



The Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures

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Policy Context

- Access to RI identified as one of the building blocks for the implementation of the ERA
- 2012 ERA Communication launched the process to *develop a Charter of Access setting out common standards and harmonised access rules and conditions for the use by researchers of RI across ERA*
- 2012 Council Conclusions welcomed the ERA Communication "*as a basis for a strengthening partnership in the field of research infrastructures*"

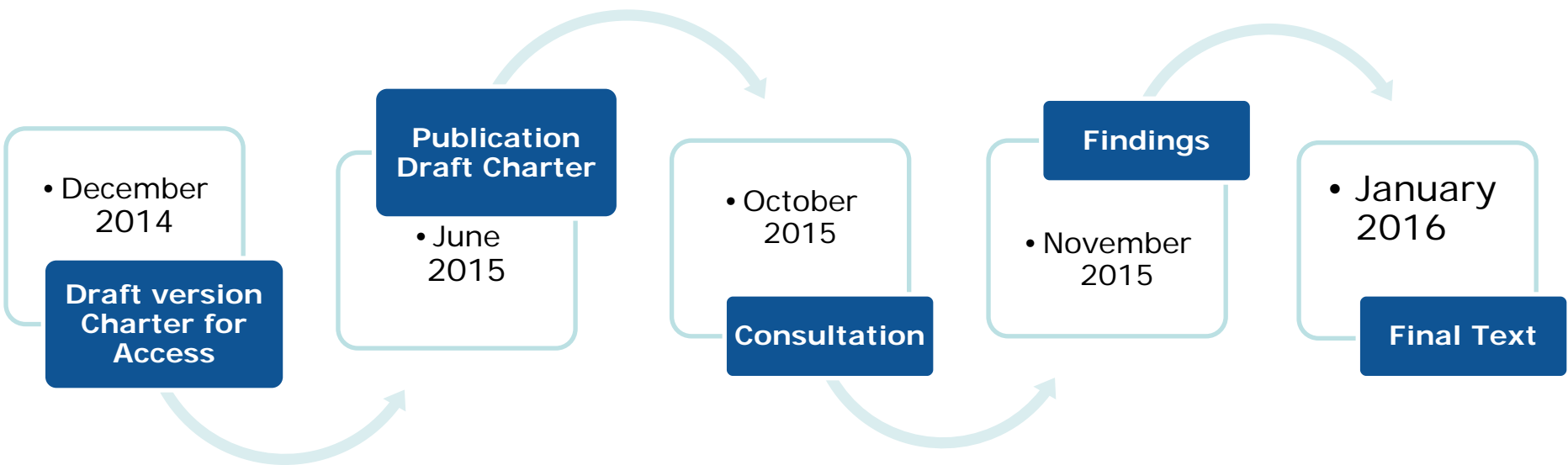
Challenges

- **Not all RI have a defined Access policy**
- **Fragmentation and diversification of Access policies**
- **Lack of common understanding**
- **Lack of transparency**



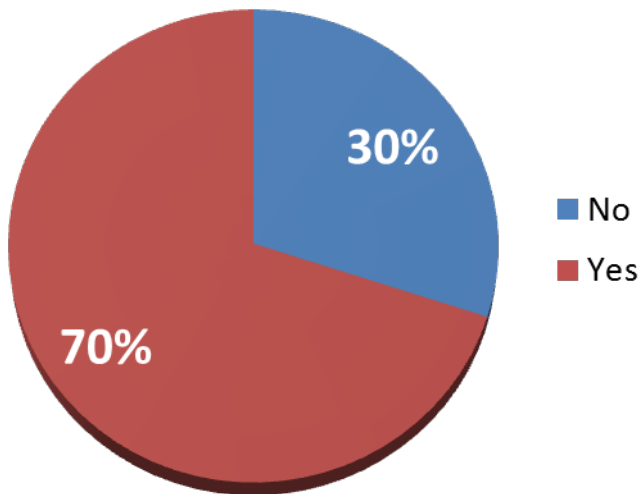
procedural barriers that prevent the best research teams from being able to access the best Research Infrastructures wherever these may be located

Charter Development

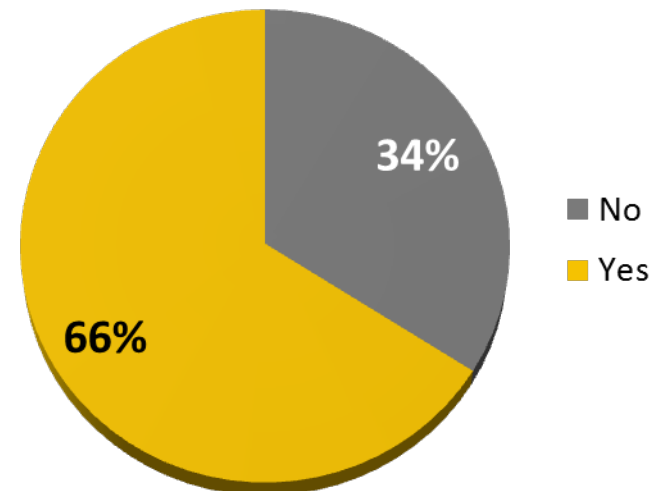


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Services to foster transfer



Data Access to Industry



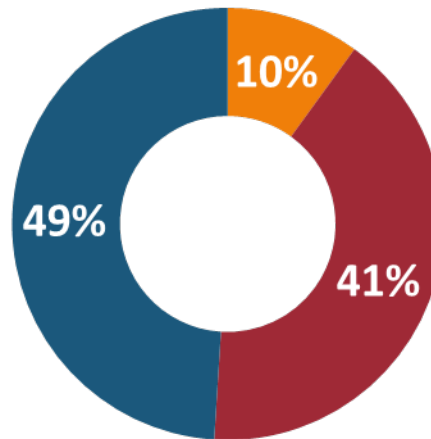
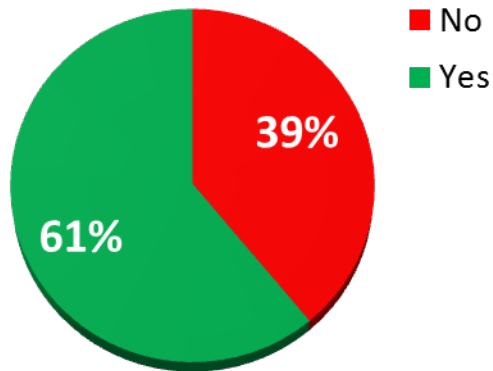
- Innovation Potential of RIs appears to be underexploited
- 30% don't have measures to foster knowledge transfer

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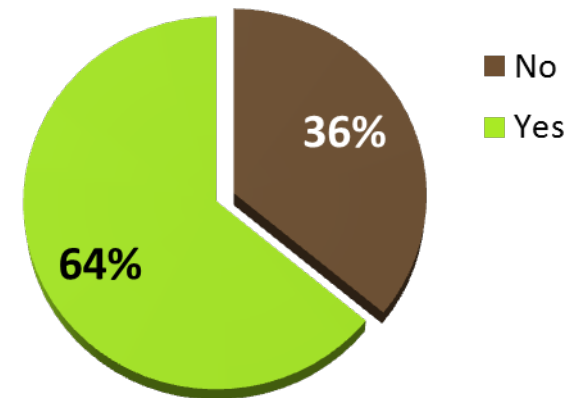
Role of RI

- Data Collector
- Data Generator
- Both

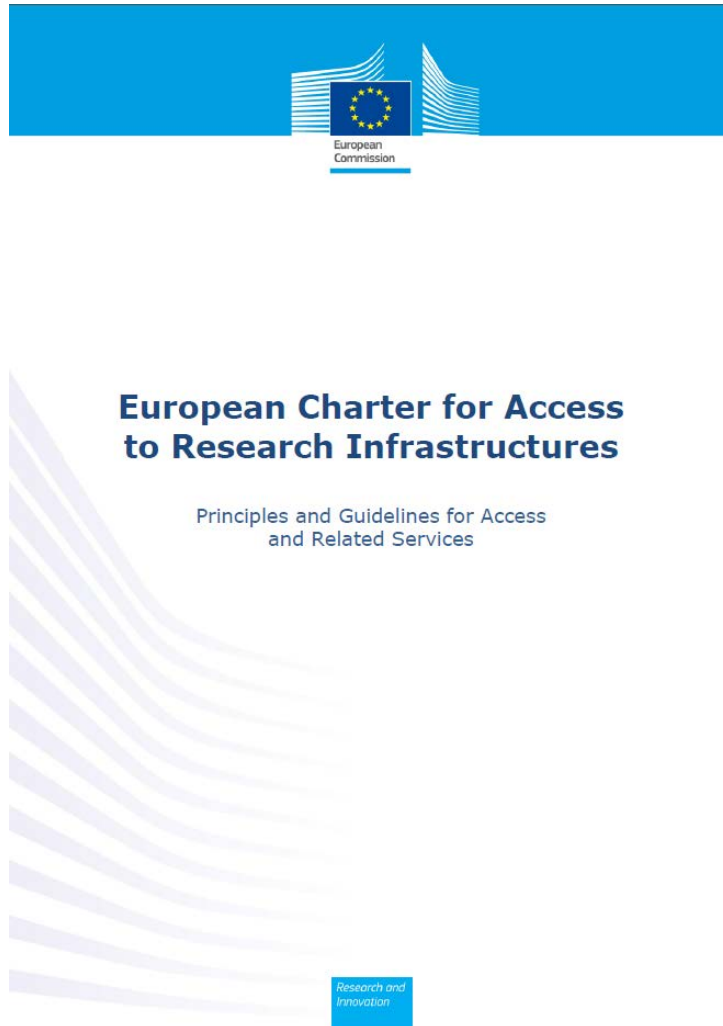
Research Data Management Policy



Re-Use of Results



- Only 61% have in place a data management policy
- Only minority declares to have anything more than data storage/archive capacity



The Charter

***"sets out non-regulatory
principles and guidelines to be
used as a reference when
defining Access policies for
Research Infrastructures and
related services"***

*Charter for Access to
Research Infrastructures.
Section 1 - Purpose*

Key features

- **Applicable to all typologies of Research Infrastructures**
- **Promotes Common terminology**
- **Promotes Transparency**
- **Enables harmonisation of standards for Access Policies**
- **Recognises Access for:**
 - **Research**
 - **Education and training**
 - **Doctoral preparation**
- **Living document**
- **Offered to wider international context (OECD-GSF/GSO...)**

Structure

7 Sections

1 Preamble

2 Purpose

3 Applicability

4 Definitions

5 Principles

6 Guidelines

7 Review and Update

Uniqueness

- **Defines an Access Policy and its components**
- **Defines Unit of Access**
- **Introduces the three Access Modes:**
 - ✓ **Excellence Driven Access**
 - ✓ **Market Driven Access**
 - ✓ **Wide-Access**



Way Ahead

- Charter published on line
https://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=access_ri
- Charter disseminated as widely as possible
- Charter mentioned in May 2016 EU Council conclusions
- MS and all Stakeholders promote implementation
- regular update of the document through a combined bottom-up and top-down reviewing process



Credits: the Drafting group

- **European Commission**
- **ESFRI**
- **e-IRG**
- **EARTO (European Association of Research and Technology organisations)**
- **LERU (League of European Research Universities)**
- **CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research)**
- **EUA (European University Association)**
- **NordForsk (Nordic Research cooperation)**
- **Science Europe**



European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures

Principles and Guidelines for Access
and Related Services



Thank you for your Attention!

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