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### Résumé de l'intervention

#### Leveraging Bibliodiversity: Transforming the journal system and shifting our spending from subscription to Open Access

More than a decade ago, the research and academic communities of the world set out together to transform the way research was published and disseminated. Our common vision was to leverage the full potential of our digital environment and barrier-free access to knowledge in order to foster innovative forms of scientific inquiry and enable faster and more impactful communication of results for the advancement of science. Today, the academic narrative has moved on and expanded to Open Science, of which Open Access is just one component, but we are still very far from having delivered to our researchers the benefits of unencumbered access to knowledge that we had promised. In order to achieve a global, open information environment, we must all take a holistic approach and, even as we invest in new and diverse open publishing platforms and initiatives, address the paywall system head-on. The DEAL negotiations in Germany represent a bold next step in a continuum of the strategy of the OA2020 alliance which is to take action, systematically withdrawing our money—money from our research budgets that could be used for other purposes—from the subscription system to invest in open access publishing.

### Biographie

As Head of Information and Deputy Director at the Max Planck Digital Library in Munich, Germany, Ralf Schimmer is responsible for licensing strategy and a broad range of Open Access and other innovative information services supporting the researchers of the over 80 advanced research institutes of the Max Planck Society. A thought leader in the Open Access movement, he is a frequent co-organizer of the Berlin conferences on Open Access and is the lead negotiator for the Max Planck Society in a number of ground-breaking license agreements that are paving the way to Open Access. He chaired the Governing Council of SCOAP3, the Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics 2014–2016, and is project manager for 'Open Access 2020', the global Open Access transformation initiative. He also serves on a variety of national and international committees and is a frequent member of the library advisory boards of publishers.