The impact of Plan S: a discussion on findings so far

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Background

- The Plan S Implementation Guidelines committed cOAlition S to “conclude [before the end of 2024] a formal review process that examines the requirements, effects, and impact of Plan S”.
- To undertake this review, we ran a public procurement process to identify potential suppliers.
- Scidecode Science Consulting, led by Pablo de Castro, have been contracted to undertake this review.
- The report and all data used to support the findings will be openly shared.

The review of the impact of Plan S is funded by the European Union.
Key questions the study will address (1 of 2)

1. To assess the impact Plan S has had on the scholarly communication ecosystem and facilitating research to be published Open Access. *This must be considered from a global perspective (not just countries where cOAlition S has a footprint).*

2. To provide an analysis of the likely progress towards full and immediate access had Plan S (and cOAlition S) NOT existed, using the techniques of counterfactual impact evaluation (or similar).
Key questions the study will address (2 of 2)

Review the effect **transformative arrangements**, as well as the option of providing immediate Open Access to subscription content via open repositories, have had on achieving a transition to full and immediate Open Access.

Identify those areas where cOAlition S has been effective and ineffective in meeting its objectives.

Looking to the future, provide recommendations on how to build on the achievements of cOAlition S.
## Impact of Plan S review: timeline

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