"An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good."

(Budapest Open Access Initiative)

The platform, which is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), aims to provide easy and uniform access to information on Open Access (OA) and to provide practical implementation advice. In addition to general information, open-access.net also offers content which relates specifically to Open Access in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Through its intensive cooperation with institutions of higher education, research organisations and scholarly societies in Germany and with partner institutions in Switzerland and Austria, the Open Access principle can be promoted in a systematic way.

Individual goals of the information platform open-access.net:
- to bundle into a clear overall picture of what Open Access is all about
- to make customised information available to target groups via discipline-specific and role-specific points of access
- to provide country-specific information on Open Access
- to offer practical advice on how to argue in favour of and to implement Open Access
- to promote cooperative networking by developing the multiplier network, oa-net-work
- to support the Open Access principle by organising specialised information events such as the Open Access Days
- to make the Open Access idea more widely known by forming a broad alliance

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- University and research institution managers
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