



# Open Access to Scientific Information and Research Concept and Policies

## Serbia

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# Current status of OA developments

- ✓ OA is topic for ten years
- ✓ journals - excellent (DOAJ 79), repositories - good
- ✓ librarians are promoters
- ✓ more than good, but not excellent
- ✓ there are:
  - ✓ some regional cooperation
  - ✓ some legislative (must be more)
  - ✓ some support (need much more)

# Key national projects

Major players (organizations and institutions)

## DOI Serbia

- repository of scientific local publishing journal (60)
- period 2002 - today (cca 22000 articles)
- create metadata and deposit to CrossRef (and as add on into DOAJ, Europeana, ...)

National Library of Serbia developed and maintained the whole system

Support: Government (Ministry responsible for science)

# Key national projects

## Legal deposit of publication

Deposition of the digital copy of the printed publication, publisher can choose to depose it with the possibility of Open Access

Number of deposits: 10200

In Open Access: 2500

# Key national projects

Thesis (not enough, and not on the national level)

Mathematical Faculty

SASA - Institute of Technical Sciences

University of Novi Sad

# Key national projects

**Supporting Serbian journals publishers to switch to article processing charges OA model - a case study from Serbia** - economic position of journal publishers struck by the budget crisis, so they can keep practicing OA publishing (CEON)

**New Library Services at Western Balkan Universities** - had a goal to implement new library ILS service - COBISS 3 and to establish the system for archiving and use of digital objects (Tempus - 3 Serbian Universities)

# Legislative

Berlin declaration on Open Access to Scientific Knowledge - signed by Belgrade University (this year will be signed by University of Novi Sad)

Legal deposit of publication (October 2011)

Scientific journals supported by the Government must be deposited in Repository of National Library (from 2005)

# Potential barriers

Lack of knowledge in the researcher community about all the benefits (for them and for country)

Librarians are familiar with the OA phrase but they don't know the full meaning (curriculum)

Government waits for our initiative to propose mandate OA

Finally, OA cost and it's hard to find funds



# Desired developments

Follow and learn from positive experience in more developed scientific communities (CS 39, FP)

Promote and teach researchers about benefits of OA

Mandate OA in public funded projects (98% of money come from Government)

Changes in Library and Information Science curriculum i.e. to teach new generations of librarians about OA importance

# New Initiatives in Data Sets

Thomson Data Citation Index

Collection of UpMeta Journals

Journals of Open:

Archaeology

Psychology

Public Health

Research Software

Data