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The European Commission has taken a big step towards open science in Europe. All projects receiving Horizon 2020 funding are required to make sure that any peer-reviewed journal article they publish is openly accessible, free of charge. The open access policy is summarized in a [factsheet](#) [5].

For the details of how open access applies to beneficiaries in projects funded under Horizon 2020, please consult the [Guidelines on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data in Horizon 2020](#) [6].

In this, we are implementing the policies outlined in the scientific information package adopted by the Commission in July 2012, consisting of a [Communication](#) [7] "Towards better access to scientific information: Boosting the benefits of public investments in research" that sets out open access policy objectives for the research funded by the Commission through "Horizon 2020" and a [Recommendation](#) [8] to the Member States on access to and preservation of scientific information setting out a complete policy framework for improving access to, and preservation of, scientific information. Together, these two initiatives feed into the wider context of achieving a [European Research Area](#) [9].

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