



# A COLLABORATIVE WAY TOWARDS OA: SUBSCRIBE TO OPEN (S2O)

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# THE PATH TOWARDS OA

## Some thoughts from key players



### **Publishers:**

Flip to OA must be long-lasting (**sustainable**) with reliable partners



### **Readers:**

Prefer access to as many articles as possible (**multi-disciplinary research**)

### **Authors:**



Many (European) astronomers not used to page charges

Enjoy already now wide-spread read access (“Green OA”)

Want the move to OA to be seamless and **non-disruptive** (“Diamond OA”)



### **Libraries:**

**Cannot afford** rising subscription (or APC) costs; support **collaborative OA**

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Where are they leading?  
Real savings?  
Create new dependency on publishers  
How about small libraries?

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Currently based on grants and volunteer effort.  
Is it sustainable?  
Unknown titles lack recognition

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## Advantages

- Model
- ▶ **Collaborative, predictable, transparent** model
  - ▶ Can be implemented fast, is **long-lasting (sustainable)**
  - ▶ Is **equitable**
- Library
- ▶ Uses **existing infrastructure** (budget handling, licensing, communication scientists and publishers, advice on recent developments, metrics)
  - ▶ Reflects **independence** of small libraries, corresponds to information needs of **specialised research community**
- Researchers
- ▶ **High acceptance** expected among astronomers (Diamond OA)