Open Research Europe - short introduction for ERC grantees

In a nutshell: What is Open Research Europe (ORE)?

Open Research Europe (ORE) is an open access publishing platform for the publication of research stemming from EU funding, including ERC grants, across all subject areas. The platform is funded by the European Commission under the EU Research Framework Programme; there are no publishing fees for authors. It offers researchers an opportunity to share their results and insights rapidly and encourages open, constructive research discussion, while facilitating compliance with the Open Science requirements attached to EU funding. All articles are published open access under a CC BY license, and authors are asked to provide full and FAIR access to the source data underlying the results in order to improve reproducibility.

Scope: what kind of articles can be published in ORE?

As they all contribute to the advancement of science, in addition to Research Articles, submissions are invited for Brief Reports, Method Articles, Data Notes, Software Tool Articles, Reviews, Case Studies, and Open Letters. Depending on the discipline, Study Protocols, Registered Reports, Systematic Reviews, Clinical Practice Articles, Case Reports, and Essays can also be submitted. All research is welcome; confirmatory and negative results, as well as null studies are all suitable. See the Article Guidelines for more information.
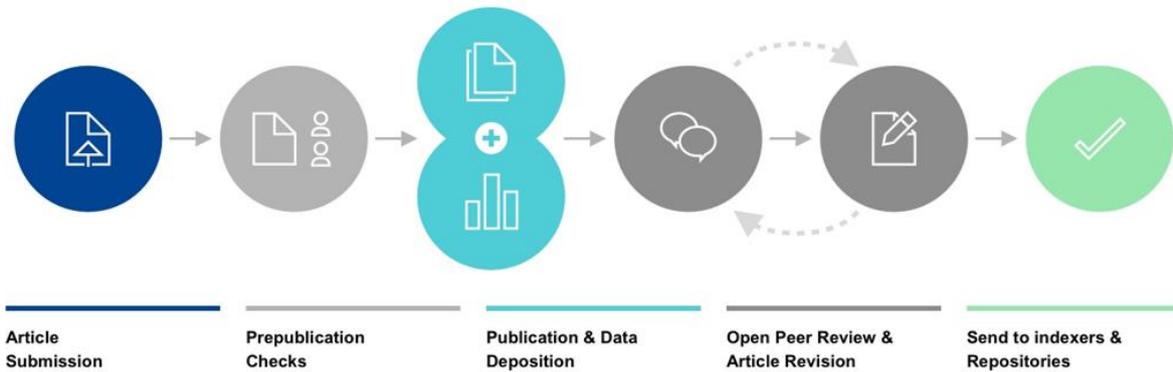
The ORE publishing process

ORE uses a post-publication, open peer review publishing workflow, meaning that articles are published before peer review takes place. However, before publication, every submission is subject to rigorous prepublication checks, addressing issues such as originality (plagiarism checks), language and readability, availability of sufficient information on methodology, compliance with ORE publishing policies, data availability, and ethics compliance. Once an article is published it immediately receives a DOI and is indexed in Google Scholar.

Peer review, indexing and deposition of articles

After publication, expert reviewers are selected by the editorial team and invited to openly review the article. Their reviews and names are published alongside the article, together with the authors' responses and comments from registered users. Authors are encouraged to publish revised versions of their articles in response to the reviewer comments.

As soon as a peer review is published, the current approval status of the article is displayed. As additional reviews are received, the approval status is updated. Once an article receives two 'Approved' statuses, or one 'Approved' and two 'Approved with Reservations' statuses from independent and invited peer reviewers, it will be indexed in a broad range of bibliographic databases, including Crossref, Dimensions, PubMed, Scopus, and Open Alex. At each moment, the full title reflects the version and the peer review status of the article. All versions are linked and independently citable.

Articles that have passed peer review will be deposited in Zenodo and Europe PMC (via PubMed Central (PMC)). These repositories are compatible with the Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe grant agreements.

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Gateways, Community Gateways and Collections

Gateways provide dedicated portals for the different EU funding programmes, programme areas and their thematic sections. One of these is the ERC Gateway. Community Gateways are dedicated hubs within ORE to bring together content related to a specific area of research. Several ERC grantees act as Community Gateway Advisors, participating in steering the growth and strategic direction of a Community Gateway within their field of expertise. Collections are compilations of content relating to a specific Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe-funded community, project, or conference. Several of these are led by (former) ERC grantees, for example the collections on Linguistic Diversity and on Plant Biology.

Useful resources

More information on how Open Research Europe works can be found in the ORE blog; short explainer videos are available on YouTube in the ORE playlist.