

## ELSEVIER

While in Germany the boycott of the publisher Elsevier which was initiated by the [DEAL project](#) continues, an agreement was reached in Finland between Elsevier and the [FinELib](#) consortium, but the details are still unclear. The Website NoDealNoReview.org [states](#): “For the time being, the only thing we can say for sure is that Elsevier subscriptions [will not be cancelled in the beginning of 2018](#). (...) We still do not know the exact details of the deal between FinELib and Elsevier have not been disclosed and therefore we cannot comment on whether the deal can be considered satisfactory or not. Ultimately, the decision is naturally up to your own discretion.”

The NoDealNoReview campaign tried to persuade scientists to stop being a reviewer for Elsevier in order to increase the pressure on the publisher and thus achieve a cost-effective consortium agreement. Although the initiative ends with the agreement, scientists are encouraged not to conduct reviews for Elsevier: “Stated aim of No deal, no review boycott was to support FinELib in its negotiations with Elsevier. Therefore the campaign has to end alongside the negotiations. Individual researchers are more than welcome to continue their boycotts. There is ample justification for doing so, as Elsevier remains the leading force of resistance in terms of openness and fair costs.”

With regard to Germany, it would be extremely interesting to know the precise conditions under which the agreement was reached: Did the publisher really give a significant price drop? Did Elsevier enforce his price expectations? Or did FinELib and the publisher simply agree on an armistice where both sides could keep face?