Research in Belgium
A brief introduction

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Institutional Belgium

Competences over research are scattered
Belgian institutional landscape

BELGIUM
FEDERAL STATE

COMMUNITIES
FLEMISH COMMUNITY
FRENCH COMMUNITY
GERMAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

REGIONS
FLEMISH REGION
BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION
WALLOON REGION
Research in Belgium

Industry (Applied Research Centres)

: Regions
Research in Belgium

Culture, education and research (Universities/fundamental research + funders + research institutions)

: Language Communities
Research in Belgium

Research fields defined by national purpose and international commitments (Federal Research Institutions)

: Federal Authority
Open Access policies in Belgium

Multiple Open science policies at university and funder level
Open Science at the federal and national levels in Belgium

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Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)  
Open Access policy

- Applicable to 10 Federal Research Institutions
- Compulsory archiving (6/12 month embargoes)
- Grant money may cover up to € 1300 for APC
- Quality and transparency requirements for Gold
- Cost for hybrid not eligible
- Evaluation based on Orfeo drawn bibliography
National law for Secondary Publication Right

- Authors of scientific articles, financed by the public sector retain the right to make a Post Print available in Open Access even if otherwise stipulated in their contract with the publisher

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Extension of the national Legal Deposit law

- The deposit of any document published in Belgium or by Belgians in the Legal Deposit at the Royal Library is compulsory. This law was extended a first time to digital memories like CDs and DVD’s. Now it is extended to online content, which includes scientific publications in Open Access.

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Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO) Open Access repository

- In order to enable authors to comply with BELSPO’s Open Access policy, a central Open Access repository was created.
- Hosted by the Royal Library
- Will feed on common pool with Legal Deposit

https://orfeo.kbr.be
Welcome to Orfeo, the institutional Open Access repository for Federal Science Policy funded research. This repository gives free access to results of scientific research which was financed by the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office, by its Scientific Institutions or by the Botanic Garden in Meise.

Open Access Progress

6855 items have been submitted in ORFEO
3722 items in ORFEO have full text
Submit your publication to Orfeo

Federal organisations in ORFEO

Belnet
Belspo
Botanic Garden Meise
Belgian federal Public Sector Information (PSI) repository

- Task force composed of the DG Digital Transformation of the federal Policy and Support Dept. and of the federal Agency for Administrative Simplification
Belgian federal Public Sector Information (PSI) repository

Data, tools and resources. More than 8000 datasets.
Belgian federal Science Cloud

- Federal Transversal ICT project
- Includes PSI, Open Research Data and Open Access to publications
- Participation of Belnet, the Belgian national internet provider for educational institutions, research centres, universities and government services

Pending
Open Access Belgium

- Informal Advocacy website
- Maintained by the Ghent and Liège university libraries
- Initiators of the 2012 Brussels Declaration on Open Access
DMPbelgium

- Consortium
- All universities (-KUL) and some research institutions
- Consult to produce a set of standard DMP’s on line
- Use British developed DMPonline OS software
- Move to develop national platform