

PROJEKT DEAL

This agreement provides OA publishing services and full reading access to Springer Nature journals for scholars and students from across the German research landscape. It is a giant step forward in the transition to OA, enabling greater visibility, impact, efficiency, transparency and sustainability in the dissemination of German research, for the benefit of researchers everywhere.

WHAT IS IT?

The world's largest transformative open access (OA) agreement to date.*

Signed between Springer Nature and MPDL (Max Planck Digital Library) Services GmbH on behalf of Projekt DEAL.

GERMANY'S ROAD TO DEAL

2003

The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge 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

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation, DFG), the largest German research funder, adopts an OA policy encouraging OA publication of publicly-funded research, making this the second OA policy with nation-wide impact.

2009

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

2015

Max Planck and Springer Nature sign a Read and Publish (Springer Compact) 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.

2020

Projekt DEAL and Springer Nature sign the world's largest transformative Publish and Read agreement to date, enabling authors at over 900 German institutions access to publish over 13,000 OA articles a year in Springer Nature's 2,000+ hybrid journals.

AGREEMENT TIMELINE:

Formal contract signed 8th January 2020

Builds on Memorandum of Understanding signed in August 2019

Publish and Read element effective from 1st January 2020

Fully OA element effective from 1st August 2020

HOW DOES DEAL BENEFIT GERMAN RESEARCH AND RESEARCHERS GLOBALLY?

Enhanced access to journal content

Access to immediate OA publication

Boosted visibility

Greater impact

Improved efficiency

A CLOSER LOOK AT DEAL

Open to

900+

publicly and privately funded academic, research and governmental institutions in Germany

- universities
- research institutions
- state and regional libraries
- university hospitals



13,000+

articles by German scholars and scientists will be published OA per year

Ability to publish accepted manuscripts immediate (gold) OA in both Springer Nature hybrid and fully OA journals,

OA

with the costs managed centrally by institutions



All disciplines able to PUBLISH OA, from medicine to humanities

Portfolio options covered in DEAL:

Fully OA Journals from



palgrave macmillan

All Hybrid Journals from



palgrave macmillan

& CO-PUBLISHED TITLES

& ACADEMIC JOURNALS

ALL PURE SUBSCRIPTION JOURNALS WITHOUT OA COMPONENT (reading access only)

READING ACCESS to around 2,500

Springer Nature hybrid and subscription journals



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* At time of signing, based on article volume