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Introduction

Access to information, in for example libraries, archives and scientific information and cultural heritage institutions is a basic right of every citizen. The basic policy of these public institutions is open access, enabling the maximum and most fruitful use of publicly available information sources. The development of information as a public good into an economically exploited good has lead to increasing legal measures of extending copyright protection.

Has the protection of public access for example to kept equal pace?

What arguments can we use to formulate an adequate policy of open access?

Speaker



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