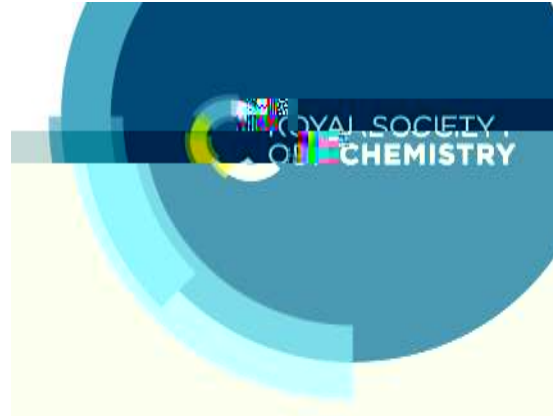


Policy



To ensure that Plan S successfully drives an inclusive global movement for change, its implementation should be coordinated globally, support dissemination options for everyone and promote real transition.

Many institutions globally are not in a position to enter into transformative agreements at this time. Based on our projections, we are confident that we will migrate an increasing proportion of our customers into such agreements by 2030. Therefore, to allow global market buy-in, we recommend that cOAlition S supports such agreements until at least 2030.

cOAlition S members should state clearly that the green OA route for compliance is transitional, or otherwise clarify which revenue stream can compliantly support this route in the longer term.

On the one hand, the green OA route is valued by the researchers in our community as this is the easiest route to Plan S compliance and the route with minimal changes in terms of cost implications. However, on the other hand, researchers and publishers are increasingly saying that the green route has been transitional and had its best day⁷ or that there needs to be proper thought and clarity on which revenue streams will support this route, and cover the cost of quality control in research dissemination, if not subscription revenue⁵. We recommend that cOAlition S members state clearly that the green route to Plan S compliance is transitional, or otherwise clarify which revenue streams can compliantly support this route in the longer term.

*'The subscription model entirely funds the green approach to OA, and so an important consideration is what will happen to the subscription payments if all, or even a majority, of the journal's content is available in this way.'*⁵

The Royal Society of Chemistry would be happy to discuss any of the issues raised in our statement in more detail. Any questions should be directed to royal@rsc.org or [+44 \(0\)1223 326000](tel:+441223326000).