Basic Eligibility Criteria

The basic eligibility criteria for collecting this funding are:

• The FP7 project should have finished by the time the funding is requested, but no longer than two years ago; to ensure a fair distribution of the funding across projects.

• A maximum of three publications will be funded per eligible FP7 project as a means to ensure a fair distribution of the funding across projects.

• Publications submitted to hybrid journals will not be funded, but only those which have been accepted at fully Open Access journals;

• Funding requests should be submitted once the manuscript has been accepted for publication;

• The following funding caps apply to this funding: EUR 2,000 for research articles and EUR 6,000 for monographs.

• No page or colour charges will be funded on top of the OA publishing fees.

Apply for Funding in 5 Steps

Step 1: A central service (http://goldoa-pilot.openaire.eu) has been made available for collecting and processing direct funding requests from eligible researchers.

Step 2: Register with the system to check your FP7 project’s eligibility and to submit a request for funding once your manuscript has been accepted for publication in a fully Open Access journal.

Step 3: The system will request data about both the FP7 project and the accepted publication, including its associated Open Access publishing fees.

Step 4: If the eligibility criteria are met, the funding will automatically be granted and the OA Pilot will directly liaise with your publisher for delivering the payment and collecting the invoice. You will be notified of every step in the process via email.

Step 5: You will need to invoice Athena Research Centre as shown in the example below in order to ensure the OA Pilot accountability. OpenAIRE is working with Open Access publishers in order to streamline the invoicing process.
Invoicing the Central Service

Where no publisher pre-payment scheme is in place, the invoice needs to be provided in advance to the central service. This way, a funding request may first be submitted once the manuscript has been accepted and once it’s accepted it will be left pending until the invoice is made available.

Remember!

Check with your institutional library, research office or Open Access funding unit to find out if your accepted publication and FP7 project are eligible for funding from this OA Pilot. You may also wish to get in contact with these services in order to learn more about how to deal with the invoicing process and to comply with the technical requirements arising from this funding.

What is an Open Access Journal?

These are journals that do not charge readers or their institutions for access. Check the Directory of Open Access Journals www.doaj.org for a list of eligible OA journals for collecting funding from this OA Pilot.

More Information

This OA Pilot, which has a EUR 4m budget, will run for a maximum of two years or until such budget is exhausted. The full OA Pilot policy guidelines and FAQs are available here: www.openaire.eu/goldoa/fp7-post-grant/pilot.