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# The Swedish consortia agreement with Elsevier

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## Swedish consortium refuses to renew contract with Elsevier as Europe's move toward OA gains momentum

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## Sweden cancels Elsevier contract as open-access dispute spreads

Sector's move follows similar rows in France and Germany

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### DEAL and Elsevier negotiations: Elsevier demands unacceptable for the academic community

"The excessive demands put forward by Elsevier have left us with no choice but to suspend negotiations between the publisher and the DEAL project set up by the Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany." That was the verdict of the lead negotiator and spokesperson for the DEAL Project Steering Committee, Prof Dr Horst Hippler, the President of the HRK,

# Agreement cancelled from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

- All vice-chancellors at the Swedish universities have recommended that the agreement should be cancelled
- No access to articles published **after** June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Elsevier journals
- Still full access to articles published January 1995 – June 2018

# Requirements from the Swedish Consortia

- Immediate open access to all articles published in Elsevier journals by researchers affiliated to participating Swedish organizations
- Reading access for participating organizations to all articles in Elsevier's 1,900 journals
- A sustainable price model combining reading and publishing rights

## Increasing costs...

- In 2017 the Swedish Consortia spent over 130 million SEK on licensing fees for reading access to Elsevier journals.
- On top of that 13 million SEK was spent on article processing charges for publishing open access
- Open access will continue to grow - agreements with publishers must combine reading and publishing rights to be sustainable for the academic community

# Open access as default

- The Swedish government has recommended a transition from a subscription based to an open access publishing system
- This transition must be economically sustainable

*“The goal is that a transition to open access to research results, including scientific publications, artistic works and research data, should be fully implemented in a ten-year perspective.” (The Swedish Research Bill, 2016/17:50)*

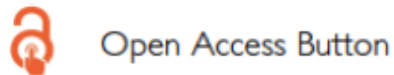


# Only in Sweden?

- European Union and European research funders - strong commitment to open access
- Germany – 200 universities cancelled the agreement with Elsevier in 2017 (*Project Deal*)
- Austria, Switzerland and France have stated that they will follow the same principles as Sweden and Germany in negotiations with Elsevier

# Alternatives for access

## Tools:



No fee when ordering article copies via the library

## Scholarly sharing of articles:

- Contact the authors directly
- Via *Open Access Button*
- Via networks like ResearchGate & Academia
- Via institutional repositories and pre-print archives



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# Questions?

- The University Library will inform about progress in the negotiations with Elsevier
- Send your questions to *Ask the library* via the library homepage - <http://ub.uu.se/>

