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# Publication cost transparency and the Role of the Open Access Monitor Germany

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The Open Access Monitor Germany (OAM) records the publication output of German academic institutions in scientific journals and offers a freely available tool for analysis of the aggregated datasets to libraries, funders, and researchers. Through analyses of subscription fees and publication fees, the OAM helps to monitor and support the transition of the publishing system towards open access. With the existing OpenAPC integration, the OAM has already implemented basic functions for working with cost data. Gold OA and Hybrid OA publication fees are displayed in the OAM interface, where additional grouping and representation options to those in OpenAPC are offered. As a next step towards a more complete cost transparency, the OAM will benefit from the data exchange enabled by OpenCost. In addition to the fees mentioned above, the OAM will collect via OpenAPC, and in return provide, additional cost data for example on color charges or page charges.

The second part of the presentation describes the role of the OAM in relation to funders. The OAM offers support to institutions applying for funding in the DFG's new Open Access Publication Funding program. By providing a specific filter set for the journal portfolios covered by transformative agreements and a curated list of open access journals that meet the DFG's funding criteria, the OAM enables institutions to collect the data required for their applications. At the same time, the OAM team is responsible for monitoring the publication output from participating institutions. We are building a dedicated database for the monitoring of the program's output and related costs, and establish a yearly reporting to the DFG. The Open Access Monitor will ingest the data from the monitoring database if participating institutions are agreeable and will offer ready-to-use analyses for the whole program but also on the institutional level. The monitoring data will be in turn be delivered to OpenAPC.

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