

Will There Be Any Transformation or Are We Stuck with the Transformative Agreements?

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Influences Open Science



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Leadership is needed

"Stockholm University advocates the availability of its research and research results through a research and education environment that promotes, encourages and informs about open science as a practice"

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AUG. 2016

Give Open Access and Open Science the Attention they Deserve

Astrid Söderbergh Widding, Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University

In the middle of the transformation...

UNESCO

EU

Gouvernement



Different organisations with different policies

- Horizon Europe, EUA, Lercu, OA200, PlanS, All universities and many more!
- We haven't aligned to one policy
- As we're not united it is hard to put pressure on the publishers

The Governments' Research & Innovation Bill 2021-2024

- The government sees a need to **update the national direction for open science** to align with Horizon Europe. Publications, which are the result of publically funded research, shall be **immediately open access with effect from 2021**.
- It is important to **follow up and measure the national work for an open science system** in a comprehensive manner. It is also of great importance that the **policies of research funders and HEIs for open access to publications and research data are harmonized as far as possible**.
- HEIs and research funders also has a responsibility to **design clear incentives that promote open science**.

(p. 101-102)

*Research, freedom,
future – knowledge
and innovation for
Sweden*
Prop. 2020/21:60

Government Directive 2021 to HEIs

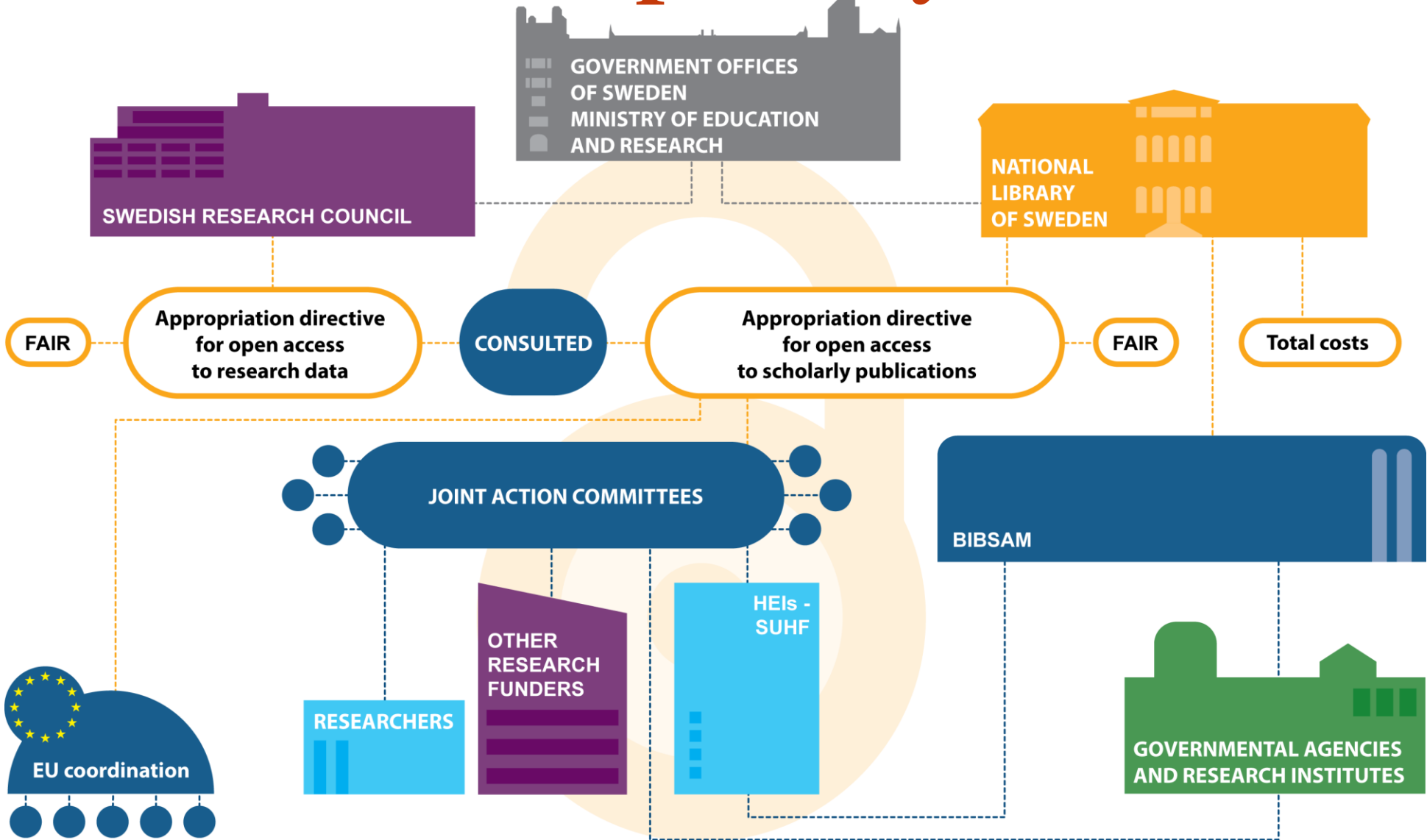
Develop the work with open science

- **Universities and colleges** should continue to **develop the work with open science** in order for the activities to contribute to **achieving the national direction for an open science system** (Bill 2020/21: 60).
- The work includes contributing material to the Swedish Research Council and the National Library of Sweden's respective directive on coordination of work for open access.

(From the appropriation directive April 2021)



Swedish OA Landscape - Key Stakeholders



SUHF and Bibsam Consortium

- Swedish Rectors Conference (SUHF)
- Library director forum, Open Science group
- Strategic discussions about scholarly communications
- Important to have university management engaged in negotiations with publishers
- 44 agreements including 21 transformative agreements and 3 with OA publishers/portfolios
- Turnover approx. € 48,7 million
- Governed by a steering committee, 7 representatives, chaired by a University President



<https://www.kb.se/bibsamconsortium>

2014

SCOAP³

2015

RSC Gold4Gold

SCOAP³

2016

RSC Gold4Gold

SCOAP³

Springer Compact (juli 2016)

2017

IOP offset

RSC Gold4Gold

SCOAP³

Springer Compact

2018

De Gruyter offset

Frontiers (juli 2018)

IOP offset

RSC Read & Publish

SCOAP³

Springer Compact

Taylor & Francis

2019

AIP

CUP

De Gruyter offset

Frontiers

IOP offset

Mark Allen Healthcare

OUP

RSC Read & Publish

SCOAP³

Springer Compact

Springer Nature Fully OA (juli 2019)

Taylor & Francis

2020

ACS

AIP

APS

CUP

De Gruyter offset

Elsevier

Frontiers

IOP offset

Karger

Mark Allen Healthcare

OUP

RSC Read & Publish

SAGE + Royal Society of Medicine

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SPIE

Springer Compact

Springer Nature Fully OA

Taylor & Francis

Wiley

2021

ACS

AIP

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BMJ

Brill

CUP

De Gruyter Read & Publish

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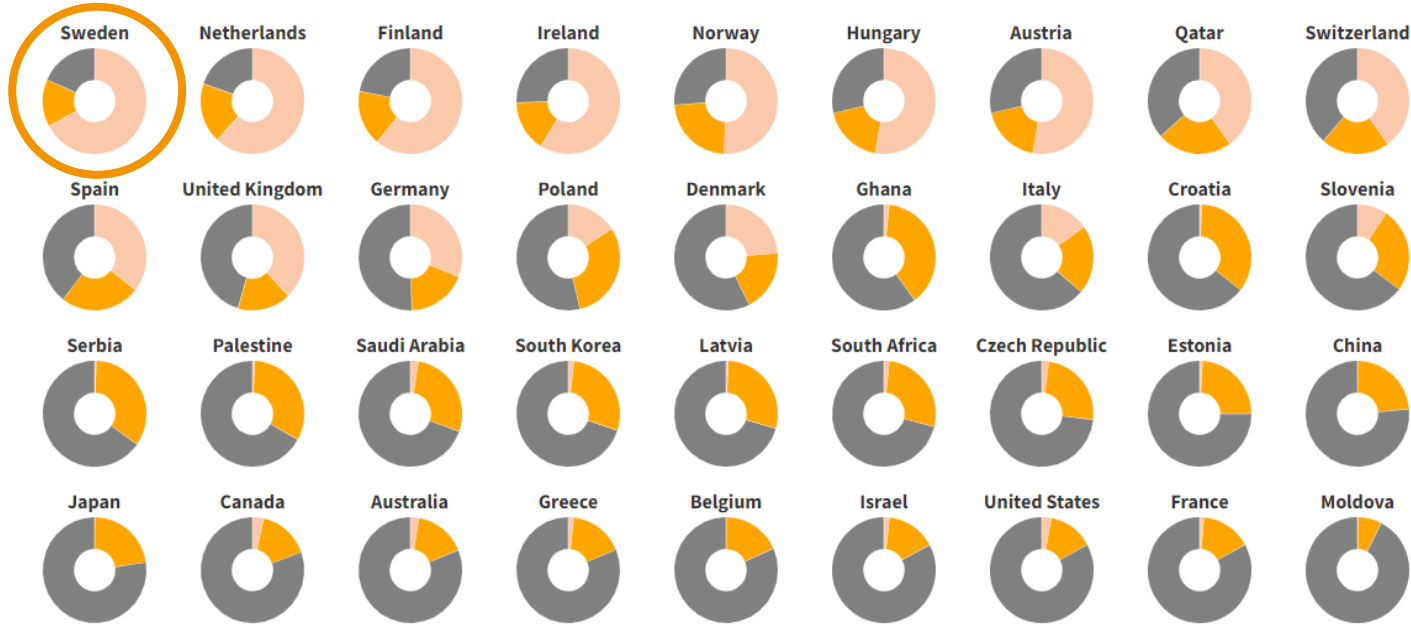
Wiley

New agreements 2022

- Springer Nature, Nature-titlarna
- ACM
- PLOS
- MDPI

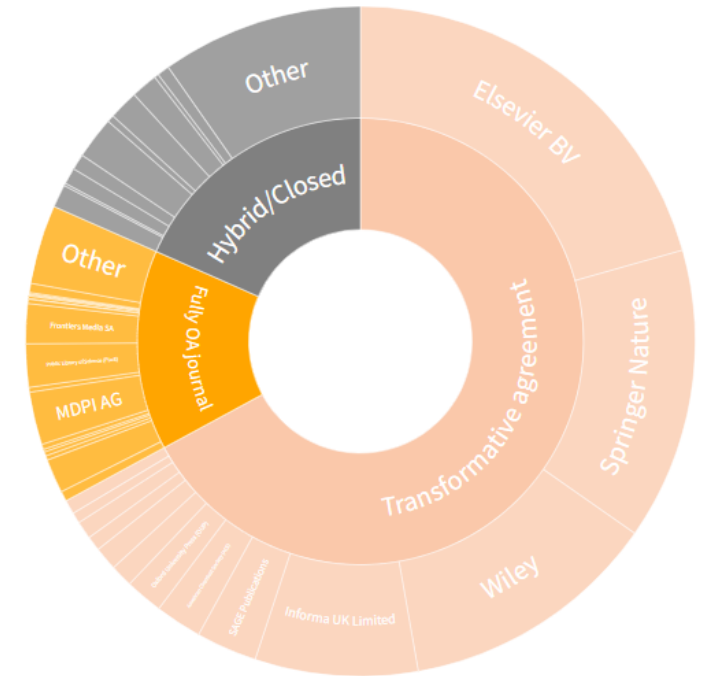
Sweden – international comparison

■ Transformative agreement
 ■ Fully OA journal
 ■ Hybrid/Closed



Source: <https://github.com/subugoe/oa2020cadata/>, ESAC Transformative Agreement Registry
 Last updated: 11-01-2022

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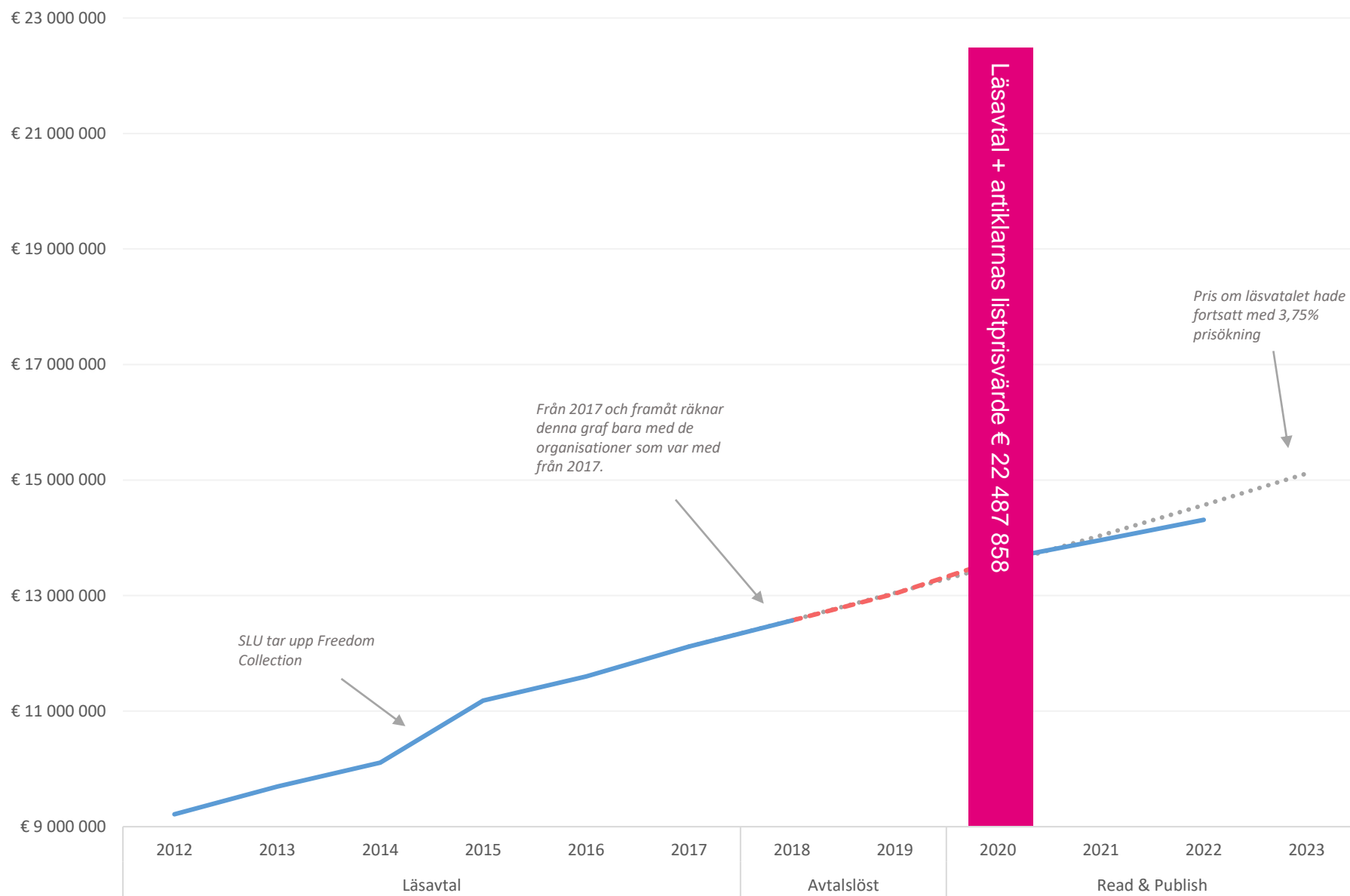


• A Flourish chart



<https://esac-initiative.org/market-watch/>

Elsevier tidskrifter prisutveckling



Beyond the Transformative Agreements

- Aim

To work out a strategy for the consortia when negotiating new agreements after 2024. The strategy will be mandated from the management of the universities.

The group will also investigate alternative publishing routes and give suggestions on such.

- Time frame

From March 2021 till December 2023.

- Membership

University management, researchers, funders and negotiators



Will there be any transformation?

- Very few publishers want to change their business models
- Many publishers start new journals behind the pay wall
- Business models built on print spend and APC-spend
- APC prices increase
- No transparency about what we are paying for
- Is the APC-model sustainable for the future?
- Different policies

How can we get a transformation

- International discussions and cooperation
- Investigate and build alternative publishing routs
- RRS strategies
- Put presure on the publishers to be transparent about their cost models
- Be ready to walk away from the negotiation table
- If we don ´t act there will be no transformation
- Take the ownership of the publishing system back to the academia
- Investigate and build alternative publishing routs
- It is the researchers behavior that can change the system

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