Open Access in Belgium in International perspective

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Belgium’s Institutional Framework
Open Access in the French Community

Infrastructure and policy

- University repositories
- Compulsory archiving (6/12 month embargo)
- Grant based APC-funding with cap
- Cost for hybrid not eligible
Open Access in the French Community

The Marcourt Decree (October 5, 2016)

- Immediate publication of reference and metadata
- Compulsory deposit of Post Print
- If possible immediate publication of pub. Version, otherwise 6/12
- Imposing the ‘Liège Model’
Open Access in the Flemish Community

Infrastructure and policy

✓ University repositories
✓ Compulsory article archiving (1 year embargoes)
✓ Encouraged archiving for non-FWO financed publications
Open Access in the Flemish Community

Flemish Council for Science and Innovation Recommendation (October 3, 2016)

- Support Green OA
- Inspired by EC and Council of the EU Recommendation
- Request for establishment of Roadmap
- Request for creation of Taskforce
- Considering Secondary Publication Law
Open Access at the Federal Level

Infrastructure and policy

- BELSPO created a central repository
- Mandate similar to FNRS
- Quality and transparency requirements for Gold OA
Open Access at the Federal Level

Legislative initiatives

- Extending Legal Deposit obligation to online digital publications
- Royal Decree for author’s rights transfer to the State
2. History of Open Access in Belgium
The ‘driver’ project (2006)

- EC-funded project to create a single European Information Space for Scientific Communication
- Established an aggregated European network of newly created Open Access repositories
- Belgian partners were instrumental
The ‘driver’ project babies

- Signing of the Berlin Declaration (2007-8)
- Open Access Pilot in FP7 (2008)
- Open Access requirement in H2020 (2014)
- OpenAIRE Helpdesk (2010)
- Open Access Belgium (2011)
- EC Recommendation (2012)
- Brussels Declaration (2012)
Official Open Access business

- National consultation
- International consultation, representation, drafting of roadmaps and reporting
Questions ?
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