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PLAN S, FROM PRINCIPLES TO IMPLEMENTATION

After the launch of Plan S last September, now cOAlition S published the guidance for its implementation by 2020. The guidance serves to clarify the Plan S provisions and describes implementation modalities. It also provides responses to questions and comments arising from online discussions and debates on Plan S.

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The guidance presented provides information and technical requirements on the three roads to Plan S compliance and gives indication of the policies that the cOAlition S funders intend to put in place. cOAlition S welcomes feedback on the implementation guidance, in particular to identify specific areas of the Plan S implementation that require further clarification. ■