Implementing National Policies for Open Access to Scientific Information: the National Perspectives – the case of Greece

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(Part I)

- **General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT)** is the main public-funding organization and national policy maker for Research and Innovation.

- GSRT has been designated as the *National Point of Reference for Greece* following the relevant EC recommendation – COM(2012) 4890 – 17.7.2012.

- A **Working group** has been set up by GSRT, consisting of representatives of the main public stakeholders in GREECE in Open Access and its implementation:
  - ATHENA RESEARCH CENTER
  - GRNET, GREEK RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY NETWORK
  - HEAL Link, ACADEMIC LIBRARIES Link
  - NHRF/EKT NATIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTER
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- Consolidated state-of-play report & proposal for open access implementation at the national level *(in progress)*
  - Preparation of regulatory articles to be included in the Law for Research (revision 2013-2014)
  - Need to avoid fragmented initiatives of interested players and create a national policy for open access
  - Strategic support of sustainable e-infrastructures of national coverage and strong national interest for accessible / open data for all scientific areas *(will be part of the National Strategy for Research Infrastructures, which will further promote a “sharing” culture, Open Access perspectives and e-Science)*
- Steering Body will be established for:
  - Coordination of national and European activities related to Open Access
  - Facilitation of knowledge transfer among stakeholders
  - Consolidation of investment plans in e-infrastructures in relation to broader Digital Agenda initiatives
  - Monitoring and coordination of e-infrastructures for e-Science
- In parallel, guidelines will be formulated for coordination of repository building activities towards the implementation of open access policies / institutional repositories / self-archiving
GSRT supports all the national initiatives of the Open Access movement and actively promotes the coordination of all initiatives

• Three intervention levels
  – National level - Institutional framework
  – The State’s players
  – Measures for publicly-funded scientific research actions
Measures for publicly-funded scientific research programmes

- Provisions from GSRT for the next research programmes such as:

  “All research bodies (Centers and UNIV) to deposit the published work in repositories”

  with obligation in implementation the guidance of the programmes to be included in the revision of the Law for Research
Action Plan

• GSRT completes an action plan, which includes:
  
  – Harmonization, implementation and reporting of measures listed in the recommendations of the EU Paper
    
    – Establishment of a monitoring and coordination mechanism, in relation to e-infrastructures
  
  – Consolidation of the views of stakeholders through the distribution of distinct roles and responsibilities – Steering Body for the implementation of open access policies
  
  – A roadmap of measures for the support of a consistent framework for access to and the preservation of scientific information, as an output of publicly-funded research in Greece
  
  – Formulation of the regulatory framework for open access implementation, related to public-funded research (draft regulation to be open for consultation at the end 2013)
Thank You!