Open Science

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What is Open Science?

Evolution, not revolution



Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 27 Right to take part in cultural, artistic and scientific life.

You have the right to share the benefits of your community's culture, arts and sciences.

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Open Science

Academic freedom, Research integrity, Scientific excellence

Open Science pillars



UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science

https://en.unesco.org/science-sustainable-future/openscience/recommendation





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Open Scientific infrastructures





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Open Dialogue with other knowledge systems



CARE:

Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, Ethics



OPEN

SCIENCE

Marginalised scholars

Local

communities

Indigenous

peoples

Open engagement of societal Open scientific knowledge

Why is Open Science important?

Why? Reproducibility & transparency



1,500 scientists lift the lid on reproducibility

https://doi.org/10.1038/533452a

IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?

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surveyed

Don't know

3%

crisis

No, there is no

38% Yes, a slight crisis Yes, a significant crisis







Raw Data Letters

"IUCrData has launched a new section for authors to describe their unprocessed or `raw' diffraction images [...]"

Why? Public funded works should be accessible

- A moral argument: public funded research should be in the hands of the people who paid for it.
 - Science should benefit everyone in society
 - Avoid science silos → Open Science
- Science budgets cannot be assumed:
 - Science targeting Societal Grand Challenges should be clearly identified.
 - Easier to justify money being spent if people can see it is having an effect.



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Why? Greater impact of research

- The impact of research is a hotly debated topic:
 - Depends on how you measure the "impact"
- Journalistic publications tends to create barriers to access:
 - A sustainable model, but can we do better?
 - Preprint services; social media platforms (X, Instagram, Tiktok, ...)
- Based on traditional measures of impact, Open Access and Open Data have been proven to outperform traditional versions.
- Making research output (journals, data, software, ...) open allows it to reach new people.

Why? Opening up opportunities for learning and cooperation

- Complexity of science. Areas of science that cannot be investigated by teams working in isolation.
 - A network of experts is needed.
 - How do we enable sharing of research output, without loosing the acknowledgment?
 - Communication is key
- Provide learning opportunities.
 - Open Data as reference material
 - Open Data/Teaching as training material
 - Open Data as AI/ML training material



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Why? Challenges of open science

- Handling dangerous information
- Avoiding public misunderstanding
- Avoid "low quality science"
- Risk of vendor lock-in.
- WEIRD-focus (Western, Educated, Industrialised, Rich and Democratic)
- Sustainability of research groups, when not derived from information scarcity.

"as open as possible, as closed as necessary."

How is Open Science achieved in Europe?

How? Incentives and rewards

Providing a better "carrot"

- Traditional evaluation of academic output is based on journal publications.
 - Other output not considered
- Allows people to "game" the system:
 - "Paper mill",
 - Self-citations, Group-citations, ...
- Contributing to a "Publish or perish" cultures
- ARRA agreement, opened for signatures 2022-09-28
- CoARA Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment
 - Reforming how academic output is evaluated



How? Legislative and regulatory aspects

- Various legal frameworks impacting Open Science
 - EU data law, Copyright, Software liability ...
- Looking for conflicts between European Research Area (ERA) Policy Agenda
 - Work to resolve problems.
- From another perspective: SciHub

From another perspective:



- Aaron Swartz
- Sci-Hub





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How? Framework Programmes

FP7	2007–2013	€53.5B
FP8 "Horizon 2020"	2014–2020	€77B
FP9 "Horizon Europe"	2021–2027	€95.5B







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Sec Strails
Sec Beyond≫



Horizon Europe provisions on Open Science – see talk

How? Infrastructure and skills

Practical support

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Open Access publishing platform for research funded by all EU Programmes

Support for skills and education for equitably practising Open Science and FAIR research data management

Some real-world experience

FAIR data

... making Open Data actually useful.

For further information, see:

- https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/
- https://www.fairsfair.eu/

FAIR: Findable



- **F1**. Use globally unique and persistent identifiers.
- F2. Data described with rich metadata
- **F3**. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe.
- **F4.** Metadata registered or indexed in a searchable resource.



FAIR: Accessible

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- **A1.1**. Protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- **A1.2**. Protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
- A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data no longer available.



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FAIR: Interoperable



- **11**. Metadata: a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation
- **I2**. Metadata: use vocabularies that follow FAIR principals
- **I3**. Include qualified references to other metadata.



FAIR: Reusable



- **R1**. Metadata are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes.
- **R1.1**. Metadata are released with a clear and accessible data usage license.
- **R1.2**. Metadata are associated with detailed provenance.
- **R1.3**. Metadata meet domain-relevant community standards.





Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

(and other PIDs)

PIDs: motivation

An identifier is something (usually text-based) that is associated with a specific item, and is not reused for any other item.

ISBN – identify a book

VIN – identify a motor vehicle

A persistent identifier (PID) is an identifier for a digital object that is persistent.

"Persistence is purely a matter of service" – it needs to be someone's job to keep PIDs alive.

 $PID \rightarrow$ some sustainable registry (e.g., business model)

PID will (usually) have some associated metadata.

Best practice: PID is opaque identifier with no embedded metadata.



Handle / DOIs / Crossref / DataCite

Solving the problem of "link rot".

Handle: separate infrastructure from web, designed to provide a small amount of metadata (easy to maintain) and with other features to support robustness.

DOIs are examples of Handle IDs,

Stronger guarantees. DOI delegate operations to registration agencies (currently 12):

> **Crossref** – academic journals **DataCite** – research output (data, ...) **OP** – EU related material.

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HANDLE.NET

A typical DOI: **10.5281/zenodo.11109625** Compact representation: **doi:10.5281/zenodo.11109625** Recommended version: **https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11109625**

DOI metadata

Mandatory	Recommended	Optional
Identifier	Subject	Language
Creator	Contributor	Alternate ID
Title	Date	Size
Publisher	Resource Type	Format
Publication year	Related identifier	Version
	Description	Rights
	GeoLocation	

https://project-thor.readme.io/docs/datacite-metadata-schema

Other PIDs



https://projects.tib.eu/pid-service/en/persistent-identifiers/persistent-identifiers-pids/

Data Management Plans (DMPs)

What problem are we solving?

- Science inevitably requires taking measurements (== "data")
 - Modern equipment takes ever increasing volumes of data (the "data deluge")
 - Handling the data is increasingly non-trivial.
- Facilities may have certain expectations on how data will be handled. These should be agreed upon up front.
 - Data availability and locality
 - The process of making data FAIR and Open.
 - Embargo period: expectations.
 - Agreement on how long data will be kept.
- A DMP is a (living) document, describing how data will be handled.
- EC has rolled in DMP requirements for EU projects (H2020, Horizon Europe)

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DMP, the movie

Output from EOSC-Future Project





From beams to bytes: navigating data management for users of PaN facilities



Key points

- We are currently in a transition towards Open Science:
 - Different fields and different countries are exploring this area.
 - Nobody has a complete solution yet.
- Open Science has many different aspects:
 - different fields have different emphases.
- Open Science has many benefits
 - Give you research more impact.
- Evaluation of research output is also evolving

Thank you





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