

FEP statement on Plan S: Accelerating the transition to full and immediate Open Access to scientific publications

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The Federation of European Publishers supports the goal of maximising the dissemination of research results and the circulation of scientific publications, so as to fully realise their potential to benefit our societies. This is the aim of all those publishers that work for the publication of peer-reviewed scientific works.

At the same time, it is paramount for the transition towards Open Science to take into account the sustainability of the scientific publishing sector, as well as to respect the academic freedom of researchers.

Thousands of publishers, big and small, strive to provide and preserve high-quality, professionally published scientific literature and to make it available as widely as possible. Initiatives in the Open Science framework should acknowledge, support and accompany the efforts of publishers in this area, to allow publishers to continue playing their essential role in the production and dissemination of scholarly communication.