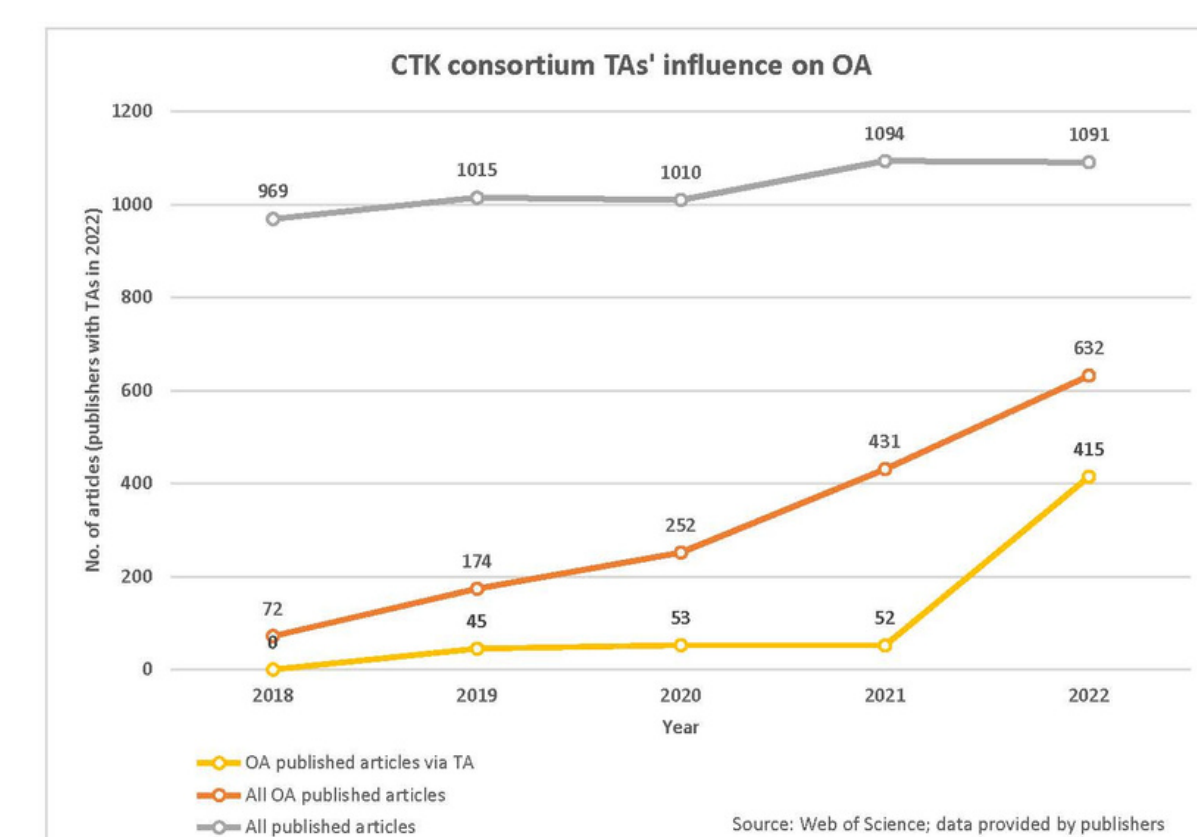
COSEC consortium (National and University Library)

Conclusions and future challenges:

- The objectives of the National strategy 2015-2020 were not fully accomplished, but a key move toward OA has been made!
- TAs have significant impact on the share of publications in open access.

- By the end of 2024, existing TAs will cover 90-100% of publications by corresponding authors from consortia member's institutions.
- In a few TAs, we managed to »freeze« the list of eligible journals (the journal is not removed if it flips to a fully open publishing model).
- Only a few TAs include vouchers for fully OA journals or include the entire subscription journals portfolio—a challenge for future negotiations!

- There is a need for more TAs (middle and small publishers).
- TAs, cofinanced by funders, remain an important means for a sustainable, cost-neutral transition to OA for some time to come.
- Increased number of articles published in fully OA journals – a need to enter into agreements with OA publishers (PloS, MDPI, BMC, Frontiers etc.)!



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