

Title: Transition dynamics of improving access to research papers

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Client: Research Information Network; the Joint Information Systems Committee; the Wellcome Trust; Research Libraries UK; and the Publishing Research Consortium.

Country / Region: United Kingdom

CEPA and Mark Ware Consulting have been engaged by Research Information Network and the Funding Group to study the dynamics of improving access to research papers. The aim of this study as set out in the terms of reference is to:

“ provide evidence that will help the different constituencies involved in scholarly communications... to understand better the dynamics of the transitions needed to improve access to research papers in a variety of ways, and the costs, benefits, opportunities and risks that this entails.”

In order to do this, the main part of our analysis will involve developing and modelling a series of plausible, 5-year scenarios based around four ‘routes’ to access: Green OA; Gold OA; licensing; and transactional.

We prepared an Issues Paper, for the project sponsors, setting out our initial thoughts on the dimensions of the scenarios and high-level principles to inform their development. The scenarios presented in the paper are not definitive, and the actual scenarios will be developed in the light of consultation responses (a consultation document was prepared, which sets out some high level questions for interviewees).

We would be grateful for any comments on the principle and scenarios outlined in the paper. Please email these to Joel Cook at CEPA (joel.cook@cepa.co.uk)

Links:

- [Issues Paper](#)
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