Key information

Data collection: August-November 2018

Respondents:
31 Consortia negotiating on behalf of the university sector and other higher education and research performers

Focus: Periodicals
5 major publishers (Elsevier, SpringerNature, Taylor & Francis, Wiley, American Chemical Society)

Data analysed in aggregated fashion
Most data refers to big deal contracts ongoing in 2017 or 2018
Total annual spend on big deals

For all subscriptions to electronic resources (including periodicals, databases, e-books) at national level:

Total (27 European countries) = ~ 907,947,409 EUR

Note: for 4 countries, only the total amount for the surveyed consortium is known. This is a conservative figure.
No APCs included in this figure

For periodicals only in the surveyed consortia:

Total (29 European countries) = ~ 701,933,493 EUR

Proportion of costs covered by universities in the consortia = 505,368,613 EUR (~72%)
Overview of distribution of costs by 5 main publishers – Periodicals only

- Elsevier
- Wiley
- Springer Nature
- Taylor & Francis
- American Chemical Society

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University leadership participating in the negotiation of big deals

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When APCs and subscriptions are included in the same contract

Is there any provision or policy to prevent ‘double dipping’?

- Yes: 67%
- No: 33%

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When APCs and subscriptions are not included in the same contract

Are there any monitoring systems in place to collect data on the funds spent on APCs?

- Yes: 31%
- No: 69%

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Inclusion of APCs and subscriptions in the same contractual framework

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Laws facilitating the transparency of contracts

Existence of Freedom of Information laws

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