Scientific Publication in the European Research Area: moving towards change

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Outline

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3. SCOAP$^3$
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In light of above, European Commission is favourable to experimentation with new publishing models such as SCOAP³

- Uniqueness of discipline of particle physics
- CERN perceived as pioneer of new publishing paradigm
- SCOAP³ seen as pilot project for future developments in scientific publishing
- Research funding bodies stand to learn from CERN’s experience
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- Need to improve access to and dissemination of research results to increase cost-effectiveness of EU research strategy.

- The European Commission strives for balance between fostering the competitiveness of European industry and ensuring the openness of science and wide dissemination of research results.

- Policy decisions need time to mature.

- Path towards innovation in scientific publishing delicate, but unavoidable; opportunities should be welcomed.

- Wind of change and possibility to experiment with new models.

- SCOAP³ perceived as an original initiative that will provide valuable experience and enrich debate.