#### **EIFL Licensing Programme Update**

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# New agreements: access to paywalled content, OA publishing terms, technology

New agreements signed since Sept 2020:









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New agreements in discussion:

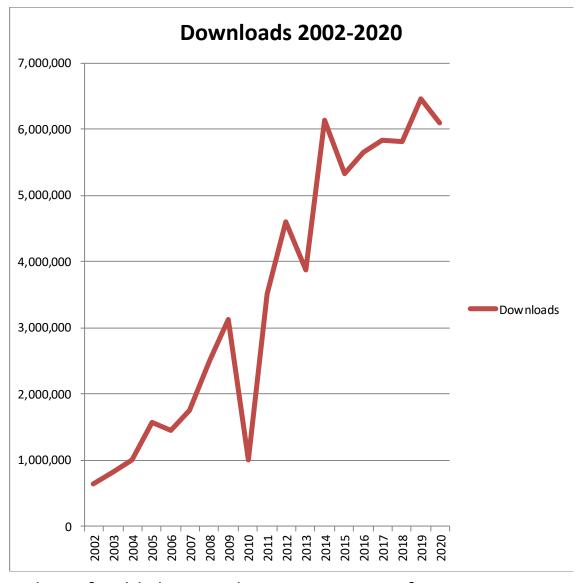




## 2020 usage and savings statistics of licensed e-resources

- 6+ million full text articles downloaded
- Saved approx. \$593M in subscription fees
- 98% average discount on list price
- Statistics on intranet and emailed to coordinators





Note: the number of publishers and countries varies from year to year



# Collaboration with OA2020 & ESAC to encourage transition to Open Access

- OA2020 Working group on LMICs
- Presented at the OA2002 Berlin 15 conference on a panel about equitable opportunities to publish in open access
- OA2020 Working group for principles on equity & inclusion
- Read & publish agreements from EIFL countries are represented in the ESAC registry: Latvia, Estonia, Serbia, Palestine, Ghana, Moldova + ERS, IWA and CoB EIFL free read & publish agreements







# 12 agreements for open access publishing terms in place:



























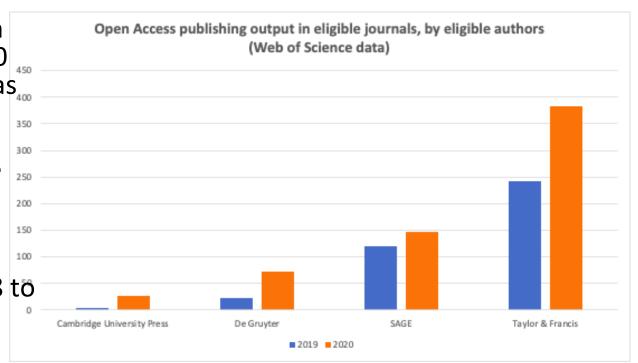


### Blog about analysis of EIFL agreements

• 4 publishers where agreements were in effect for all of 2020 and where there was some publishing activity: Cambridge University Press, De Gruyter, SAGE and Taylor & Francis.

Increase in OA publishing from 388 to 630 articles (62% increase)

 The country with the highest increase of open access publishing was Ethiopia, from 102 in 2019 to 221 in 2020.





### Missed opportunities

- Articles published in closed access despite APC discount. -> We believe that the authors did not have funding even for a discounted APC, which is still too expensive.
- Articles published in closed access despite APC waiver, but no automatic recognition in place. -> The need to "claim" waivers complicates the process for authors and acts as a hurdle to open access.
- Articles published in closed access despite read & publish. ->
   Agreement not well publicized, and/or OA not offered as the default option or authors didn't want to publish in OA.



### **Country specific title lists**

- To make it easier for authors to know where they can publish for free or get highly discounted rates for Article Processing Charges, we continue to promote country specific lists to researchers from eligible countries to raise their awareness about these possibilities.
- Researchers are taking notice since the last GA (from October 2020) there were more than 11,500 downloads of country specific lists of eligible journals for APCs.
- We will be monitoring next year to see if there has been an increase of publications in open access from those countries.



#### **Webinars**



#### **EIFL: Licensing Programme**

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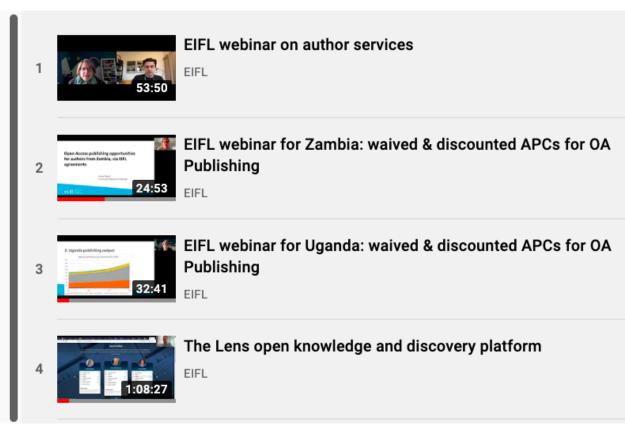
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### **Upcoming webinars**

- 2 November: Licensing the basics
- 15 November: Webinar with SAGE on the author journey when publishing in open access
- 23 November: Webinar on guidelines from publishers on how to retrieve the AAM to deposit in IRs (joint webinar with the OA Programme)



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