What is the Pilot?
• Are you a researcher, partner or coordinator in a FP7 project that has recently finished or is soon approaching its end date?
• Your forthcoming peer-reviewed open access publication could be eligible for funding.
• You can request funds here: http://postgrantopenaccess.pilot.openaire.eu is available for collecting and processing direct funding requests from researchers.

Basic Eligibility Criteria
The basic eligibility criteria for collecting this funding are:
• Publications in fully open access journals (or open access monographs) are eligible..
• The open access costs were incurred after the project finished.
• The project finished no more than two years ago.
• Three publications can be funded per project.
• The pilot will pay up to 2,000 EUR for research articles and 6,000 EUR for monographs.
• Page and colour charges will not be covered.

Remember! Ask your library/research administrators for help with requesting funds. They can check if your publication is eligible, and apply any available discounts with publishers.
Apply for Funding in 4 Steps

Step 1: After your publication is accepted, register or log in at https://postgrantoapilot.openaire.eu. Here you can check your project’s eligibility and request funding.

Step 2: Enter information about the project, the publication and the cost.

Step 3: If your publication is eligible, funding will be approved. The OA Pilot will request an invoice from the publisher and arrange payment.

Step 4: Ask your publisher to invoice Athena Research Centre at the address in the example below. The project is working with publishers to streamline the invoicing process. Submit a request to the central service once your publication has been accepted. Upload your invoice (addressed to Athena Research Consortium). Special arrangements to avoid invoicing are available with some publishers. See the website for information.

What is an Open Access Journal?

Most journals charge institutions a fee for access. All the paper in an open access journal are freely available for anyone to read. Check the Directory of Open Access Journals www.doaj.org for a list of open access journals eligible for funding.

More Information

This FP7 post-grant OA Pilot has a 4 million budget and will run for a maximum of two years or until the budget is spent. Guidelines and FAQs are available at: www.openaire.eu/postgrant/fp7-post-grant/pilot.

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