

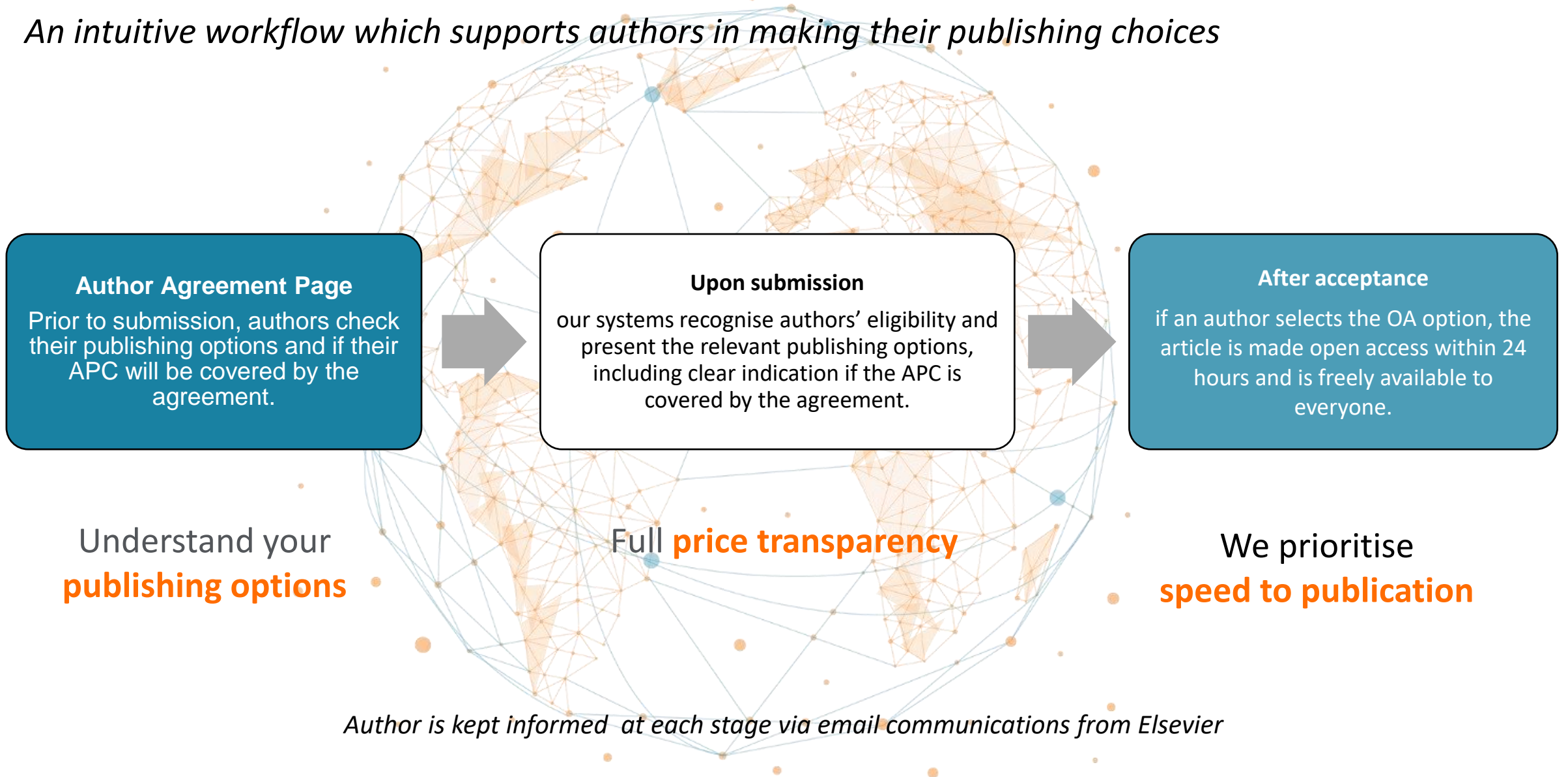
Supporting Bulgaria OA agreement

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How Elsevier makes it simple: **author journey**

An intuitive workflow which supports authors in making their publishing choices



Agreement page and journal search tool

To find the right journal for their research, authors can:

- Visit the agreement page to easily understand their eligibility for publishing their article open access
- Use the journal search tool to find out which journals are covered by their institution's agreement

<https://www.elsevier.com/open-access/agreements/bulgaria>

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This agreement is effective until the end of February 2025.

Supporting authors in Bulgaria

This agreement supports corresponding authors affiliated with a [Hungarian participating institution](#), regardless of the department in which they work.

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Bulgarian authors can continue to choose to publish under the subscription model and self-archive their manuscript (Green Open Access) in line with Elsevier's [sharing policy](#).

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How Elsevier makes it simple: institution journey

Alleviating potential pain points of implementing OA via the Elsevier OA Platform (EOAP)

OA administrator receives an email notification that there are new APC requests to be validated.
They click on the link to log on to a personalized EOAP dashboard.

OA Administrator validates APC requests:
simple approval or rejection of requests. All necessary information is provided in the EOAP (including live article links.)

Clear visibility of all pending, approved and rejected APCs provided, with downloadable reports available.

Get Notified

When your institution's authors want to publish OA

Manage APC Requests

on one central platform: the EOAP

Reporting + support from Elsevier helps **drive OA uptake** in the agreement

EOAP: Managing APC requests

Administrators can manage and track APC requests from just one platform

Using the EOAP, administrators can:

- Search and filter by institution or author name
- Easily approve or reject requests
- Choose to notify the author if desired.

The screenshot displays the 'Requests' management interface of the Open Access Platform. At the top, the 'Open Access Platform' logo is visible on the left, and 'Requests' and 'Agreement dashboard' are on the right. The main heading is 'Requests'. Below it, there are radio buttons for filtering: 'Pending (9)', 'Approved (24)', 'Rejected (1)', and 'All (34)'. The 'All (34)' option is selected. A search bar contains 'All institutions' and 'All authors', both with dropdown arrows. A blue button labeled 'Generate report (.csv)' is on the right. The main content area shows a list of three requests, each with a date of 'Dec 8, 2020', a title, a BM ACCOUNT# (e.g., 'Dr. Remington Christiansen, aniy54@example.org'), and a URL. To the right of each request are 'Approve' and 'Reject' buttons, each with a right-pointing arrow. A blue oval highlights the search filters, and another blue oval highlights the 'Approve' and 'Reject' buttons for the first request.

Visibility of APC uptake, usage, and reporting

Using the EOAP, administrators can:

- See a collective view of all APCs that have been approved
- Manage APC approvers
- Generate reports of the data

Reports can be downloaded into spreadsheets:

- Format and manipulate the data for reports
- Create graphs and charts to help with tracking agreements

The screenshot shows the 'Open Access Platform' Agreement dashboard for 'BM Account4'. It features a navigation bar with 'Requests' and 'Agreement dashboard' links, and a 'Back to consortium overview' link. The main content area displays 'Balance Period 01' and 'Balance Period 02' tabs. A large number '8' is circled in blue, indicating the count of 'Approved APCs'. Below this is a 'Generate report (.csv)' button. A table titled 'Approved APCs' is also circled in blue. The table has four columns: Submitted Date, Article, Accepted Date, and Approved Date. It lists three entries with their respective dates and article titles.

Submitted Date	Article	Accepted Date	Approved Date
Jul 1, 2020	Illo odit aut velit nesciunt maxime dolorum molestias. Sequi impedit quaerat est ut.	May 27, 2017	Jul 9, 2020
Jul 1, 2020	Ex minima minus magnam non. Odio optio eum commodi ab minus. Proident impedit sint ex rep...	May 27, 2017	Jul 9, 2020
Jul 1, 2020	Sit non odit eligendi deserunt qui. Sint praesentium deserunt rem.	May 27, 2017	Jun 24, 2020

How Elsevier makes it simple: summary

For Agreement Partners

- Easily approve or reject requests, managing APCs on one platform: the EOAP.
- Simple and intuitive dashboard, providing clear visibility of agreement progress.
- Easily downloadable reports, which allow for real-time tracking of agreement progress.
- Communicate directly with authors on the status of their APC requests.

For Authors

- Agreement page helps authors understand if they are eligible for the agreement.
- The OA Journal Search tool allows authors to check which journals are covered in the agreement.
- Intuitive author journey that clearly guides authors through publishing options based on eligibility.
- Email notifications that update authors on exactly where their article is in the publication journey.

Additional Support



- Periodical calls with Elsevier to track progress, get support, and general Q&A.
 - Online support pages, including video tutorials and FAQs:
<https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/list/c/15686/supporthub/eoap/>
 - Marketing campaigns raise awareness among your authors, supporting OA uptake.
 - Online support centre to assist with OA queries authors may have.
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