How to comply

To comply with the EC/ERC grant conditions, you only need to carry out three steps:

Submit your article to a journal of your choice.

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Check your copyright agreement or the SHERPA/RoMEO database to see if your journal permits immediate open access or demands an embargo period.

OpenAIRE in a nutshell

OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe) is a three-year project funded under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission.

The main goals of OpenAIRE are to:

- support researchers in complying with the FP7 Open Access Pilot through a European Helpdesk System;
- support researchers in depositing their research publications in an institutional or disciplinary repository;
- build up an OpenAIRE portal and e-infrastructure for repository networks;
- explore scientific data management services together with 5 disciplinary communities.

How can OpenAIRE help you?

OpenAIRE has set up a helpdesk to answer your questions about the FP7 OA pilot and the ERC OA Guidelines, and on depositing publications in open access repositories. Check out our FAQ or post your question to our helpdesk.

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To find a repository, check:

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OpenDOAR – a directory of open access repositories

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ROAR – Registry of Open Access Repositories

http://roar.eprints.org

OpenAIRE Orphan Repository

http://openaire.cern.ch

To find a journal, check:

SHERPA/RoMEO – a database listing publishers' and journals' open access policies

www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo

DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals – lists open access and hybrid journals (subscription journals offering fee-based open access for individual articles)

www.doaj.org

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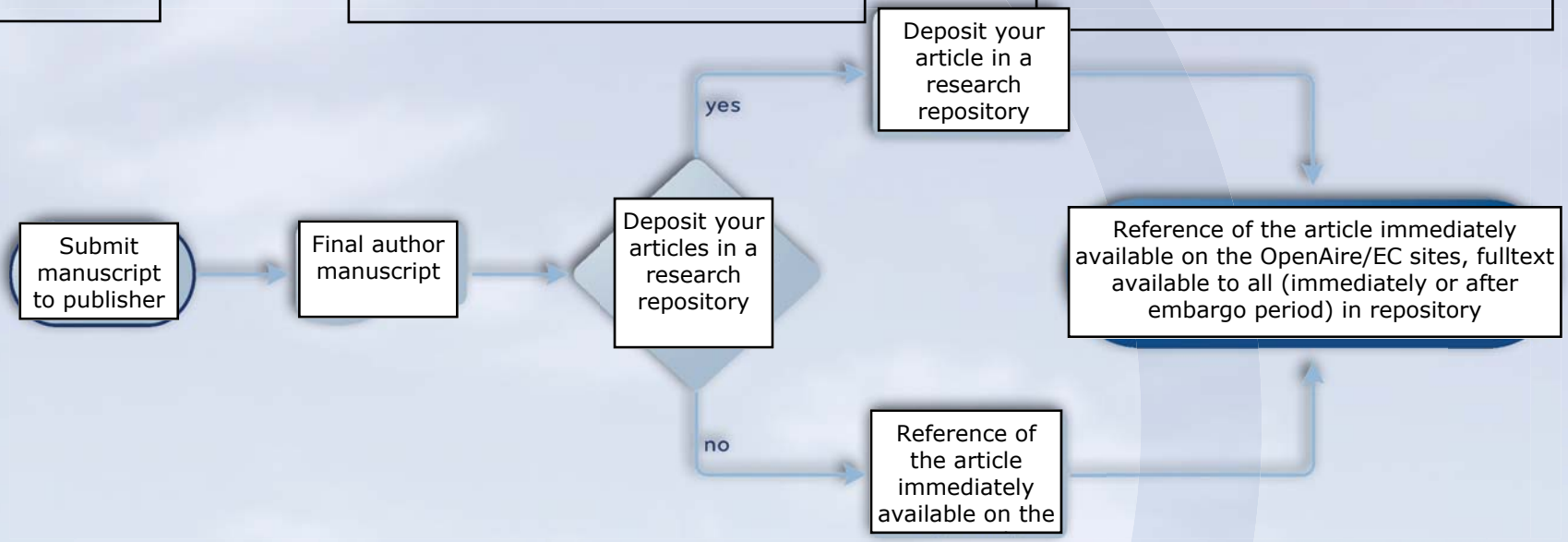
SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

What is the Open Access Pilot about?
The European Commission (EC) and the European Research Council (ERC) want to ensure the widest possible dissemination and access to the published results of research funded by them.
Therefore, the 'Open Access Pilot' requires researchers to deposit these publications into an appropriate institutional or disciplinary repository. If such a repository is not available, researchers can use the OpenAIRE Orphan Repository.

Why Open Access to European research results?
All research builds on former work, and depends on scientists' being able to access and share scientific information. Therefore, access to information and data is crucial to education and research, and more generally for the advancement of society.
'Open access' (OA) provides free, online access to research literature: either by publishing in OA journals or books ('Gold' OA), or by archiving manuscripts published in subscription journals in an online repository ('Green' OA).

The European FP7 Open Access Pilot
The EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Open Access Pilot applies to any manuscript that:
is peer-reviewed and accepted for publication;
results from funded research in one of seven selected subject areas: Energy, Environment (including Climate Change), Health, Information and Communication Technologies (Cognitive Systems, Interaction, Robotics), Research Infrastructures (e-infrastructures), Science in Society, Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities;
has a grant agreement signed after August 2008 (see Special Clause 39).
Specifically, the EC expects researchers to:
deposit their publications or final manuscripts upon publication into an appropriate institutional or disciplinary repository;
make their best efforts to ensure open access to these articles within 6 or 12 months after publication (six months after publication in the first five areas, twelve months in the last two areas listed above).

ERC Scientific Council Guidelines for Open Access
The ERC awards individual researchers with grants in the FP7 Specific Programme IDEAS. Since December 2007, the ERC requires researchers to deposit all peer-reviewed publications from ERC-funded research projects into an appropriate institutional or disciplinary repository and subsequently make them open access within 6 months of publication.
Moreover, researchers are encouraged to deposit primary data into relevant databases (such as DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank) as soon as possible, preferably immediately but not later than 6 months after the date of publication.