

**Open Access in the Mediterranean Countries: France** 

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## French public research environment

- Three main types of organisations: universities (~80), research institutions (26),
   « grandes écoles » (> 200) particular role of CNRS
- Very high number of joint research teams (unités mixtes de recherche)
   development of big research and higher education entities (PRES)
- Main funding body: ANR (Agence Nationale de la Recherche National Research Agency)
- Over 200 institutions are members of the COUPERIN academic consortium
- Since 2007: Law of autonomy of universities



More than 85 000 publications in 2011 – rank 6 worldwide (source: SCR/Scopus)



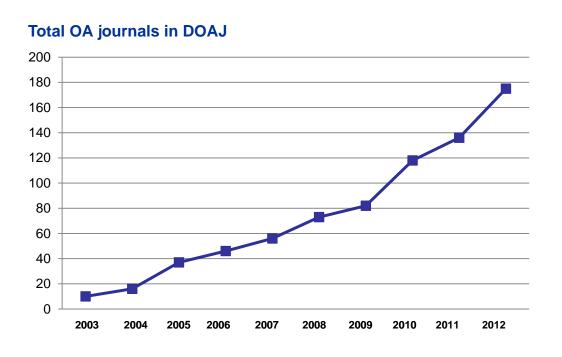
## **Open Access Journals**

Sources: DOAJ, I-revues, Revues.org

• 175 OA journals in DOAJ in 2013 (plus 105 in *revues.org* + ~40 in *I-Revues* + ??)

over 300 French OA journals

- 75 % of DOAJ journals in Humanities and Social Sciences
- Several major French platforms offer embargoed journals and/or digitised journal collections
- Very few hybrid models (essentially STM journals)





#### **Publishers' OA Policies**

based on results from 30 publishers, with 252 journals in total

- PUBLISHERS WITH SELF-ARCHIVING PERMISSION: 72 %
- JOURNALS WITH SELF-ARCHIVING PERMISSION: 82% stage two version: 78%, publisher version: 41% without embargo: 42%

but conditions often not available on website

- MAJORITY OF LONG EMBARGO PERIODS (average of 24 months) most publishers in Humanities & Social Sciences
- REQUIREMENT TO SIGN A PUBLISHING CONTRACT: 78 % 57% require exclusive transfer of copyright
- STANDARD LICENSE for OA publishing: 37 % almost exclusively Creative Commons



### **Open Access Repositories**

Sources: COUPERIN, HAL, OA Tracker

according to COUPERIN survey: 89 institutional repositories in France
 30 additional current projects



La mise en ligne est assuiettie à une modération. la direction de HAL se réservant le droit de



### OA Policies – RPOs and research funders

Source: MedOANet and COUPERIN surveys

#### **RPOs:**

- About 75% of responding institutions have an OA policy
   8% are planning to implement one
- For self-archiving in repositories: no formal mandate, but
  - quasi-obligation (strong push): 30%
  - incentive measures: 45%
  - free choice: 25%

 Rather weak involvement of researchers themselves

92 % don't have policies for APC funding

**Research funders:** No responses to the MedOANet survey, not even from ANR (and so far no participation in the national Task Force...)

Nevertheless ANR encourages deposit of publications from funded projects in open archives, in HAL in particular.



# French Open access milestones

- 2000-2001: Creation of the CCSD and development of HAL
- 2003: Signing of the Berlin Declaration (CNRS, Inserm)
- 2005: A common policy for 4 research organisations
- June 2006: Signing of a national Memorandum of Understanding
- 2008: National working group on Open Access (GF)
- 2010: Alhambra Declaration
- 2010: Digital Scientific Library (Bibliothèque Scient
- 2012: Héloïse platform



January 2013: Statement by the French Ministry of Research





### **Current projects**

- Renewal of the formal agreement on national coordination of open archiving policies around HAL (within the BSN 4 initiative)
- OpenEdition platform: the Freemium model



- Isidore: Unified access to various kind of resources and services in Humanities and Social Sciences
   isidore
- Participation in the SCOAP3 consortium (Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics)
- Development of Green OA (and discussions with publishers on embargo periods)
- Support of Gold OA wherever this is chosen by scientific communities assistance to negotiation of licences and costs
- Promotion of the platinum road
- Optimisation of the HAL platform
- Establish a national model of publishing contract
- Redefine the role of scientific output in the evaluation processes
- Cooperation with national publishers on improved outreach at international level

of overlay journals)





## Participation in European projects

2006: DRIVER
 Digital Repository Infrastructure
 Vision for European Research
 CNRS



2011: MedOANet
 Mediterranean Open Access Network
 CNRS

2008: PEER
 Publishing and the Ecology of European Research

**INRIA** 

2008: COMMUNIA
 European Thematic Network on the
 Digital Public Domain
 University of Paris II, CNRS

2010: OpenAIRE

• 2011: OpenAIREplus Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe

**COUPERIN** 

2011: OAPEN
 Open Access Publishing in European Networks
 Lyon University Press