

ABOUT THE COALITION

Launched in 2018, cOAlition S emerged as an informal coalition of organisations that publicly expressed their intention to implement Plan S. What began as an initial collaboration of twelve funders has developed into a robust network of research funding and support organisations. Seven years later, the coalition is defining a new strategy plan and governance structure to take its work on open access forward, taking into account current scholarly publication models and emphasising the need for more sustainable and equitable models.

PURPOSE OF THE COALITION

- To align our policies and develop evidence-based implementation in accordance with the goal of a rapid, open, trustworthy and equitable scholarly communication system
- To share good practices, experiences and expertise
- To provide a clear common voice and direction around open scholarly communication
- To engage with relevant partners and develop communication strategies



OUR VISION

A scholarly communication system that enables rapid, open, transparent, and equitable sharing of trustworthy scientific knowledge.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority 1: strengthening the foundations for full, immediate, sustainable, and equitable open access of scholarly peer-reviewed articles

Focuses on fostering the best conditions for full, immediate, sustainable, and equitable open access. Involves enhancing internal collaboration and coordination mechanisms, reviewing foundational principles that guide the coalition's work in light of current scholarly publication models and future perspectives, both including more sustainable and equitable models (such as PRC, diamond open access and preprints) and new opportunities/challenges (e.g. artificial intelligence). Seeks to deepen strategic partnerships to align open access policies with other relevant policies, such as the reform of research assessment and researchers' careers.

Priority 2: supporting digital infrastructures that enable open access

Acknowledges that robust, accessible, and interoperable infrastructures are essential for the delivery and sustainability of open access. Includes actions to support funders to identify ways to enable the technical and service infrastructures that underpins immediate, free, sustainable, and equitable OA publishing and ensures long-term data preservation. Addresses the emerging challenges and opportunities posed by artificial intelligence in the context of open science, aiming to develop a shared understanding of how AI intersects with open copyright and data reuse practices.

Priority 3: exploring financially sustainable, equitable publishing systems and monitoring their progress and impact

Focuses on the long-term financial and operational sustainability and equity of open access publishing. Seeks to explore new models for funding scholarly communication and to establish effective mechanisms for monitoring the financial impact of OA policies.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- **2026-2027 (Phase 1):** Focus on foundational work, digital infrastructure, and membership services
- **2028-2030 (Phase 2):** Deepen engagement on equity and sustainability, based on Phase 1 outcomes