Full List of Consultation Questions

Background Information Questions

To enable UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to effectively analyse responses from different stakeholder groups, respondents are requested to provide some background information about themselves. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory. In the online response for some questions, including mandatory questions, will only appear for specific types of respondent.

I. Please provide a named contact and email address so that UKRI can contact you regarding your responses. *

II. Please indicate if you are also happy for UKRI to contact you about the outcomes of the consultation. *

III. Please indicate who you are responding on behalf of. *
   a. Yourself as an individual
   b. An organisation
   c. Other (including part of an organisation, department, informal group) – please specify type:

IV. Please specify the name of your organisation. *

V. Please specify the name of your group/department. *

VI. Please specify which country you, your organisation or your group are based in.

VII. Which disciplinary area(s) would you associate you, your organisation or your group with? Please select all that apply. *
   a. Arts and humanities
   b. Medicine, health and life sciences
   c. Physical sciences, engineering and mathematics
   d. Social sciences
   e. Interdisciplinary research
   f. Not applicable
If you, your organisation or your group is responding on behalf of a specific discipline within an area indicated above, please describe it using a maximum of five key words separated by spaces:

VIII. What best describes the capacity in which you, your organisation or your group are responding? *

a. Researcher(s)
b. Publisher (including employees and representative bodies)
c. Learned society or academy with an in-house publishing arm (including employees)
d. Learned society or academy which outsources publishing to a third party (including employees)
e. Learned society or academy which does not publish (including employees)
f. Providers of scholarly communication infrastructure or services (including employees and representative bodies)
g. Library or research management (including departments, employees and representative bodies)
h. Higher education institute (HEI) (including departments, employees and representative bodies)
i. Business that conducts, uses or publishes research and/or innovation (including employees and representative bodies)
j. Research and/or innovation funder (including employees and representative bodies)
k. Member(s) of the public
l. Other research performing organisation (including departments, employees and representative bodies) - please specify:
m. Other user or producer of research outputs - please specify:
n. Other - please specify:

IX. UKRI will share responses to this consultation (excluding personal data) with its sponsor department, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and other UK government departments and agencies, to explore OA issues. Have you or members of your group applied or been part of an application for grant funding from the following? If applicable, please select all that apply.

a. UKRI (including AHRC, BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, Innovate UK, MRC, NERC, Research England, STFC, as well as predecessor bodies, HEFCE and RCUK)
b. UK Space Agency
c. Department for International Development (DFID) and subsidiary bodies
d. Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) including National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and other subsidiary bodies
If you or members of your group have applied or been part of an application for grant funding from other UK government departments or their subsidiary bodies, please specify the awarding body:

X. If responding on behalf of a company, please provide your Company Registration Number (if known):

XI. If responding on behalf of a charity, please provide your Charity Registration Number (if known):

XII. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please indicate your staff headcount (if known).

a. \( \geq 250 \) (large business)

b. \(< 250 \) (medium-sized business)

c. \(< 50 \) (small business)

d. \(< 10 \) (micro business)

XIII. If applicable, which researcher career stage(s) do you, your organisation or your group represent? Select all that apply.

a. Postgraduate researcher

b. Post-doctoral researcher

c. Research leader (responsible for intellectual leadership and overall management of research projects)

d. Other (including retired researcher, citizen researcher) – please specify:
Section A: Research Articles

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it is clear what research articles are in-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy (see paragraph 46 of the consultation document)? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

If anything is unclear, please explain why (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q2. Are there any additional considerations that the UK HE funding bodies should take into account when defining research articles that will be in-scope of the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Please see paragraphs 29-31 of the consultation document before answering this question.

Q3. In setting its policy, should UKRI consider any other venues for peer-reviewed research articles which are not stated in paragraph 47 of the consultation document? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (700 characters maximum, approximately 100 words).

Q4. Are there any specific challenges for you, your community or your organisation in terms of complying with the requirement in UKRI’s proposed policy for immediate OA of in-scope research articles? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. UKRI notes that there will be a period allowing for implementation before the policy comes into force (see paragraph 70 of the consultation document). (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words.)

Q5. Should UKRI’s OA policy require a version of all in-scope research articles to be deposited in a repository, irrespective of whether the version of record is made OA via a journal or publishing platform? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (700 characters maximum, approximately 100 words).

Please note that some Research Councils already require articles to be deposited in specific repositories, as detailed in the terms and conditions of funding. UKRI does not expect this to change.

Q6. For research articles, are there any additional considerations relating to OA routes, publication venues and embargo periods that the UK HE funding bodies
Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree that where compliance with UKRI’s OA policy is achieved via a repository, a CC BY licence (or Open Government Licence where needed) should be required for the deposited copy? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither Agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t Know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that UKRI’s OA policy should have a case-by-case exception allowing CC BY-ND for the version of record and/or author’s accepted manuscript. Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer. UKRI particularly welcomes evidence supporting: specific cases where ND is considered necessary; an ND exception not being necessary; any implications an ND exception could have for access and reuse (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q9. Would the proposed licensing requirements for UKRI’s OA policy, which exclude third-party content (see paragraph 55 of the consultation document), affect your or your organisation’s ability to publish in-scope research articles containing third-party content? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please explain how (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q10. Are there other considerations UKRI should take into account regarding licensing requirements for research articles in-scope of its proposed OA policy? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q11. For research articles, are there any additional considerations relating to licensing that the UK HE funding bodies should take into account when developing the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).
Q12. Which statement best reflects your views on whether UKRI’s OA policy should require copyright and/or rights retention for in-scope research articles?

a. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain copyright and not exclusively transfer this to a publisher

b. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain specific reuse rights, including rights to deposit the author’s accepted manuscript in a repository in line with the deposit and licensing requirements of UKRI’s OA policy

c. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain copyright AND specific reuse rights, including rights to deposit the author’s accepted manuscript in a repository in line with the deposit and licensing requirements of UKRI’s OA policy

d. UKRI should not have a requirement for copyright or rights retention

e. Don’t know

f. No opinion

Please explain your answer. UKRI particularly welcomes views as to whether it is necessary to require copyright and/or rights retention if its policy were to require a CC BY licence, which enables reuse. If you selected answer b or c, please state what reuse rights you think UKRI’s OA policy should require to be retained (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Please note that views are not sought on whether institutions should hold the copyright to work produced by their employees as this is subject to Section 11 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 and institutional copyright policies.

Q13. Regarding research articles in-scope of UKRI’s OA policy, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the seven proposed technical standard requirements for journals and OA publishing platforms?

For each of the seven standards (see paragraphs 67a-67g of the consultation document): Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

For each of the seven standards (see paragraphs 67a-67g of the consultation document), please explain your answer (700 characters maximum, approximately 100 words, per standard).

a. persistent digital object identifiers (PIDs) for research outputs must be implemented according to international standards such as DOI, URN or Handle

b. article-level metadata must be used according to a defined application profile that supports UKRI’s proposed OA policy and is available via a CC0 public domain
dedication; the metadata standard must adhere to international best practice such as the Crossref schema and OpenAIRE guidelines

c. machine-readable information on the OA status and the licence must be embedded in the article in a standard non-proprietary format

d. long-term preservation must be supported via a robust preservation programme such as CLOCKSS, Portico or an equivalent

e. openly accessible data on citations must be made available according to the standards set out by the Initiative for Open Citations (I4OC)

f. self-archiving policies must be registered in the SHERPA RoMEO database that underpins SHERPA/FACT

g. unique PIDs for research management information must be used and must include the use of ORCID to identify all authors and contributors

Q14. Regarding research articles in-scope of UKRI’s OA policy, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the five proposed technical standard requirements for institutional and subject repositories?

For each of the five standards (see paragraphs 68a-68e of the consultation document): Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

For each of the five standards (see paragraphs 68a-68e of the consultation document), please explain your answer (700 characters maximum, approximately 100 words, per standard).

a. PIDs for research outputs must be implemented according to international standards such as DOI, URN or Handle

b. article-level metadata must be implemented according to a defined application profile that supports the proposed UKRI OA policy and is available via a CC0 public domain dedication; this should include the persistent identifier to both the author’s accepted manuscript and the version of record; the metadata standard must adhere to international best practice such as the OpenAIRE guidelines

c. machine-readable information on the OA status and the licence must be embedded in the article in a standard non-proprietary format

d. unique PIDs for research management information must be used and must include the use of ORCID to identify all authors and contributors

e. the repository must be registered in the Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR)
Q15. To support the adoption of technical standards for OA, are there other standards, actions and/or issues UKRI should consider? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q16. To support the implementation of UKRI’s proposed OA policy requirement for research articles to include an access statement for underlying research materials (see paragraph 69 of the consultation document), are there any technical standards or best practices that UKRI should consider requiring? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q17. UKRI’s OA policy is proposed to apply to in-scope research articles accepted for publication on or after 1 January 2022. Which statement best reflects your views on this?

a. The policy should apply from 1 January 2022
b. The policy should apply earlier than 1 January 2022
c. The policy should apply later than 1 January 2022
d. Don’t know
e. No opinion

Please explain your answer. UKRI particularly welcomes detailed evidence as to the practical implications of the choice of date. If you selected b or c, please also state what you consider to be a feasible implementation date (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q18. For research articles, are there any considerations that UKRI and UK HE funding bodies need to take into account regarding the interplay between the implementation dates for UKRI’s OA policy and the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q19. Do you think the proposals outlined in Section A will have any financial cost implications for you or your organisation? Yes / No / Don’t Know / No opinion.

Please expand, providing evidence to support your view, where possible (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q20. Do you think the proposals outlined in Section A of the consultation document will result in financial benefits for you or your organisation? Yes / No / Don’t Know / No opinion.
Please expand, providing evidence to support your view, where possible (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q21. Can you provide any evidence of a changing balance of costs across research organisations arising from an emphasis on publishing costs rather than read costs? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q22. Can you provide any evidence on cost increases and/or price rises (including in relation to OA article processing charges (APCs)s and subscriptions) and reasons for these? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q23. Do you think there are steps publishers and/or other stakeholders could take to improve the transparency of publication charges? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please expand. Views are also welcome on how greater transparency might inform future funding levels (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q24. Regarding UKRI’s consideration about restricting the use of its OA funds for publication in hybrid journals (see paragraph 80 of the consultation document), please select the statement that best reflects your views:

a. UKRI OA funds should **not** be permitted to support OA publication in hybrid journals
b. UKRI OA funds should **only** be permitted to support OA publication in hybrid journals where they are party to a transformative agreement or similar arrangement
c. UKRI OA funds should be permitted to support OA publication in hybrid journals
d. None of the above
e. Don’t know
f. No opinion

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q25. To what extent do you agree or disagree that UKRI OA funds should be permitted to support OA costs that support institutional repositories? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.
Q26. To help accelerate policy adoption, should UKRI introduce any other restrictions on how UKRI OA funds can be used? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer, including any views on how this could be implemented (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q27. There are many business models that can support OA. A common model for journals is based on APCs, but there are also other models (such as membership models and subscribe to open). Are there changes or alternatives to the present UKRI funding mechanisms that might help support a diversity of OA models? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

Please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q28. As discussed in paragraph 74 of the consultation document, transformative agreements are one way of moving to OA in a more cost-effective way. Are there approaches to managing transformative agreements or other mechanisms and developments that UKRI should consider to help manage the transition to OA in a way that is cost-effective and offers public value to the UK? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

Please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q29. Are there any existing or new infrastructure services that you think UKRI should fund the maintenance and/or development of, to support the implementation of its OA policy for research articles? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

If yes, please state what these are and explain and, where possible, evidence why UKRI should provide support (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q30. To what extent do you agree or disagree that UKRI should provide or support a national shared repository? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don't know / No opinion.

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q31. Should UKRI require preprints to be made OA where there is a significant benefit with regard to public emergencies? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.
If yes, is there a recognised definition of ‘public emergency’ and/or protocols that UKRI should consider if this policy is implemented? (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words.)

Q32. Are there any supporting actions that UKRI could take alongside its OA policy to support the use of preprints in all disciplines? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).
Section B: Monographs, Book Chapters and Edited Collections

Q33. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the types of monograph, book chapter and edited collection defined as in-scope and out-of-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy (see paragraphs 96-98 of the consultation document) are clear? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

If you disagree, please explain your view (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q34. Should the following outputs be in-scope of UKRI’s OA policy when based on UKRI-funded doctoral research?

a. Academic monographs Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion
b. Book chapters Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion
c. Edited collections Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion

Please explain your view (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q35. To what extent do you agree or disagree that UKRI’s OA policy should include an exception for in-scope monographs, book chapters and edited collections where the only suitable publisher in the field does not have an OA programme?

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your view (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q36. Are there any other considerations that the UK HE funding bodies should take into account when defining academic monographs, book chapters and edited collections in-scope of the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Please see paragraphs 29-31 of the consultation document before answering this question.

Q37. Regarding monographs in-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy, which statement best reflects your view on the maximum embargo requirement of 12 months?

a. 12 months is appropriate
b. A longer embargo period should be allowed  
c. A shorter embargo period should be required  
d. Different maximum embargo periods should be required for different discipline areas  
e. Don’t know  
f. No opinion  

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. If you answered b, c or d please also state what you consider to be (an) appropriate embargo period(s) (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).  

Q38. Regarding book chapters in-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy, which statement best reflects your view on the maximum embargo requirement of 12 months?  
a. 12 months is appropriate  
b. A longer maximum embargo period should be allowed  
c. A shorter maximum embargo period should be required  
d. Different maximum embargo periods should be required for different discipline areas  
e. Don’t know  
f. No opinion  

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. If you answered b, c or d please also state what you consider to be (an) appropriate embargo period(s) (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).  

Q39. Regarding edited collections in-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy, which statement best reflects your view on the maximum embargo requirement of 12 months?  
a. 12 months is appropriate  
b. A longer embargo period should be allowed  
c. A shorter embargo period should be required  
d. Different maximum embargo periods should be required for different discipline areas  
e. Don’t know  
f. No opinion  

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. If you answered b, c or d please also state what you consider to be (an) appropriate embargo period(s) (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).
Q40. Do you have any specific views and/or evidence regarding different funding implications of publishing monographs, book chapters or edited collections with no embargo, a 12-month embargo or any longer embargo period? Yes / No.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Please note that funding is further considered under paragraph 110 of the consultation document (question 53).

Q41. To what extent do you agree that self-archiving the post-peer-review author’s accepted manuscript should meet the policy requirement? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain and your view (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q42. Regarding monographs, book chapters and edited collections, are there any additional considerations relating to OA routes, deposit requirements and delayed OA that the UK HE funding bodies should take into account when developing the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Please see paragraphs 29-31 of the consultation document before answering this question.

Q43. To what extent do you agree or disagree with CC BY-ND being the minimum licencing requirement for monographs, book chapters and edited collections in-scope of UKRI’s proposed OA policy? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your view (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q44. To what extent do you agree or disagree that UKRI’s OA policy should include an exception for in-scope monographs, book chapters and edited collections requiring significant reuse of third-party materials? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your view (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words). Questions 45-46 concern how ‘significant reuse’ may be defined.

Q45. To what extent do you agree or disagree that if an image (or other material) were not available for reuse and no other image were suitable, it would be appropriate to redact the image (or material), with a short description and a link to the
Q46. Do you have a view on how UKRI should define ‘significant use of third-party materials’ if it includes a relevant exception in its policy? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q47. Do you have any other comments relating to licensing requirements and/or the use of third-party materials, in relation to UKRI’s proposed OA policy for academic monographs, book chapters and edited collections? Yes / No.

If yes, please expand (1,350 characters maximum, approximately 200 words).

Q48. Regarding monographs, book chapters and edited collections, are there any additional considerations relating to licensing requirements and/or third-party materials that you think that the UK HE funding bodies should take into account when developing the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Please refer to paragraphs 29-31 of the consultation document before answering this question.

Q49. Which statement best reflects your views on whether UKRI’s OA policy should require copyright and/or rights retention for in-scope monographs, book chapters and edited collections?

- a. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain copyright and not exclusively transfer this to a publisher
- b. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain specific reuse rights, including rights to deposit the author’s accepted manuscript in a repository in line with the deposit and licensing requirements of UKRI’s OA policy
- c. UKRI should require an author or their institution to retain copyright AND specific reuse rights, including rights to deposit the author’s accepted manuscript in a repository in line with the deposit and licensing requirements of UKRI’s OA policy
- d. UKRI’s OA policy should not have a requirement for copyright or rights retention
- e. Don’t know
- f. No opinion

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. If you selected answer b or c, please state what reuse rights you think UKRI’s OA policy should require to
Q50. Regarding the timing of implementation of UKRI’s OA policy for monographs, book chapters and edited collections, which statement best reflects your view?

a. The policy should apply from 1 January 2024
b. The policy should apply earlier than 1 January 2024
c. The policy should apply later than 1 January 2024
d. Don’t know
e. No opinion

Please explain and, where possible, evidence your answer. If you selected b or c, please also state what you consider to be a feasible implementation date (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q51. In order to support authors and institutions with policy implementation UKRI will consider whether advice and guidance can be provided. Do you have any suggestions regarding the type of advice and guidance that might be helpful? Yes/ No.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q52. Regarding monographs, book chapters and edited collections, are there any other considerations that UKRI and the UK HE funding bodies need to take into account when considering the interplay between the implementation dates for the UKRI OA policy and the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021 OA? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q53. Do you have any views regarding funding levels, mechanisms and eligible costs to inform UKRI’s considerations about the provision of funding for OA monographs, book chapters and edited collections in-scope of its proposed policy? Yes / No.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q54. To support the implementation of UKRI’s OA policy, are there any actions (including funding) that you think UKRI and/or other stakeholders should take to maintain and/or develop existing or new infrastructure services for OA
monographs, book chapters and edited collections? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

If yes, please state what these are and, where relevant, explain why UKRI should provide support (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words).

Q55. Are there any technical standards that UKRI should consider requiring and/or encouraging in its OA policy to facilitate access, discoverability and reuse of OA monographs, book chapters and edited collections? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

Please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q56. Do you have any other suggestions regarding UKRI’s proposed OA policy and/or supporting actions to facilitate access, discoverability and reuse of OA monographs, book chapters and edited collections? Yes / No / Don't know / No opinion.

If yes, please expand (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).
Section C: Monitoring Compliance

Q57. Could the manual reporting process currently used for UKRI OA block grants be improved? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

If yes, please explain how (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q58. Except for those relating to OA block grant funding assurance, UKRI has in practice not yet applied sanctions for non-compliance with the RCUK Policy on Open Access. Should UKRI apply further sanctions and/or other measures to address non-compliance with its proposed OA policy? Yes / No / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).

Q59. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the example proposed measures to address non-compliance with the proposed UKRI OA policy (see paragraph 119 of the consultation document)? Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / Don’t know / No opinion.

Please explain your answer (2,000 characters maximum, approximately 300 words).
# Section D: Policy Implications and Supporting Actions

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Section E: Further Comments

Q66. Do you have any further comments relating to UKRI’s proposed OA policy? Yes / No.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words.)

Q67. Do you have any further comments relating to commonality between UKRI’s proposed OA policy for outputs acknowledging UKRI funding and the OA policy for the REF-after-REF 2021? Yes / No.

If yes, please expand (2,650 characters maximum, approximately 400 words.)

Q68. Do you have any further thoughts and/or case studies on costs and/or benefits of OA? Yes / No.

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