
Coordinating Open Access in Sweden

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Proceedings for open access in Sweden (publications and research data)

- July 2012 – Recommendations from EC to member states
- Oct 2012 – first time open access is addressed in a Swedish Research Bill
- Jan 2013 – Appropriation directives to Swedish Research Council & National Library of Sweden to propose national guidelines for open access to scientific information
- Jan 2015 – proposal submitted to the Government
- Nov 2016 – national goal for open access stated in the Swedish Research Bill
- 2017 – Government's assignment to NLS to nationally coordinate open access to scholarly publications. Parallel assignment to SRC to coordinate open access to research data. NLS and SRC shall do this in mutual consultation with each other.

Swedish Research Bill 2016:17/50

Knowledge in Collaboration

- Openness is default, closedness is an exception
- Open access to scholarly publications and research data (and artistic works)
- All scientific publications resulting from research financed with public funds shall be published immediately open access
- The transition should be fully realised within 10 years (publications & research data) (2026)
- In some discipline the transition might go faster – which is positive
- A shared responsibility for all stakeholders within the research system to work towards the goal
- Clear incentives for open access publishing are missing

Appropriation directive to NLS

Appropriation directive to act as a national coordinating body in the work towards a transition to open access to scholarly publications. (2017)

”The National Library of Sweden shall coordinate the implementation of principles for open access to scholarly publications and do this in consultation with the Swedish Research Council”

Five studies on open access (2017-2019)

A number of obstacles were identified in the Swedish Research Council's report "Proposal to National Guidelines for Open Access to Scientific Information" (2015).

On the basis of this NLS has initiated and coordinates five working groups for the following studies concerning:

- *The current merit and resource allocation system versus incentives for open access*
- *Funding for a transition from a subscription-based to an open access publishing system*
- *Open access to scholarly monographs*
- *Financial and technical support for converting peer-reviewed and scholarly journals from toll access to open access*
- *Monitoring of compliance with open access policies and mandates*

National coordination 2017-2019

Five working groups

Representation from main Swedish stakeholders:

- the Association of Swedish Higher Education - e.g. vice rectors, library directors
- Research funders - e.g. secretary generals, open access experts, bibliometricians
- Researchers - HSS & STEM, both senior and ECR:s
- the National Library of Sweden – open access team and research support

The working groups will write recommendations & suggest national solutions.

NLS produces a final report and approaches the Swedish Government – what is needed in Sweden in order to reach the national goal?

Open Access Advisory Group

An open access advisory group has been established with representation from:

- the Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF)
- the Swedish Research Council (VR)
- the Swedish Society for Humanities and Social Sciences (RJ)
- Young Academy of Sweden (SUA)
- the Association of Swedish Special Libraries

Current chair is Astrid Söderbergh Widding, Vice-chancellor of Stockholm University.

Internal NLS group

NLS representatives act as secretaries and responsible writers in the working groups

In consultation with Swedish Research Council

Appropriation directive to the Swedish Research Council:

To act as a national coordinating body in the work open research data. Do this in consultation with the National Library of Sweden, HEI's and the National Archive (2017)

Consultation meetings every second month – NLS, SCR & NA

Discussions on e.g F.A.I.R.-principles

Planning for a joint national Open Science conference in 2018

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