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MedOANet Open Access Tracker

The Open Access Tracker is an online tool that helps document the growth of open access in six Mediterranean Countries, Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal (<http://www.medoanet.eu/browse>). It has been developed within the project MedOANet (www.medoanet.eu), a two-year project funded under the Science in Society Programme of the EC FP7. The OA Tracker provides a real time overview of the state of the art and contributes to evidence-based advocacy and policy-making. The OA Tracker brings together information on journals, repositories, institutional policies, funder's policies and publishers' self-archiving policies, representing Open Access activities in the six countries based on the information and data registered in the selected authoritative International sources. The OA Tracker as an interoperable tool, also allows updated information to be exported to international authoritative sources, and likely to be expanded to other kind of resources. The Tracker aims at encouraging the stakeholder community to register its open access resources with these established services, in order to increase the accuracy of information regarding the state of open access in the six countries. Such a tool could be adopted in another geographic areas to advocate OA venues and policies.

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