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2003

The Berlin Declaration on Open Access in the Sciences and Humanities is issued following a conference on OA hosted by the Max Planck Society and marks a key milestone in OA advocacy.

2006

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2009

DFG establishes an Open Access Publishing Program, allowing German institutions to set up institutional funds to support their researchers publishing OA.

2015

Max Planck and Springer Nature sign a Read and Publish Compact Open Access agreement, enabling Max Planck-affiliated authors to publish OA in over 1,600 Springer hybrid journals.

2016

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) becomes the first German national body to mandate OA for BMBF-funded publications.

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*Formal contract signed 8th January 2020*

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