EU Policies and Guidelines for Open Access in the Health Field

INTRODUCTION

Comparative study on current European policies and/or guidelines for open access in the health field.

OBJECTIVE

- To report on the current open access policies in Europe.
- To report on the situation of EU countries concerning open access.
- To spread the relevance of open access policies among the scientific community.
- To promote and encourage the need of implementing open access policies by European governments and institutions.

METHODS

A comparative study has been carried out on different European policies, detailing those in force, with a distinction between regional, national and European guidelines.

SOURCES

ROARMAP
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http://www.cprints.org/openaccess/policysignup
http://www.accesoabierto.net/politicas
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet

RESULTS

Map of the current European situation concerning Open Access Policies or Guidelines.

COUNTRIES WITH EUROPEAN POLICIES

- Sweden
- Spain
- Lithuania
- Norway
- France
- Germany
- United Kingdom

CONCLUSIONS

- Europe needs to continue working to promote open access policies at European, national and regional level.
- Public research policies must use open access policies provide open and free access to results from European biosanitary research initiatives.
- Institutional Repositories should turn into archives for storing scientific production financed by public funds.

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