



### **Declaration of Support for Plan S by cOAlition S**

The ongoing process of globalisation and digitisation has opened up endless possibilities for research collaboration, research innovation and research sharing. This has also led to an increase in the importance of knowledge-based economies and science with and for society. Access to research publications has, however, not progressed significantly. Research publications are still today to a large extent locked behind paywalls whereby a monopoly of scholarly publishers charge (high) subscription fees to research performing organisations for publishing and reading articles in their journals as well as (high) fees to authors for making their articles delayed or immediately open for all to read. These fees are ultimately covered by the taxpayer whereas the results should be a public and accessible good.

We, members of the Board and the Director of the Polish National Agency of Academic Exchange (NAWA), believe that science is a public good and that access to scientific results is an inalienable right of all European citizens. We support all efforts to make research open and hereby strongly endorse the principles of Plan S by cOAlition S to achieve full and immediate Open Access to research publications by 2020. As a public agency supporting the mobility and internationalisation of higher education and science, we recognise the reasons for this initiative and support the goals of Plan S.

We further understand the complexities of the practical implementation of Plan S and aim to constructively contribute to the open consultation, so that Plan S is a success. We hereby recognise issues which have been raised by early-career researchers across Europe, which have also been raised and supported by our own National Representation of Doctoral Candidates in Poland (KRD), and hope that cOAlition S takes the realities of early-career researchers into account in the implementation of Plan S. Finally, setting guidelines and limitations on how research is to be published is not sufficient: the current scientific reward system revolves largely around publishing articles in high-impact journals. We therefore support the commitment of cOAlition S to revise the research and career evaluation system and aim to sign the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

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