



Joint declaration of the table of consortia, purchasing groups, REBIUN and CSIC for the maintenance of the scientific information collections facing the budgetary challenge aggravated by the COVID-19 crisis

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The Spanish Table of Consortia and Buying Groups, composed of CISUG, CBUA, BUCLE, Consorcio Madroño, CSUC, UNIRIS, G9, REBIUN and CSIC, with a view to the 2022 renovations, once again states:

The editors and producers of scientific information should be thanked for their understanding and collaboration in having kept the 2021 prices frozen and having helped us avoid cancellations as a result of the crisis we were facing, which to some extent still persists.

By 2022 it was expected that the situation would give a radical change implying the definitive end of the pandemic, which predictably will not happen.

This continues to affect the institutions represented here, since the budgets for 2022 will not be increased and, therefore, will be in the best of cases the same as in 2021.

Thus, given this situation the institutions represented here are facing once again, we declare that:

- Continuing with what we already stated in the previous statement, the proposals for the renovations of 2022 and subsequent years must comply

with the budgets of the Spanish system of universities and research organizations and, therefore, at most maintain the same costs as in 2021.

- The economic conditions offered must be the same for all the institutions represented.
- As a result of the spirit of cooperation and mandatory transparency of this Table, we will share the proposals of the suppliers, and will avoid accepting unequal conditions or those that do not apply to the same extent to the rest of the members.

We appeal with this statement to an effort on the part of the providers that allows the renewal of the current agreements to the greatest extent possible. In the event that the renewal proposals do not sufficiently respond to our demands, we will be forced to transfer them to the universities and research organizations for their evaluation. If due to insufficient funds the option is deemed unaffordable, cancellation would be considered.

This declaration is not a negotiation strategy, but rather a consequence of the budget crisis in which we are still immersed, so that, once again, it continues to be the only possible alternative in order to keep all resources included in our digital libraries.