

openCost & EZB: An Introduction to the New Features for Providing Information on Publication Costs and OA Publishing

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Driven by the openCost project, the EZB is being extended to provide researchers and authors with information on the costs of OA publishing, as well as on funding conditions and subsidies available at their own institution. The new features allow authors to use the EZB to navigate through the details of funding conditions and to estimate publication costs. Additionally, library staff or researchers benefit from the EZB as it facilitates providing information on publication cost funding, memberships, or even transformative agreements, such as DEAL.

The EZB makes this information available for further use through its data export and user interfaces. In order to implement these innovations, both the EZB user interface and parts of the EZB administration have been extended and updated. Furthermore, the OpenAPC cost aggregation service has been integrated into the EZB data source, so users are being provided with journal-specific cost data via the user and data interfaces. Participating institutions use the EZB administration to maintain up-to-date information on publication cost coverage and to release their applicable funding conditions, cost information, and memberships for various journals. Both general and institution-specific publishing information are now accessible in a user-friendly manner on the EZB journal details page and additionally, via its data interfaces. Working closely with the openCost and EZB community, these new features will be significantly extended in the future.

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