

# JUFO in an international context

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# Indicator-based funding and research evaluation

- (See page 13 in the evaluation report)



- REF in the UK is a **research evaluation system** influencing **institutional funding** (summative evaluation)
- Most other countries separate like Finland does:
  - **Formative** institutional evaluations (self-organized or centrally required/supported)
  - **Summative** indicator-based funding systems

# Effects of indicator-based funding systems

## ■ **Weak** economic influence:

- Transparency of funding criteria
- Focus on core tasks and strategic aims
- Information for strategic development

## ■ **Heavy** economic influence:

- Focus on optimizing scores of indicators
- Change of behaviors
- Power games and lobbying

# Main characteristics of the Nordic model

- **Community-curated** evaluation of publication channels
  - Empowering the academic communities in evaluating an **important infrastructure in research**
  - In other countries, this power remains with the publishing business and indicator-based rankings (e.g. the Journal Impact Factor)
- **Independence** of commercial databases
  - Other countries automatically rank journals in WoS or Scopus higher
- **Balanced representation** of areas of research, language use, etc. (China, Latin-America)
- **Multiple use** of the information for other local and national purposes

# New functions of community-curated publication forums in relation to Open Access

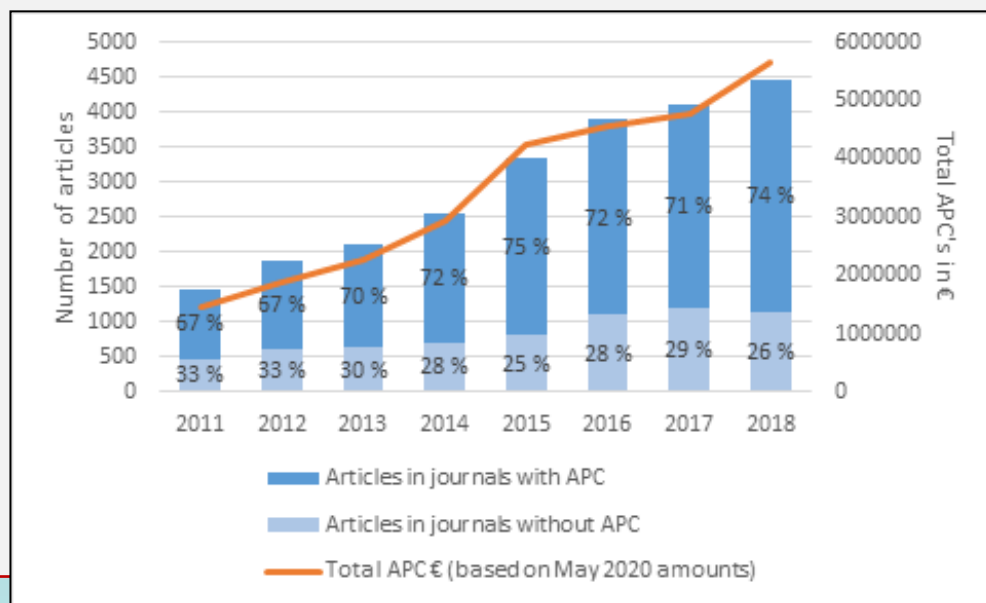
- **Promoting** Open Access by:
  - Informing about OA channels
  - Giving them more weight
  - Including new OA channels immediately
- OA is already here. **Guiding** further OA development by:
  - Quality assurance of journals with author payment (APC)

# New challenges for JUFO related to Open Access

## ■ Mega journals and publication platforms



## ■ Journals are seldom **predatory**, often **borderline**



## Nordic collaboration

- Can be even more important now:
  - OA is already here with new challenges
  - Sharing of tasks can increase efficiency
  - Comparisons can increase quality
- Not only DK, SF and NO: Sweden is interested