

# Dissemination & Exploitation of results and Open Access

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Implementing your project also involves activities for disseminating and exploiting its results and providing open access to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results.

## **DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION OF RESULTS**

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**Dissemination of results:** Unless it goes against their legitimate interests, each beneficiary must - as soon as possible - disseminate its results by disclosing them to the public by appropriate means (other than those resulting from protecting or exploiting the results), including in scientific publications (in any medium).

To learn more about dissemination of results, please read [Article 29 of the H2020 Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#).

**Exploitation of results:** Each beneficiary must - up to four years after the period set out in Article 3 - take measures aiming to ensure exploitation of its results (either directly or indirectly, in particular through transfer or licensing; see Article 30) by:

- using them in further research activities (outside the action);
- developing, creating or marketing a product or process;
- creating and providing a service, or
- using them in standardisation activities.

To learn more about exploitation of results, please read [Article 28 of the H2020 Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#).

## **OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH DATA**

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### **What is Open Access (OA)?**

OA = providing online access at no charge to the user

- to peer-reviewed scientific publications
- to research data

### **What OA is NOT:**

- Not an obligation to publish
- Not at odds with patenting

- OA publications undergo the same peer review process

### **Open access to publications - two main OA publishing business models**

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- **Self-archiving**: deposit of manuscripts & immediate/delayed OA provided by author ("Green OA"), often after embargo period set by the (non-OA) publisher
- **OA publishing**: costs covered & immediate OA provided by publisher ("Gold OA")

For Horizon 2020, providing open access to publications in funded projects is an **obligation** for all grants.

### **Open access to research data - pilot project in Horizon 2020**

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For the details on open access applicable to beneficiaries in projects funded under Horizon 2020, please see the [Guidelines on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data](#).

Horizon 2020 will have a limited pilot action on open access to research data. Participating projects will be required to develop a [Data Management Plan \(DMP\)](#), in which they will specify what data will be open: detailing what data the project will generate, whether and how it will be exploited or made accessible for verification and re-use, and how it will be curated and preserved.

The scope of Pilot is also indicated in the [introduction to the Horizon 2020 Work Programme](#) and in the above Guidelines on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data.

The H2020 Online Manual is work in progress; this chapter will be extended with further content as soon as possible.