



Plan S

Making full & immediate
Open Access a reality

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)

3

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.

4

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

5

Looking to the future, provide recommendations on how to build on the achievements of cOAlition S.

Impact of Plan S review: timeline

Date	Action
September 2023	Scidecode contracted to undertake study
May 2024	Draft report (shared internally)
June 2024	Final report to be shared with cOAlition S
October 2024	Conclusions to be discussed by cOAlition S Leaders' Group