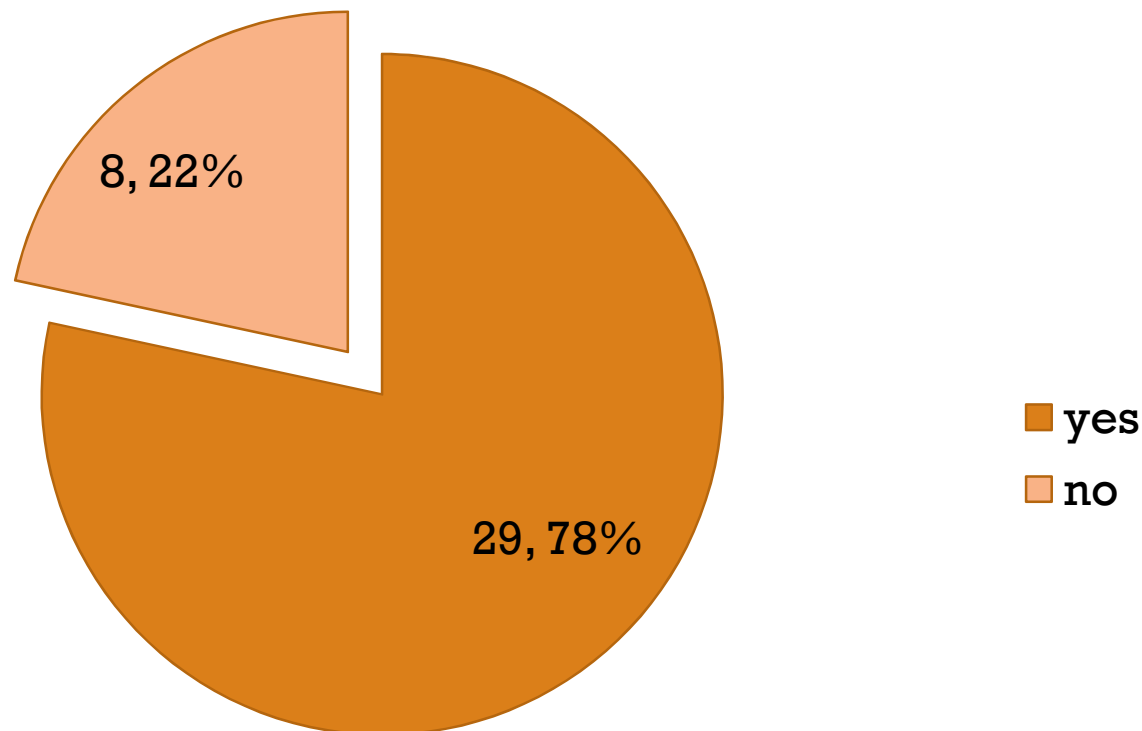


Open Access publishing: Ireland and abroad

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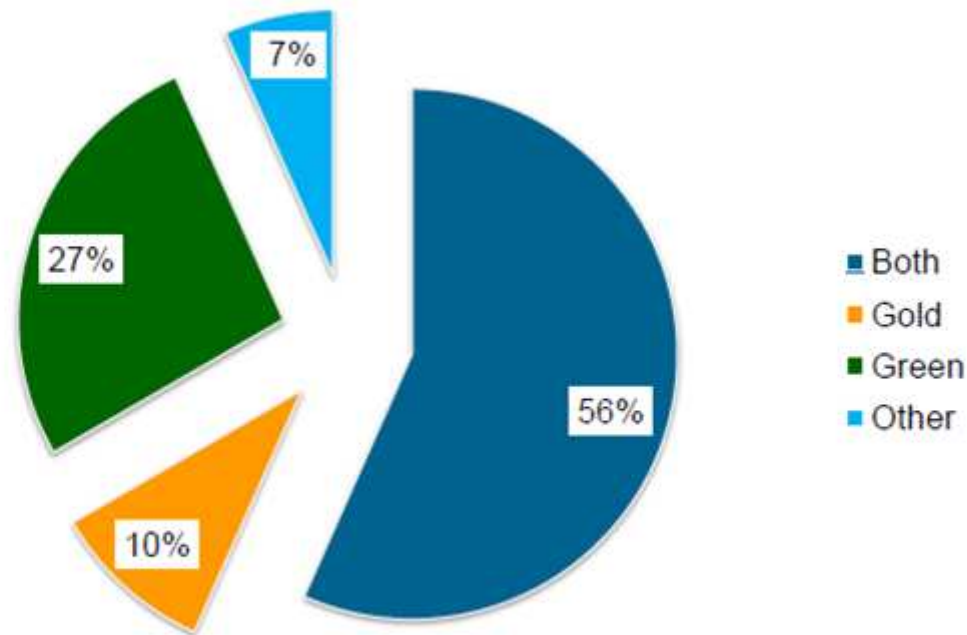
The vast majority (29 out of 37 institutions) have an OA policy.



Reference: Science Europe Open Access Working Group.

Science Europe Survey on Open Access

Q. What approach to OA does your policy take?

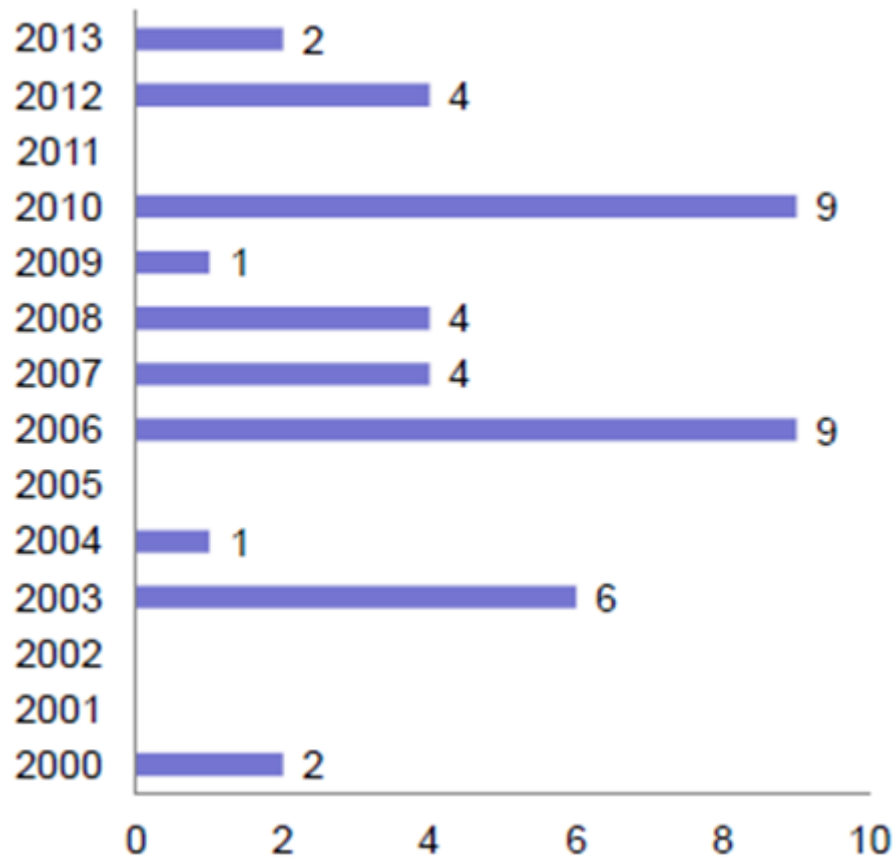


The majority cover Green & Gold Open Access policy, 1/3rd cover only Green, 3 institutions cover only Gold OA.

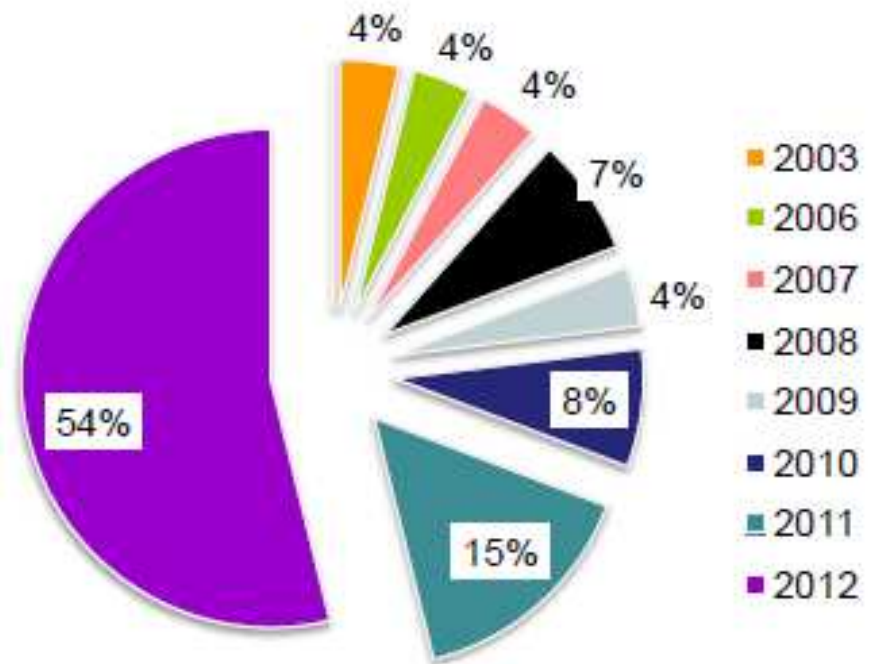
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Q. When was your OA policy launched?



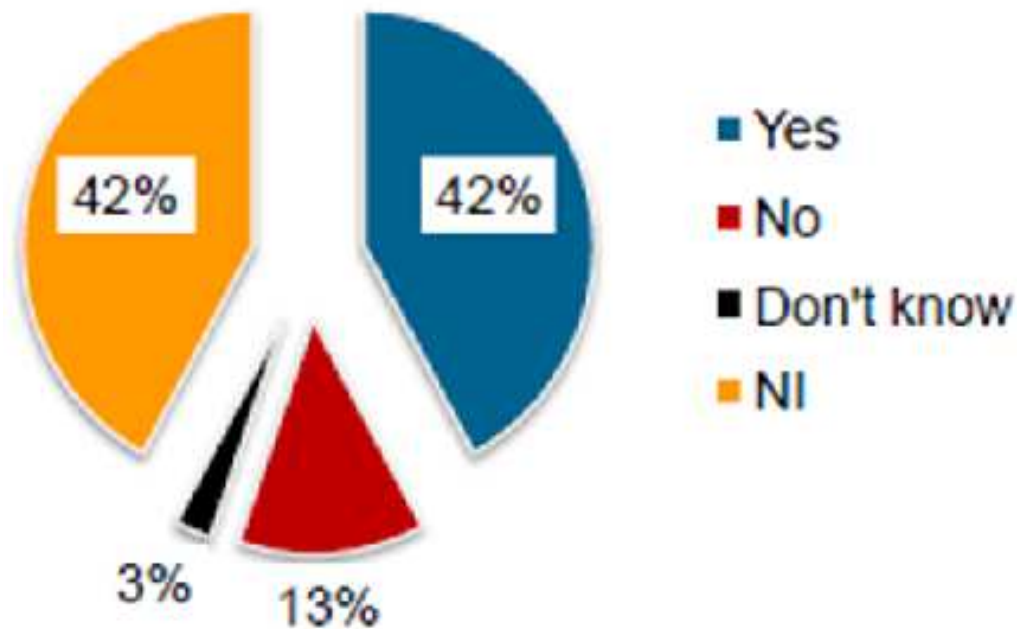
Q: When was the OA policy last reviewed?



Reference: Science Europe Open Access Working Group.

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Q. Do you have any processes in place to pay for OA Article Processing Charges (APCs)?



Different

1. Methods of allocating funds

2. Timing of payments

Reference: Science Europe Open Access Working Group.



Irish National Steering Committee on Open Access Policy

“Coordinate activities and combine expertise at a national level to promote unrestricted, online access to outputs which result from research that is wholly or partially funded by the State”





National Membership

- **Funders:** HRB, SFI, HEA, IRC, Teagasc, Marine Institute, DAFM, and EPA
- **Researchers :** IUA, HSE, IOTI, DIT, WIT, RCSI
- **Library and repository:** CONUL, IUALG, Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI), RIAN,
- **Expert Individuals**

Phased approach

1. Broaden infrastructure coverage beyond universities
2. Increase number of publicly funded publications made available
3. Use OA to develop a national picture – funding acknowledgements and value-added metrics
4. Promote OA to any underlying research data and materials
5. Develop sustainable long-term solutions





National Principles for Open Access Policy Statement

- Definition of Open Access
- Definition of research outputs



Reaffirm:

- Freedom of researchers
- Increase visibility and access
- Support international interoperability, link to teaching and learning, and Open Innovation
- built on best practice here and abroad





General principles (1)

- All researchers to have deposit rights for in an OA repository

Deposit

- post-prints/ publishers version & metadata
- peer-reviewed journal articles and conference publications. Others where possible
- at time of acceptance for publication
- in compliance with national metadata standards



General principles (2)

- **Release**
 - immediate for meta-data
 - Respect publishers copyright, licencing and embargos (not normally exceeding 6 months/ 12 months)
- Green route policy – but not exclusive
- Suitable repositories
- Research data linked to publications



High-level principles

Infrastructure and sustainability

- Depositing once, harvesting, interoperability and long-term preservation

Advocacy and coordination

- Mechanisms for and monitoring of implementation, awareness raising and engagement for ALL

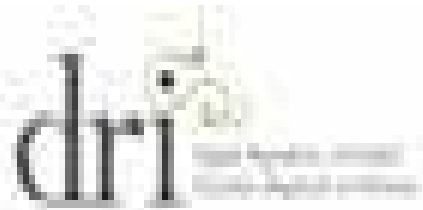
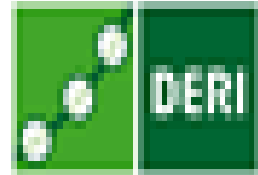
Exploiting Open Access

- Preparing metadata and national value-added metrics

Signatories



Institutes of Technology Ireland





Implementation: here and abroad

Key elements

- Infrastructure and sustainability
- Advocacy and coordination
- Exploiting OA
- Resourcing OA

Comparators

- RCUK
- EU Commission
- Denmark/
Portugal
- MedOANet





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