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Guidelines for researchers at FORS

1. General

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Stahli Ernst, M., D. Joye, A. Pollien, M. Sapin, K. Dümmler, D. Kessler, M. Ochsner: European Social Survey, Switzerland - 2012 [Dataset]. FORS - Centre de compétences suisse en sciences sociales, Lausanne. Distributed by FORS, Lausanne, 2015.

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- Researchers at FORS should opt for direct Open Access (golden road) if possible. They therefore reserve funds for the publication in their funding request.
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- If direct Open Access is not possible, researchers deposit their books or book chapters immediately on SERVAL (green road) and impose an embargo until copyright allows for Open Access.

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