

**Research Information Network: Economics and Cost of the Scholarly Communications Process**

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CEPA advised the Research Information Network (RIN) on the costs and funding flows of the scholarly communications process value chain. Key tasks included identifying and measuring the cash and non-cash costs incurred by all participants involved in the various activities of the scholarly communication process – from research production, publishing, distribution, to the access and usage of academic research articles. The further objective of the assignment was to identify the sources and volumes of funding made available to meet these costs. In this context, CEPA assessed the UK's share of the cash and non-cash costs incurred and funding to the system. CEPA developed a financial model to systematically capture all costs and funding flows, and account for possible scenarios in the scholarly communication system (e.g. a shift in publishing business model from subscription to author-side payment, a move towards electronic-only publishing, etc). CEPA's report on activities, costs and funding flows in the scholarly communications system in the UK will be published shortly by the RIN.

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