

Frequently Asked Questions: You share, we take care!

- **What are the benefits of participating in “You share, we take care?”**
By making more of your research publicly accessible sooner, more people can read your work and build upon it, thus increasing the visibility and impact of your research. There is very little downside to participating – [it takes a minute to sign up](#), and we will take care of all publishers’ enquiries, if any should arise.
- **What happens after I sign the form?**
Our repository team will check our research information system for any of your articles, conference proceedings and book articles, published from January 1, 2018 onwards, that are currently closed. We will change the status of those documents and push them into the repository, with a 6-month embargo where necessary. If the research information system cannot find the full text version of your work, we may ask you to supply a copy.
- **What happens if the publisher/conference organiser complains to me about this?**
Please refer the complaint to our team by email library@tudelft.nl – we will handle everything and talk to the publisher/organiser directly. Publishers and conference organisers are aware of the Taverne agreement, and with our 280 participants so far, we have received very few complaints.
- **How long does it take for my work to become open access?**
It will depend on the number of requests we are handling at a time, but roughly speaking, between 2 to 8 weeks.
- **Can I choose specific pieces of my work to share?**
Yes! If there are specific pieces of work that you would like to withhold from making open access this way, you can let us know by email.
- **Can I share my work published before 2018?**
We currently prioritise sharing work published from 2018 onwards. If there are specific pieces of work published before 2018 that you would like to make open (e.g. conference proceedings where the original proceedings website is no longer accessible), please email library@tudelft.nl with your request for further discussions.
- **Can I share my work published before I was employed by TU Delft?**
No. TU Delft Repository only accepts short works in which you are affiliated with TU Delft.
- **Which version of the article will be made open access?**
This will be the published version, since this is the one that has been 'made public'. This will increase the chance of correct citations, and it means that the library can simply include the work in the repository regardless of whether the researcher has access to the published version (especially if they are a co-author). This makes it easier for researchers to share work without the need to take additional administrative steps.
- **Can my work be shared if the publisher has established an embargo period longer than six months?**
The Taverne agreement overrules any requirements a publisher may have, contractual or otherwise. If this applies prior to the end of the embargo period, you may share the work sooner.

- **I mostly publish books – can I participate in this initiative?**
Book chapters in an edited collection can be made open in “You share, we take care”.
- **By participating, am I infringing on any copyrights/breaking copyright laws?**
“You share, we take care” is a result of the Taverne amendment of the Dutch copyright law, hence by participating, you are not breaking any copyright laws.
- **What if my publisher is not a Dutch company?**
The Taverne amendment covers any work published by TU Delft researchers, regardless of where it is published.
- **Can you make my work open through “You share, we take care” by helping me publishing the work on ResearchGate (or similar commercial services)?**
TU Delft Library’s service in “You share, we take care” will only cover depositing to TU Delft’s repository. Legally, according to the Taverne amendment, you can share your short scientific work funded with Dutch public funds via a public platform of your choice, including ResearchGate. However, the TU Delft library has no control over ResearchGate (or similar commercial services) and how they process or store your work and data, hence we will not take care of the processes nor any enquiries made by publishers should you decide to make your work open via ResearchGate.
- **What if my work has an embargo period longer than 6 months that is imposed by the publisher?**
Then “You share, we take care” can help make your work open, sooner!
- **Do I have to be the first author or corresponding author of the work for it to be made open?**
No, you can also be a co-author for the work to be made open through “You share, we take care”
- **How does Taverne relates to Plan S? Does participating in “You share, we take care” make my work Plan S, or other funders’ open access mandate, compliant?**
No - Plan S requires scientific publications to be published in compliant open access journals or platforms from 2021 onwards, without an embargo period. In “You share, we take care”, work can be made publicly available only six months after the first publication, hence is not Plan S-compliant. Find out more about [publishing in 2021](#).
- **Why doesn't my university transfer the published version of my article to the repository automatically after six months?**
The Taverne Amendment regards a personal right. You must give TU Delft the permission by [signing a digital agreement](#). In addition, you can indicate whether this concerns your most recently published article or all of them.
- **My question is not listed here.**
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