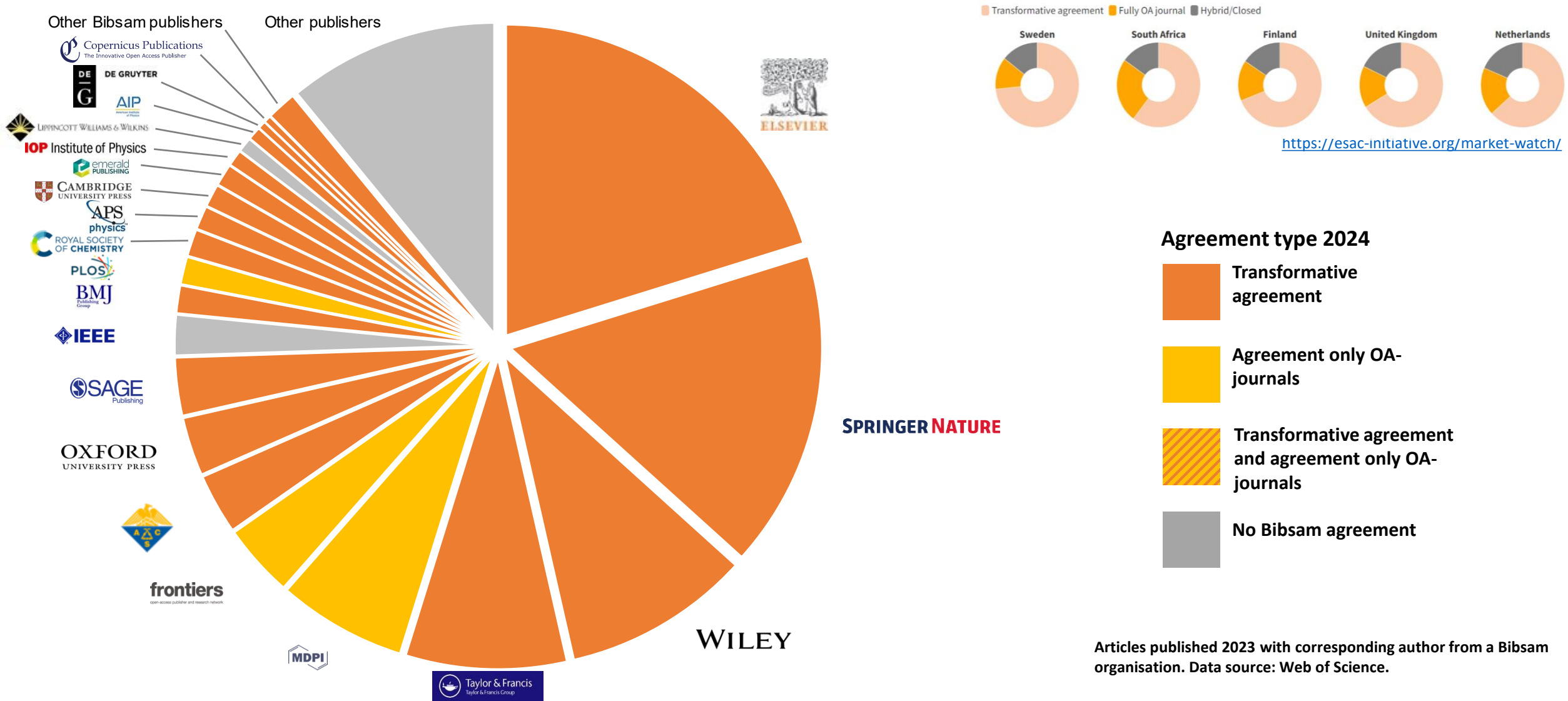


Charting Sweden's path beyond transformative agreements

– CRKN Summit: October 2nd 2024

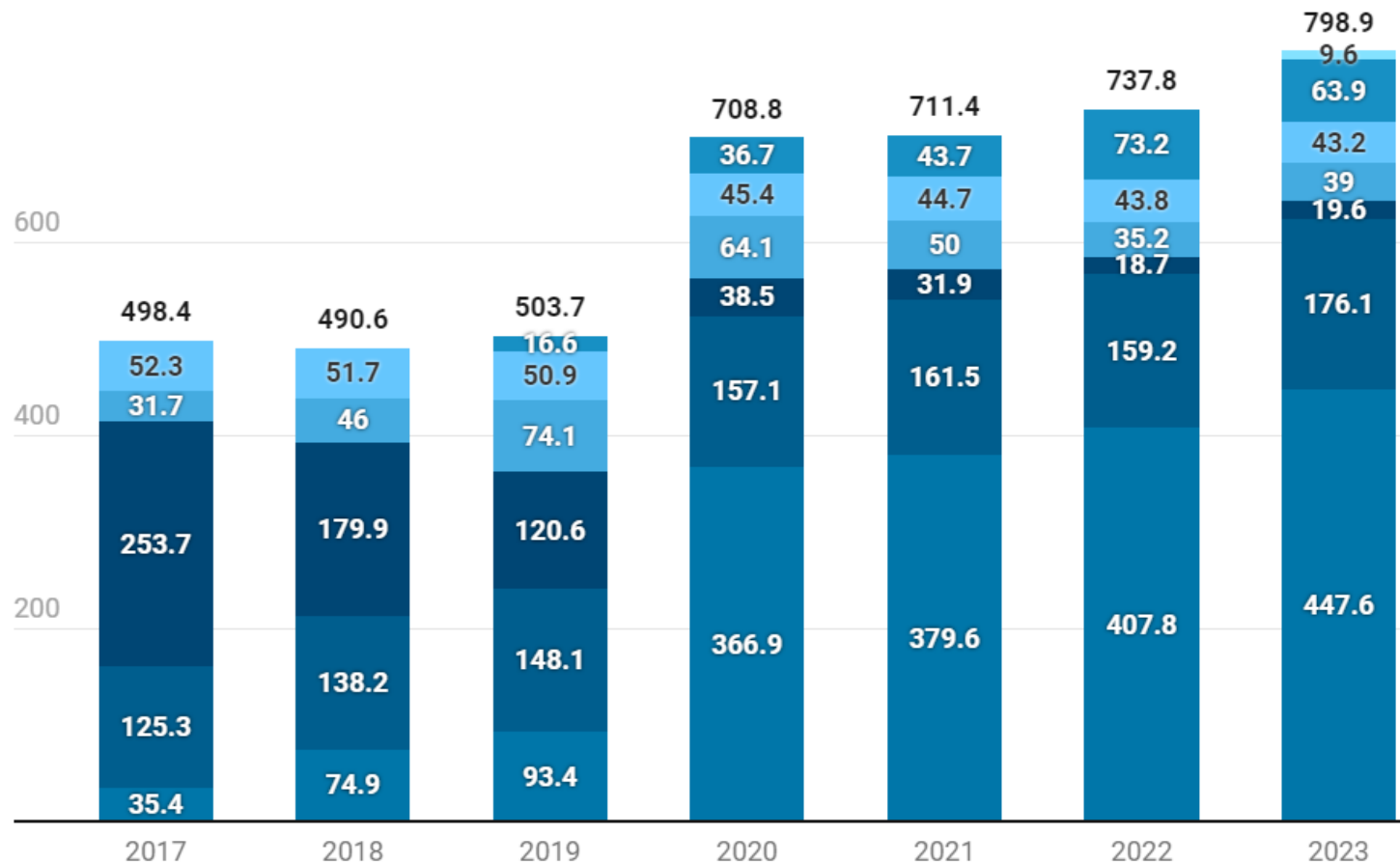
86% of the Bibsam organisations' publishing is covered by Bibsam agreements



Total cost of publishing

2017-2023 in million Swedish kronor (SEK)

■ Transformative agreements, Bibsam
 ■ Local subscriptions
 ■ Subscriptions, Bibsam
 ■ Open Access publishing
 ■ Acquisitions
 ■ Fully open access agreements, Bibsam
 ■ Open infrastructures



1,5 % of HEI's research funding (SEK 52,4 billion) same proportion previous 3 years



Total cost of scholarly publishing in million Swedish kronor (SEK) 2017-2023.

Source: National Library of Sweden • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

Beyond transformative agreements working group

2021 The Swedish Rectors' Conference initiated the Beyond Transformative Agreements working group (the BTA group)

Purpose

To further advance the transition to open access by developing a strategy beyond transformative agreements on how Sweden (Bibsam) should operate in the coming years.

Examine alternate publishing routes and suggest measures.

Timeframe

March 2021 – December 2023. Draft finished by end of 2022/beginning 2023 to be used in upcoming negotiations.



BTA Working group

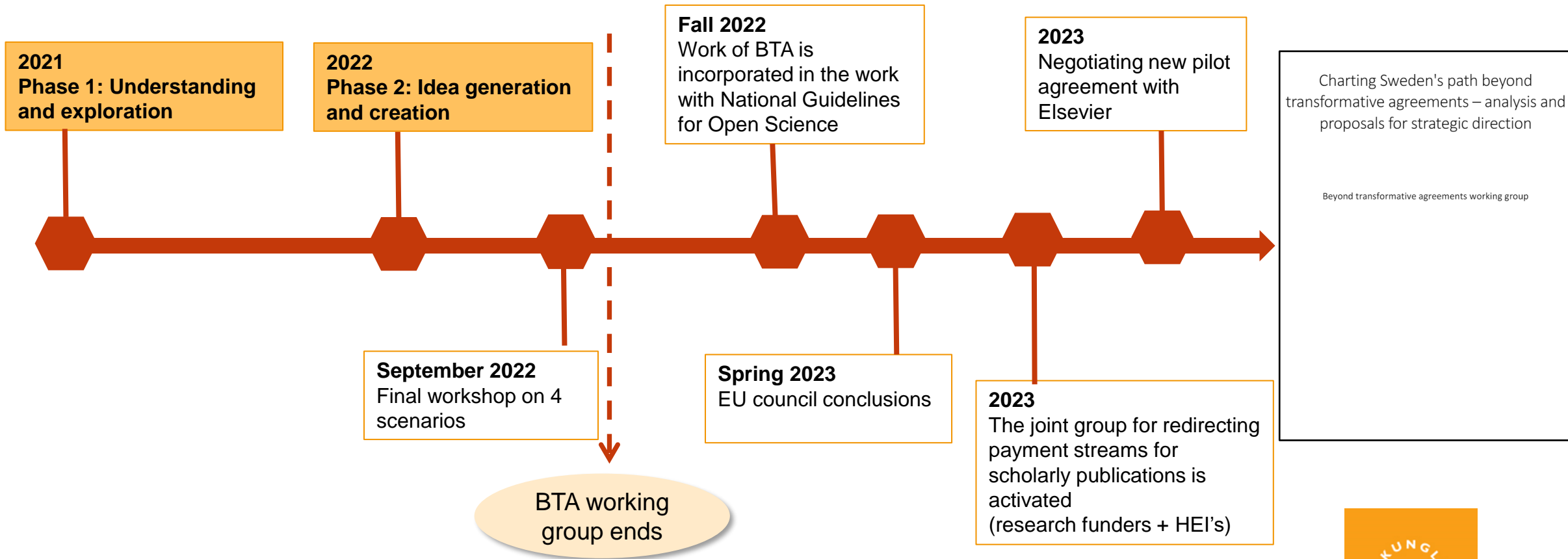
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The group included researchers, representatives of higher education institutions, research funders and negotiators the Bibsam Consortium.



Working group phases and process



Council conclusions– EU

- *High-quality, transparent, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly publishing (May 23rd, 2023)*
- Calls for **immediate and unrestricted open access** in publishing research involving public funds
- The **costs of paywalls to access** and publish articles are becoming **unsustainable**
- Calls on the member states to **support** policies towards a scholarly publishing model that is **not-for-profit**, open access and multi-format, with **no costs for authors or readers**
- Encourage member states to support the pilot programme **Open Research Europe** to create a large-scale open access research publishing service



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National guidelines – Swedish government

- On behalf of the **Swedish government**, the National Library of Sweden (Kungliga biblioteket, KB) has developed [national guidelines for open science](#) (Jan. 2024).
- Goals and priorities for open science in Sweden, divided into six areas:
 - **Open access to scholarly publications**
 - **Open access to research data**
 - **Open research methods**
 - **Open educational resources**
 - **Public engagement in science**
 - **Infrastructures supporting open science**
- Provides support and guidance to actors in Sweden, mainly research performing and research funding organisations.
- Aligned with the [UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science](#).



Swedish government



Recommendations – SUHF

- Recommendation (Nov. 2023) from **the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions** regarding charting Sweden's path beyond the transformative agreements:
- that it is crucial that **control over scholarly publishing remain within the academic** community, but also that the **costs of publishing decrease**.
- that the Bibsam Consortium **should not primarily enter into agreements for reading and publishing in so-called hybrid journals** (i.e., it should not continue to sign transformative agreements). It should instead only negotiate agreements for publishing in open access journals. This approach should be implemented from 2026 and apply to all open journals, regardless of the publisher.
- that an aim should be to manage costs for academic reading and publishing at the national level as much as possible, in **collaboration between higher education institutions, funders, and the National Library of Sweden**, that is, within the framework of the Bibsam Consortium

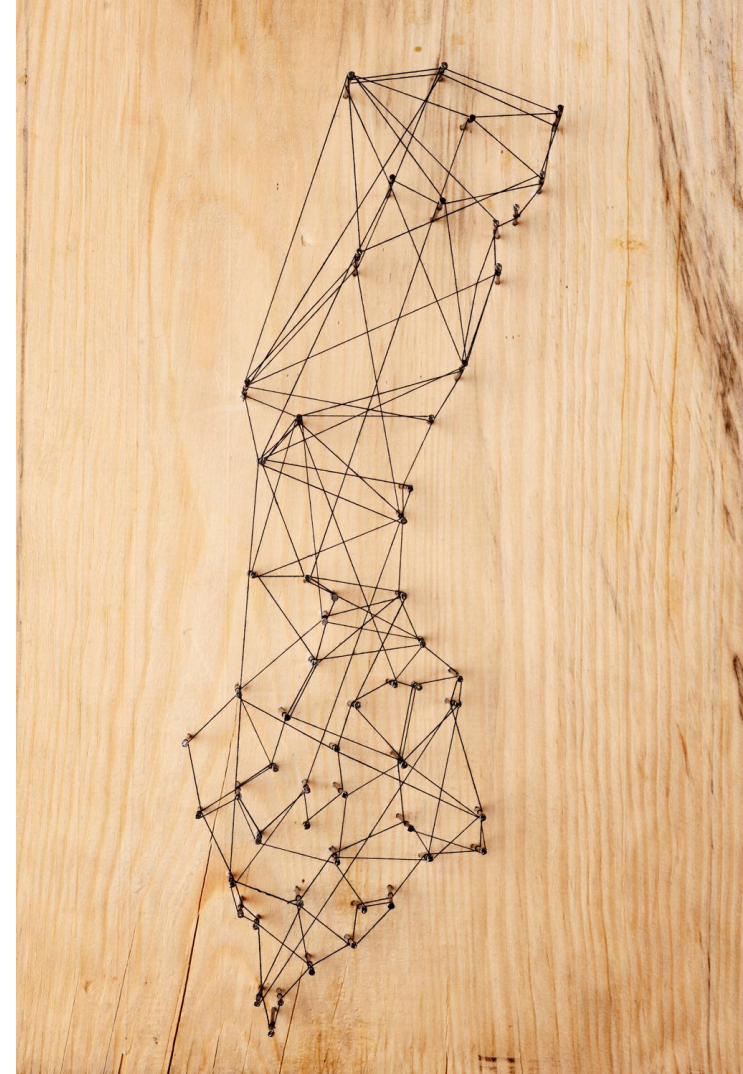


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Supporting strategic initiatives/measures

- Agreements with publishers that exclusively publish open access journals should be developed.
- Provide an independent publishing platform that also includes peer review of published articles. One possible route could be to join the EU platform, Open Research Europe (ORE).
- The possibilities for migrating researcher-owned journals from traditional publishers to other platforms should be expanded and encouraged.
- Continuing work on copyright issues for open access is important but dependent on international developments in the copyright field, mainly within the EU.



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Action plan – Bibsam Consortium

- The aim is to **facilitate the open publication of scholarly results**, to bring about a **redirection of payment streams** from a subscription-based to an open access publishing system and to **achieve transparency**, an overview of and **reduced expenses** for scholarly publishing.
- that the Consortium **should not sign agreements for reading and publishing in so-called hybrid journals**, and instead only negotiate for publication in open access journals; this approach should be implemented from 2026 and apply to all open journals, regardless of publisher
- that **new pathways to open publishing are promoted** and supported and **alternative business models** are developed, and that researcher-driven journals that want to migrate from traditional publishers to other platforms are supported
- that publication occurs under an **open license**, in accordance with the **FAIR principles**, and that copyright conditions to promote open access, for example via so-called **secondary publication rights**, are explored



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