



openCost "Cost Data Survey"

Results









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The aim of the project openCost is to create a technical infrastructure that makes publication costs freely accessible and exchangeable via standardized interfaces and formats. This is supposed to enable cost transparency on an institutional, national, and international level.

To achieve this, we are developing a standardized metadata schema to record, retrieve and map all publication costs of a scientific institution in a structured form. In addition to OA publication charges (APCs), the schema also includes costs from transformation contracts, memberships, etc.



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With the help of this survey, we want to find out more about the work processes and tools of national and international libraries as well as the practice of publication cost monitoring in order to take the identified needs into account in the further course of the project.

A first metadata schema for capturing journal article costs can be found in our GitHub repository (https://github.com/opencost-de/opencost). Comments and suggestions are welcome at any time, and may be submitted through GitHub Issues or via email.

More about the openCost project: <a href="www.opencost.de">www.opencost.de</a>.



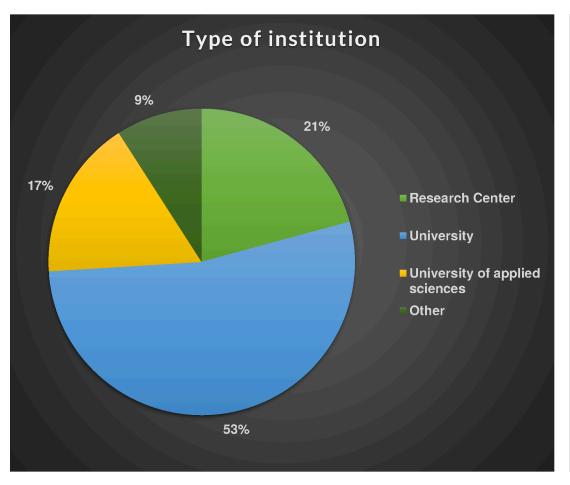
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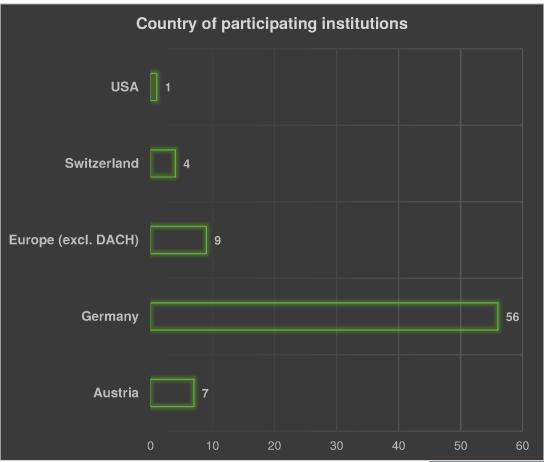
The survey was divided into four parts and asked for information from the following areas:

- General information
- Cost data
- Funding
- Future perspectives
- 77 participating institutions



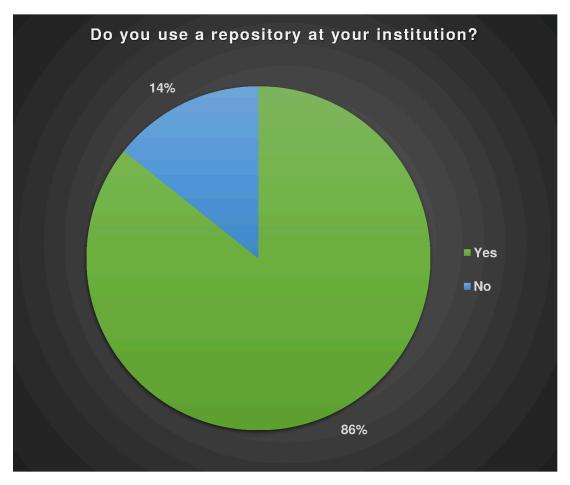
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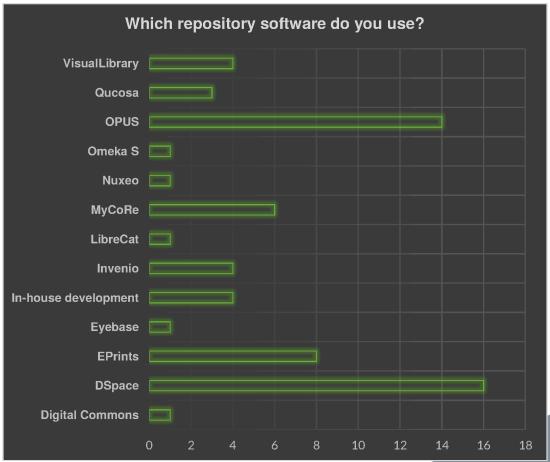






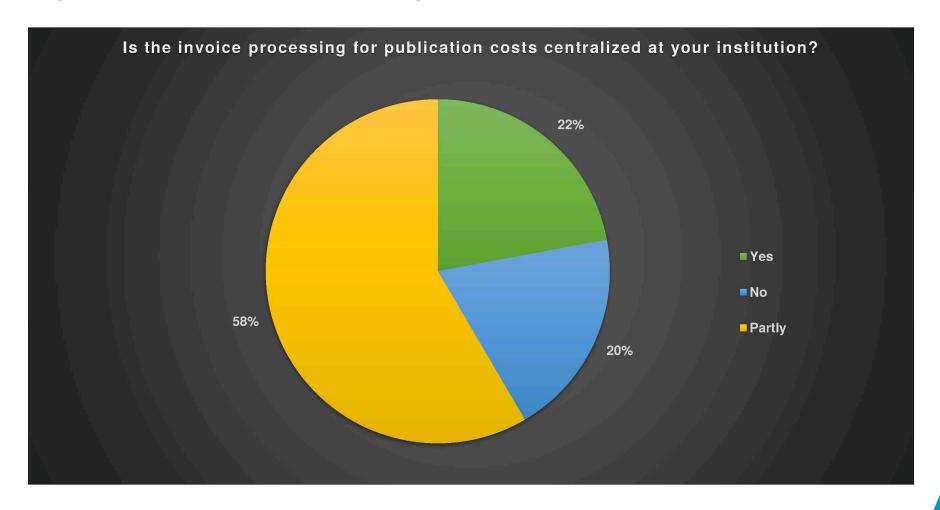
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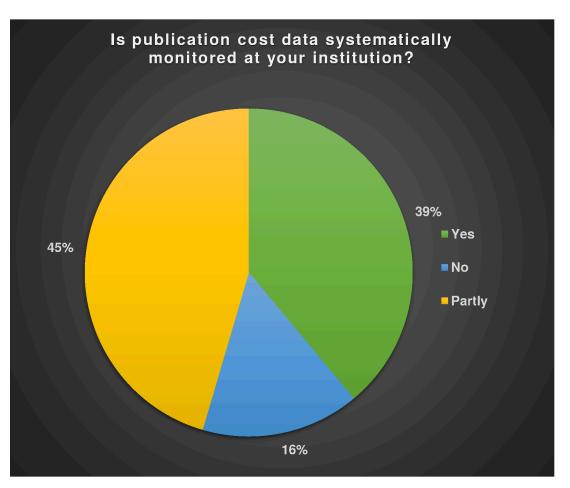


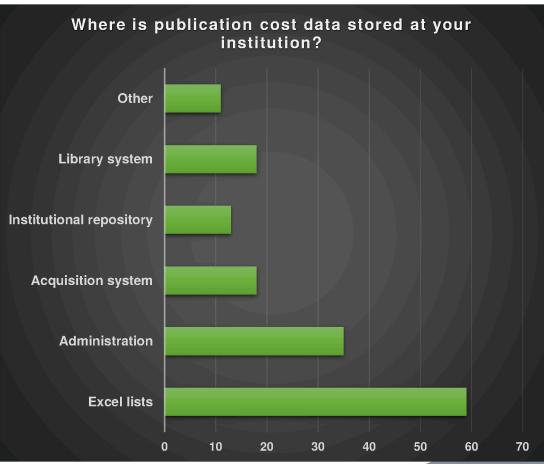
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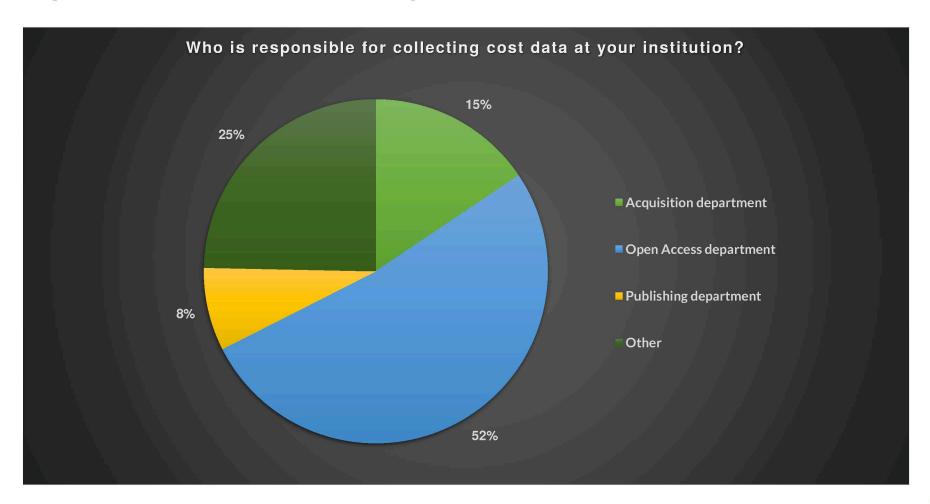
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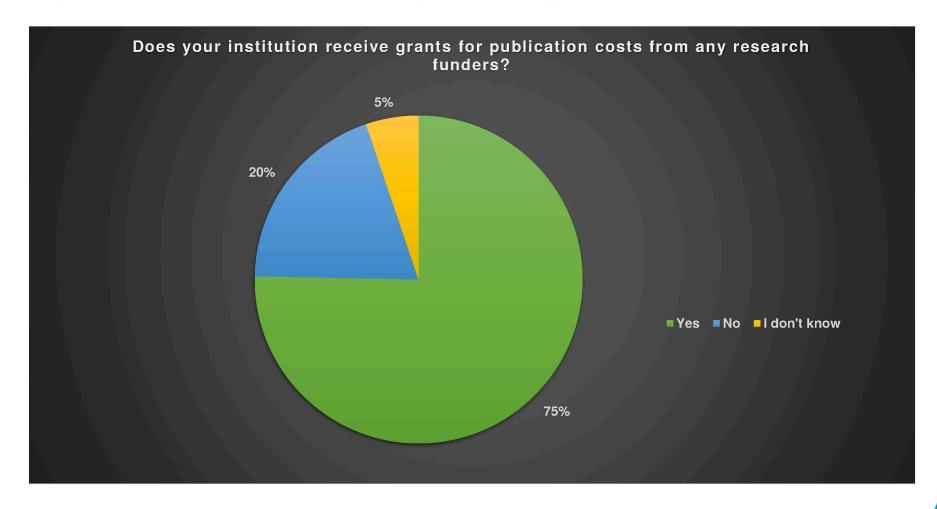


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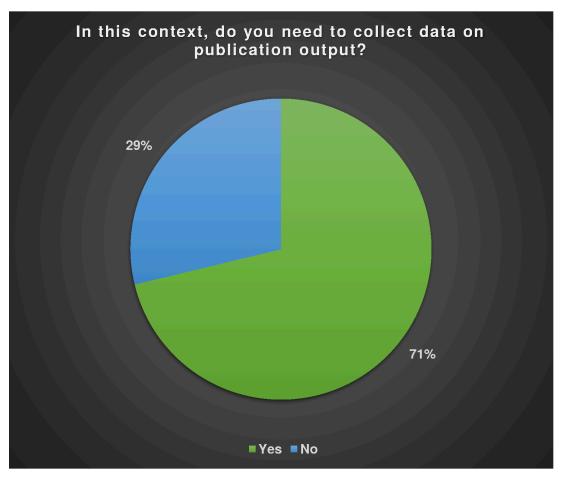


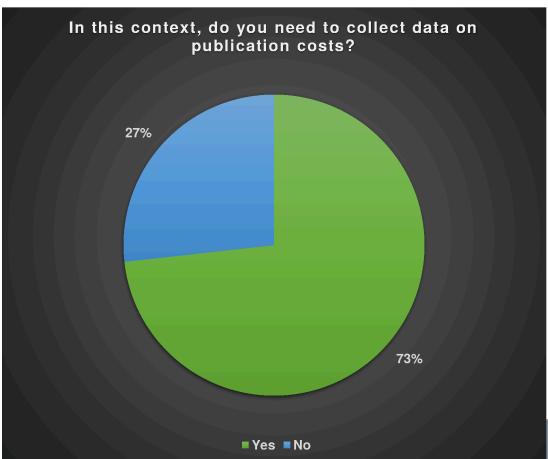
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#### openCost Cost Data Survey: Future perspectives

How would you like to record cost data in the future?

- Automatically (OpenAPC/based on central invoicing)
- Standardized
- Simple
- In the repository
- Centrally
- In one system
- In the Library Management System / Via FOLIO
- Dashboards
- In financial administration software
- Current situation works for us



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- Standardized worksflows and tools/examples for workflows, examples for data sets
- Keep it simple (data format) and system agnostic (data delivery)
- Easy automated cost data submission
- No double submission with OpenAPC
- Best-practice-documentation/Best practice for publication cost administration with repository software
- Guidelines for implementation/coordination
- Reaching out to the publisher for intensified collaboration to get comprehensive cost data



# Thank you!

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