

German Consortium for Publishing in Open Access Journals

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- **Project goal:**
Create prerequisites for the large-scale open access transformation in Germany
- **Working Package 4:**
Analysing financial flows, shaping financial models, and consultation with funders

Proposal


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- Inspired by SCOAP³
- Targeting German corresponding authors
- Financing publications in open-access journals, particularly of genuine open-access publishers


Current Situation for APC-based OA journals in Germany

Agreements / funds	Conditions
Publication funds at about half of the universities, mostly DFG-funded	Price cap at EUR 2,000 incl. VAT
Publish-and-read agreement between Wiley and project DEAL since 2019	All OA journals with 20% discount on list-price APCs
Memorandum of understanding between Springer Nature and project DEAL to sign a publish-and-read agreement in 2019	
Individual payments by reserachers	No regulation, no monitoring

Publish and Read Agreements (PAR)

- Publishing is without costs and administrative burden for authors
 - Resources for PAR agreements come mainly from library acquisition budgets
 - No strict price caps
 - No restrictions on OA journals
 - Huge coverage (potentially about 700 Universities and research institutions)
-  Conditions every OA publisher would dream of!

Further Developments in Germany

- Efforts to negotiate transformative agreements with other big publishers
 - Max Planck Society already has transformative agreements with several publishers
 - From 2020 researches can easily comply with OA mandates of research funders by publishing OA in Springer Nature or Wiley OA or hybrid journals without using own funds
 - DFG-funding of publication funds is running out
-  Big threat for genuine OA publishers!

What should genuine OA publishers do?

- Strive for a deal with a national OA agreement!
- Reach out for library acquisition funds!

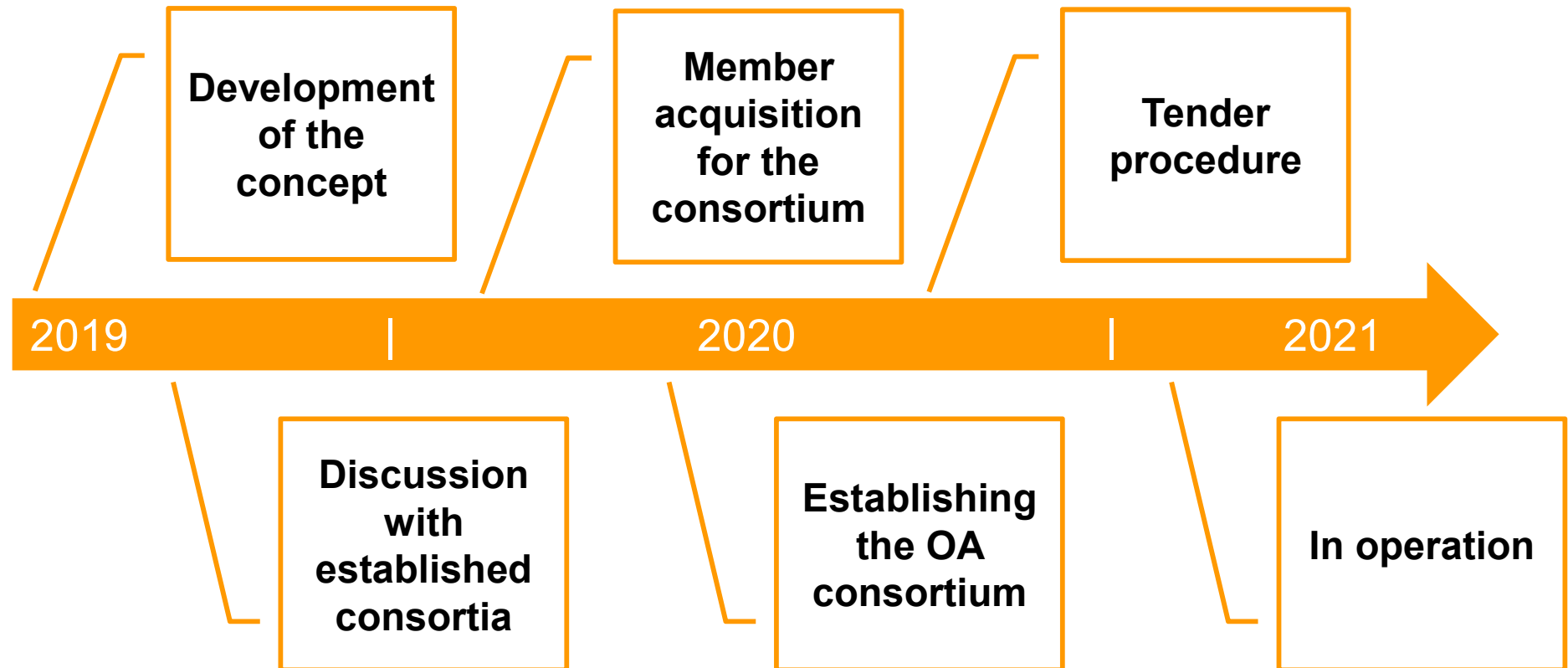
What should libraries do?

- Anchor funding of open-access publishing associated with APCs in their institutions!
- Transform library acquisition funds from subscriptions to OA funding!

How to?

- Libraries constitute a “German Consortium for Publishing in Open Access Journals”
- Coverage: about 5,000 articles per year
- Tender procedure
- Closed-envelope bids from publishers for their open-access journals, containing
 - APCs levels
 - Service levels
- Tenders of publishers offering best value for money are accepted → 3-years contracts

Timeline



Questions?

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