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- Advice on publication opportunities
- Support for authors of open access publications as well as for editors of open access journals
- Accompaniment during the publishing process
- Assistance with legal questions
- Information sessions and training courses



FURTHER INFORMATION

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<http://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/>
- Digitale Bibliothek Thüringen (DBT):
<http://www.db-thuringen.de/>
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ):
<http://doaj.org/>
- Electronic Publishing/Open Access at the ThULB:
<http://www.thulb.uni-jena.de/EPubOA.html>
- Information platform on open access:
<http://www.open-access.net/DE-EN/germany-english>
- Universal Multimedia Electronic Library (UrMEL):
<http://www.urmel-dl.de>

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Open Access / Electronic Publishing

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- Fast and free access to scientific information
- Accelerated publication process compared to conventional publishing strategies
- Increased visibility and higher citation rates
- Good findability via search engines and international library catalogues
- Promoting international and interdisciplinary cooperation
- Exploitation rights remain with the author

OPEN ACCESS STRATEGIES

THE GOLDEN ROAD

Primary publication of scholarly articles in open access journals or in other open access media such as monographs, collective volumes etc. Usually these texts pass through a quality assurance process (peer review).

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THE GREEN ROAD

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<http://www.dini.de/wiss-publizieren/sherparomeo/>

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