

Publishing Agreements

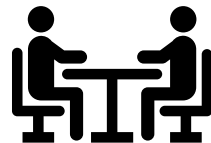
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*“**Agreement** between two or more persons or entities in which there is a **promise to do something** in return for a **valuable benefit** known as consideration.”*

Publishing agreement

- Two **parties**:
 - Author(s)
 - Publisher
- Contract purpose: **publishing** a paper in exchange of the total or partial **transfer of copyright**
- A contract is an **exchange**. Each part gives something to the other. It must be as **fair** as possible for both.



Publishing agreement: possible impact?

- Authority and integrity of your work
- Dissemination of your work
- Reuse rights for you and the readers





Let's play together!

Exercise - Agreements

- 3 real-life agreements:
 - eLife
 - Taylor & Francis
 - The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) – Book chapter

- Discuss your answers to the previously asked questions:
 1. Do you own the rights?
 2. Do you have the right to post your postprint version somewhere else?
 3. Do you have the right to reuse the article?

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Q1: Do you own the rights?	YES	Page 2: <i>You are granted the Licensed Rights [...]</i>
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Pay attention to...

- Authority
- Integrity of your work
- Reuse rights
- Sharing and archiving rights

Agreements can be unfair for the authors!

- Know your needs (also in link with your funder's requirements)
- Check publisher's guidelines (also before submitting)
- Ask more than what you expect

- EPFL Author Amendment

- Publishing Support Fast Guides:

<https://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/281419>



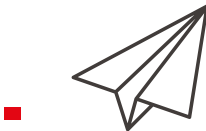
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- Financial constraints
- Engagement to open science
- Your funders' requirements
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- Your rights as an author

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