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**Open Access: An Expert Briefing to Help Policy Makers Take Decisive Action**

(Brussels, 4 April 2016) On 4 and 5 April, policy makers and research stakeholders are discussing ambitious actions to decisively move forward with the transition to Open Access to scientific publications at the Open Science Conference organised in Amsterdam by the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU.

To aid policy makers and stakeholders in making the necessary decisions on a crucial aspect of Open Science, Science Europe is today publicly releasing a briefing paper on 'Open Access Business Models and Current Trends in the Open Access Publishing System'.

The briefing paper, put together by leading experts in the Science Europe Working Group on Open Access to Scientific Publications and available immediately, provides decision makers with a condensed analysis of current business models and trends in scientific publishing.

The Dutch Presidency has made Open Access one of its main priorities and wishes to garner consensus around tangible actions necessary to irreversibly advance the transition to Open Access to scientific publications.

This needs visionary and courageous decisions by policy makers in the coming months. If these decisions are to have real impact and to support Open Science, then decision makers need to be in possession of the latest and most reliable information about what is going on in the Open Access publishing market. They need to know the financial, scientific and other implications of some of the ongoing trends and existing business models. The information provided in the Science Europe Briefing Paper supports the task of identifying which workable innovative scholarly communication models offered today will enhance the impact of the results of scientific research, boost innovation, and establish Europe as leader in shaping the future of scientific communication.

The Briefing Paper is available here: <http://scieur.org/briefing-oa>

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