

Open Access Policy



Eurac Research supports the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities and adopts an Open Access Policy¹ based on the following principles

Article 1

General Principles

- Eurac Research Open Access Policy aims to provide free online access to the outputs of research performed at Eurac Research.
- Providing open access to scientific outputs recognizes knowledge as a public good as well as the social and economic benefit derived from science. Open access accelerates and broadens access to scientific outputs and facilitates their adoption and use, also beyond the research sector.
- Eurac Research is committed to making the scientific outputs of our Researchers accessible to the scientific community, policy makers, industry, and society at large.
- Efficient and wide dissemination of scientific outputs contributes to our goal to address the challenges facing our region and the world now and in the future.
- Providing open access to their scientific outputs, researchers increase the visibility of their individual scientific outputs and their research as whole. The open access policy guides researchers in how to provide open access to their scientific outputs, comply with various funders' requirements, and maximize on publishers' open access permissions.
- The open access policy provides Institutes a tool to track current and past scientific outputs and measure their impact. The policy assists with progress monitoring and reporting to funders.
- The open access policy ensures the curation, long-term preservation, and future dissemination of Eurac Research's scientific outputs and allows to develop a comprehensive institutional archive.

Article 2

Definitions

- A **Scientific Output** is defined as an article, book chapter, monograph, report, conference presentation, or any other published (or under publication) work of a researcher based in Eurac Research.
- A **Researcher** is any member of the research staff of Eurac Research, of all levels and irrespective of their employment status.
- A **Corresponding Author** is the author who countersigns the publishing agreement with the publisher, also on behalf of the co-authors.
- **Open Access** is the practice of providing online access to scientific outputs (articles, monographs, book chapters, and other outputs), either immediately upon publication or after an embargo period, in a way that is free of charge to the reader and licensed so that they can be further used and exploited by the scientific community, policy makers, industry, and society at large.
- Under **Green Open Access** or self-archiving, researchers publish their scientific outputs in their preferred venue and, upon acceptance, archive an electronic copy of their scientific output in an open access repository through which the scientific output is then freely available to everyone. However, the exact version of the scientific output that is freely available and the timing of availability are subject to copyright permissions and regulated with embargo periods.
- Under **Gold Open Access**, researchers publish their scientific outputs with an open license at the publisher's venue, which may be fully open or hybrid. An open access fee may be levied

¹ Eurac Research adopts a version of the PASTEUR4OA Model Open Access Policy after adapting it to the needs of our researchers and institutes.

in the form of an Article Processing Charge, Book Processing Charge or Chapter Processing Charge. Usually, no transfer of copyrights takes place.

- A **Current Research Information System** is a database for recording and storing information about the research conducted and the scientific outputs produced at a research organization. In Eurac Research, Converis works as the Current Research Information System.
- Bozen-Bolzano Institutional Archive (BIA) is an **Institutional Open Access Repository**. Drawing upon the current research information system of Eurac Research, BIA contains digital content from all Eurac Research institutes. Researchers insert their scientific outputs in the current research information system; as they do this, researchers have the choice to include their scientific outputs' metadata and/or full-text also in BIA. BIA accommodates different copyright permissions and embargo periods.
- A **Digital Copy** is the electronic copy of a scientific output in its final stage (*e.g.* either the author's final manuscript after peer review or the publisher's final version in the case of journal articles).
- An **Embargo** is the period during which a publication remains 'closed', *i.e.*, not openly accessible in the repository to accommodate copyright permissions.
- **Metadata** are the descriptors used for describing, tracing, using and managing the scientific outputs deposited in the repository. Metadata includes title of the output, author(s), institutional affiliation, name of the publication where the output appears, year of publication, volume and page numbers, DOI, information on the research funder, etc.

Article 3

Policy

From January 1, 2022 Eurac Research:

1. Adopts an open access policy based on the Green Open Access route.
2. For this purpose, Eurac Research:
 - a. Requires its Researchers to record the full Metadata and abstract of all Scientific Outputs regardless of their type in the Current Research Information System immediately upon publication and make this record openly accessible in the Institutional Open Access Repository.
 - b. Requires its Researchers to include a Digital Copy of the full text of those Scientific Outputs published in peer reviewed journals when recording these Scientific Outputs in the Current Research Information System immediately upon publication and make the full record of these Scientific Outputs, including the Digital Copy of the full text, openly accessible in the Institutional Open Access Repository either immediately or after an embargo period set by the publisher.
3. In addition, Eurac Research recommends its Researchers to make the full text of all Scientific Outputs included in the Current Research Information System available to Eurac Research users by uploading a Digital Copy of the full texts in the Current Research Information System for internal access.
4. Researchers are responsible for the timely recording of their Scientific Outputs in the Current Research Information System and, through it, in the Institutional Open Access Repository.
5. Eurac Research considers only those Scientific Outputs that comply with the requirements in Art. 3.2 for purposes of institutional reporting and assessment.
6. Eurac Research encourages its Researchers to retain ownership of copyright and to license to publishers only those rights necessary for publication. This is possible through the use of addenda to publishing contracts.
7. Eurac Research actively encourages Researchers to deposit in the Institutional Open Access Repository also scientific outputs that have been published prior to the date of effect of the current policy and make a Digital Copy of the full text openly accessible whenever possible.
8. Eurac Research actively encourages its Researchers to publish in open access journals and to select the Gold Open Access route whenever possible.
9. Eurac Research recommends Researchers to adopt an open license for their publications, such as CC-BY (attribution) in its most recent version, or alternatively CC-BY-ND (attribution -no-derivatives) in cases where CC-BY is not considered adequate.

Article 4

Support

Eurac Research recognizes that transition to open access requires a cultural change. To facilitate the implementation of this open access policy, Eurac Research:

1. Organizes workshops, events, and other awareness-raising actions on open access and related issues (*e.g.* copyright and publishing contracts, repository use, etc.) as well as sets up an online Eurac Research open access platform with how-to guides, fact sheets, and online training materials.
2. Provides the necessary human resources and the required infrastructure for the support of the open access policy in cooperation between the Library, the Research Development Office, the Legal Office, ICT, and any other relevant departments.
3. Provides links and interoperability with other open access databases in correspondence with Researchers' and Institutes' needs in this regard.

Article 5

Monitoring of the Open Access Policy

Eurac Research:

1. Monitors policy compliance by comparing the contents of the institutional open access repository with information gathered from indexing services and institutes' records.
2. Reviews and assesses the efficacy of this policy and its implementation regularly every 2 years.

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