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The European University Association (EUA) strongly supports the “[Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science](#)” launched during the conference “Open Science – From Vision to Action”, organised by the Dutch EU Presidency from 4 to 5 April 2016.

The Amsterdam Call for Action establishes two major goals, namely that full open access for all publicly-funded scientific publications should be achieved by 2020, and that open data – the sharing and re-use of data – should be the standard for all publicly-funded research. In order for these goals to be achieved, new assessment, reward and evaluation systems must be put in place, and stakeholders should strive for a better alignment of policies and more intense exchange of best practices.

EUA concurs and strongly supports the goals outlined in the Amsterdam Call for Action. EUA sees this initiative from the Dutch EU Presidency, as a timely and critical step to accelerate the transition towards Open Science.

EUA strongly believes that a full transition to Open Science requires structured dialogue and a collective, concerted effort from all relevant stakeholders, namely scientists, universities, research funding and performing organisations, libraries, politicians, policy-makers and publishers. In this sense, EUA acknowledges the value of the Call for Action as a comprehensive framework to inform and stimulate dialogue amongst all relevant stakeholders.

EUA has been actively working to make the transition towards Open Science a reality. In its recently published “[Open Access Roadmap for Research Publications](#)”, EUA outlines a series of concrete actions to support the development of an innovative, transparent and sustainable scientific publishing system and identifies the main focus areas for its forthcoming work on Open Science. These include Open Access, copyright, data protection and text and data mining; new models of evaluation and quality assessment; digital literacy and awareness.

The current and future activities of EUA in the area of Open Science are broadly in line with the action items proposed in the Amsterdam Call for Action. In particular, EUA would like to highlight the following aspects:

- The transition towards Open Science, which indubitably includes Open Access to both research publications and research data, is strongly supported by EUA. The outcomes of publicly-funded research should be accessible to the scientific community and society at large. Furthermore, all research outputs (e.g. publications, research data, learning materials, etc.) should be made accessible and re-usable, taking into account disciplinary practices and possible limitations imposed by private-public partnerships, copyright and data protection provisions.
- It is crucial to develop fair, transparent and sustainable Open Access business models. In the transition period towards full Open Access, universities need to deal with costs from both paradigms – subscription costs and Article Processing Charges (APCs). It is important that affordable and sustainable solutions are achieved, to facilitate that all European universities can successfully progress towards Open Science.
- It is important to ensure that existing good practices and policies are taken into consideration when developing new policies or initiatives. European universities contribute to policies, infrastructures and similar initiatives that have given momentum to the Open Science movement. The efforts of stakeholders in progressing towards a more open scientific system should therefore take stock of current good practices, leverage their impact and maximise their potential benefits to future policy and practice.

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