

Austria's comments on the first draft of the UNESCO recommendation on open science

We welcome the first draft of the recommendation. It is encouraging that IP and OS, above all in paragraphs 10 and 14, are presented as compatible and not as contradictory, which is reflected in the sentence "as open as possible, as closed as necessary". The attempts at both covering the implications of Open Science on the entire innovation chain and discussing the interaction with open innovation (paragraphs 22 & 23) are appreciated, to mention but two positive aspects outlined in the current draft.

We would like to make the following comment on paragraph 12 (vii): Within the research community, there are some concerns that this specific point may be too general. Currently, there are publishers promoting their support of open access but still making money from research publications - either authors have to pay or readers have to pay. This may be a hindrance to researchers all over the world, in particular to researchers who do not work for an institution paying for open access. To find an appropriate balance it is vital that the document proposes more specific measures.

We would be grateful if you could confirm that you have well received our comments.

Best regards,

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