

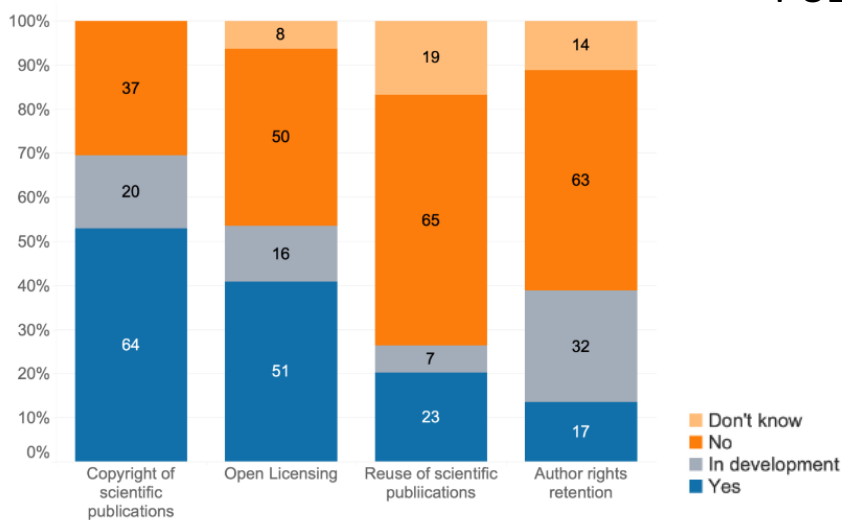
Researchers & institutions, you are the original copyright holders: make sure that you have the right to publish OA

Europe has seen a significant growth in activity **to implement policies which retain research publishing rights for researchers and the institutions themselves** over the last decade. However, research institutions, researchers, funders of research and policymakers, as well as publishers, must boost the uptake of rights retention and open licensing policies to enable researchers to share their work openly and in Open Access (OA).

TAKE ACTION!

	institutions	researchers	publishers	national OS policymakers
EMPOWER THOSE WHO HAVE COPYRIGHT TO TAKE CONTROL OVER THIS WORK NOW AND IN THE FUTURE	✓		✓	✓
ADVOCATE FOR AND CHOOSE THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE LICENCES TO OPEN UP RESEARCH, NAMELY CC BY	✓	✓	✓	✓
ENSURE SUFFICIENT RIGHTS ARE RETAINED FOR ENABLING IMMEDIATE OPEN ACCESS	✓	✓	✓	✓
ENGAGE WITH PUBLISHERS TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE RELATING TO AUTHOR RIGHTS RETENTION, COPYRIGHT TRANSFER AND OPEN LICENSING	✓	✓		✓
HIGHLIGHT, UTILISE, AND SHOWCASE GOOD PRACTICES: REFER TO YOUR PEERS AND BUILD YOUR POLICIES ON THEIR EXPERIENCE	✓		✓	✓

DOES YOUR INSTITUTION HAVE A POLICY WHICH COVERS THE FOLLOWING AREAS?



3 RESEARCH & SCIENTIFIC POLICYMAKING STAKEHOLDER GROUPS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- 1 INSTITUTIONS
- 2 FUNDERS
- 3 PUBLISHERS



Using a CC BY licence facilitates broader access and reuse of research results in research and teaching increasing its impact and global reach.

"An institutional rights retention policy can be defined as follows:
An **expressed** position setting out the practice of retaining **sufficient rights** for academic works produced by an institutions' researchers to make the work **openly accessible and reusable immediately**"

CHALLENGES

Many publishers continue to ask for a transfer of copyright or an exclusive publishing licence and impose embargoes. This does not comply with many funder and institutional requirements nowadays.

There is a lack of awareness of the disadvantages of signing away publishing rights and why it is important to retain them. It is not always clear what opportunities open licensing brings.

OUTDATED COPYRIGHT POLICIES AND PROCESSES MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR RESEARCHERS TO PUBLISH IMMEDIATE OPEN ACCESS AND RETAIN RIGHTS TO THEIR WORK



Given that some publishers are willing to allow authors to retain all necessary rights and proactively support the requirements of different rights retention policies, **there is reason to believe that further dialogue and open discussion of concerns will lead to greater support and change over time**

Project Retain Report, see the full report here: <https://zenodo.org/record/8084051>