

## **Task Force on Practices of Academic Publishing in Communication Mission Statement**

ECREA hereby declares its utmost interest in establishing a Task Force on Practices of Academic Publishing in Communication

During the past decades, the publish or perish culture, promoted by exponents of neoliberal academia and new public management and the parallel gradual conversion of scientific publishing into a staggeringly profitable business venture have produced a number of questionable publishing practices that display shortcomings in terms of academic rigour, peer review, and transparency. Among them, the so called “predatory publishing” has proven to have by far the most detrimental effects on the quality of academic work and communication of research findings.

Given the increase in scale and reach of this phenomenon, affecting a growing number of ECREA members from early career researchers to senior academics, and Association’s mission to both promote and protect the highest academic standards, ECREA will establish its **Practices of Academic Publishing in Communication Task Force** to monitor developments, engage in debate on publishing ethics and standards in the field, and develop clear recommendations for its members.

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