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Open Access policies: bottom-up and top-down approaches in universities

A bottom-up approach has not proved to be effective enough to extend OA content in IRs. A top-down approach, dealing with national policies and lobbying in the research community, has more chances to influence its main stakeholders. Since the Messina Declaration in November 2004, the Council of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) has issued several initiatives to support OA and extend its effects, and will host the Berlin 5 meeting in Padua. A roadmap is being implemented that will involve universities combining bottom-up and top-down approaches in a collaborative programme, though open problems remain.