

WHY OPEN ACCESS?

Ethical reasons: results of scholarly research should be available to general public and to scholars all over the world

Academic reasons: proven increase in visibility and use; OA mandates from funders and governments

Financial reasons: cost of academic publishing

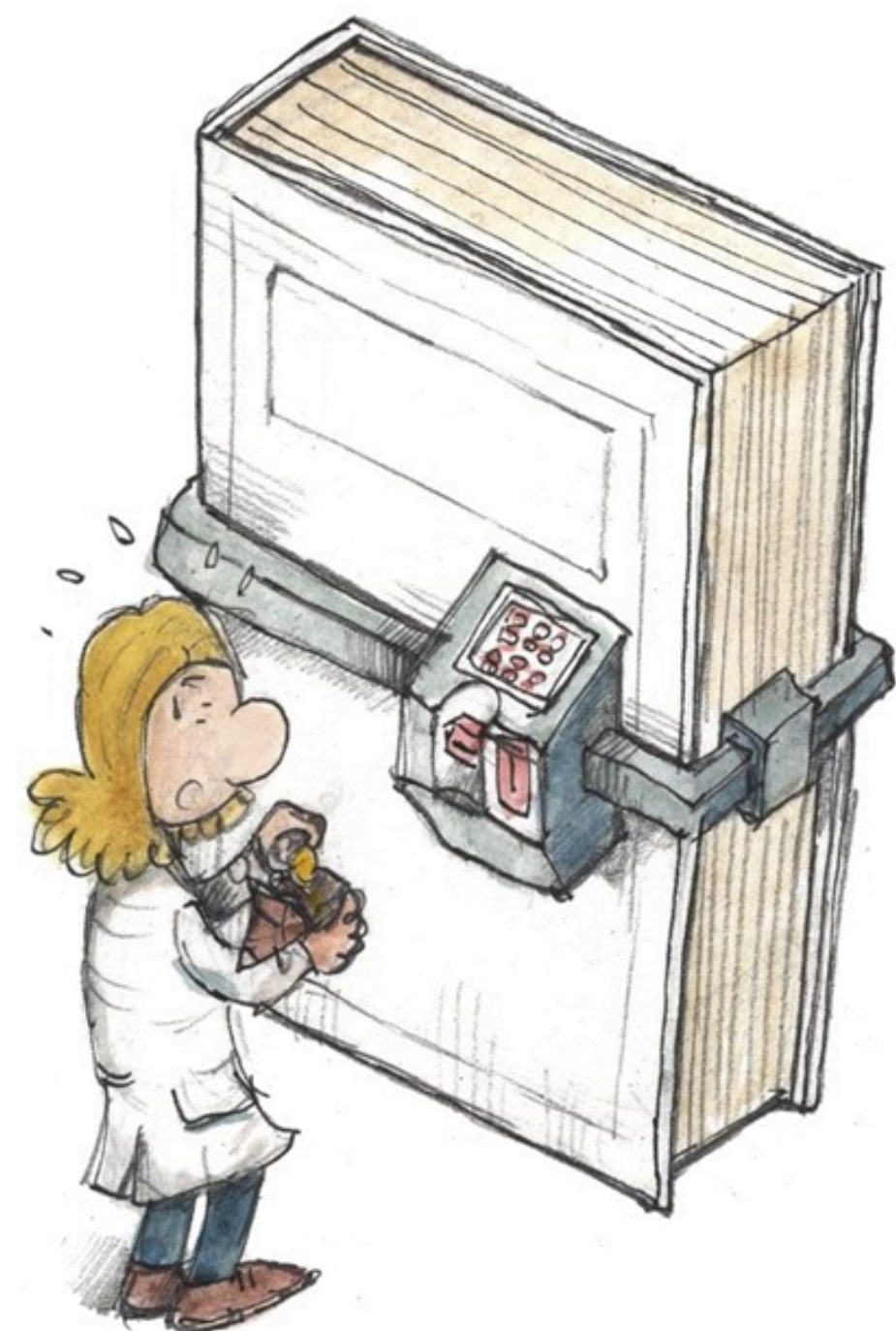
HOW OPEN ACCESS?

Non-profit OA

- ⇒ green OA (self-archiving)
- ⇒ full gold OA with cost-effective APCs/BPCs
- ⇒ full gold no-APC/no-BPC OA (a.k.a. “diamond” or “platinum”)
- ⇒ black OA (a.k.a. illegal, rogue)

For-profit OA

- ⇒ hybrid OA
- ⇒ full gold OA
- Price of APC/BPC is determined by profit margin



KU LEUVEN FUND FOR FAIR OPEN ACCESS

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MISSION: foster the development of new and innovative publishing models which are cost-effective and put scholars back in charge of the dissemination of their research results

HOW: provide financial support for fair OA monographs (BPCs), articles (APCs) and non-profit OA initiatives; the Fund only endorses non-profit gold OA that is in line with the principles of fair OA. The Fund is managed by KU Leuven Libraries and overseen by a committee presided over by the vice rector of Research Policy.

GOAL: fully embrace fair OA instead of for-profit models and instigate a sustainable evolution in scientific publishing



BPC

WHAT

- BPCs for OA books published by Leuven University Press
- ⇒ LUP charges a cost-effective, rather than commercial, BPC and is therefore in line with the most important aim of the Fund to only endorse non-profit, fair OA
- ⇒ LUP is recognized as a Compliant OA Book Publisher

WHO

- Open to all researchers
- ⇒ Authors with KU Leuven affiliation: financial support for 2/3 of the BPC, the remaining 1/3 has to be financed by their own funds (fee waiver possible)
- ⇒ Authors without KU Leuven affiliation: financial support for 1/3 of the BPC, the remaining 2/3 has to be financed by their own funds

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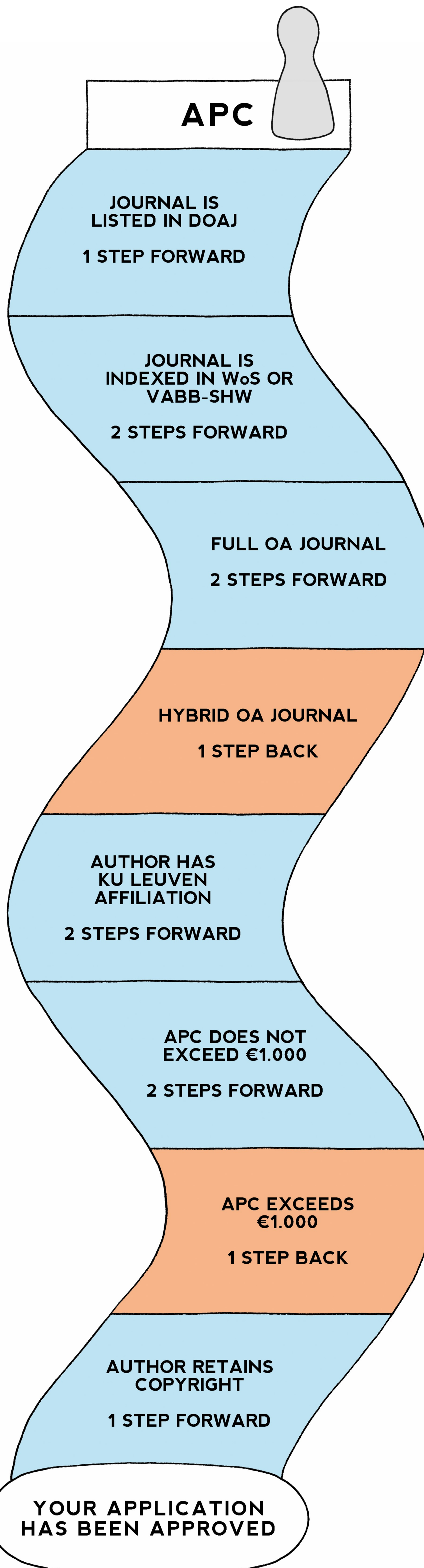
1. Manuscript submission to LUP
2. Evaluation by editorial board
3. Peer review
4. Following a positive evaluation and review, LUP will submit an application to the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA committee on behalf of the author

WHEN

Submissions are reviewed twice a year by the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA Committee



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OA INITIATIVES

The Fund financially supports non-profit OA initiatives, such as the Directory of Open Access Journals, the Fair Open Access Alliance and a number of preprint services, provided that the scientific quality is guaranteed and non-profit principles are applied.

TEMPORARY CONCLUSIONS

BPC

13 book projects have been approved, of which 9 by KU Leuven authors and 4 by external authors, amounting to €68.103 (VAT included) paid by the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA

APC

28 applications, of which 16 were approved and 12 rejected, with an average APC cost of €734,56 (VAT included)

Division per research group:

- ⇒ Science, Engineering and Technology: 13 – 8 approved, 5 rejected
- ⇒ Humanities and Social Sciences: 12 – 8 approved, 4 rejected
- ⇒ Biomedical Sciences: 3 – 3 rejected

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ⇒ Effective support for OA monographs
- ⇒ Educate academics about the differences between for-profit and non-profit publishing
- ⇒ KU Leuven has fully embraced fair OA

