

Mandatory Open Science Practices: Tips for implementation

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Agenda

- Open Science in EU proposal forms
- Tips: Put Open Science into practice
- Recap



Required at proposal stage



Data – natural component of research activities

- Instrument measurements
- **Experimental observations**
- Still images, video and audio
- Text documents, spreadsheets, databases
- Quantitative data (e.g. survey data)
- Survey results & interview transcripts
- Simulation data, models & software
- Slides, artefacts, specimens, samples
- Questionnaires
- Code

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- Sketches, diaries, lab notebooks ...
- Data from public registries
- Data from companies





























¹/₂-1 page of Research Data Management

Describe:

- **Types of data/research outputs** (e.g. experimental, observational, images, text, numerical) and their estimated size; if applicable, combination with, and provenance of, existing data.
- **Findability of data/research outputs**: Types of persistent and unique identifiers (e.g. digital object identifiers) and trusted repositories that will be used.
- Accessibility of data/research outputs: IPR considerations and timeline for open access (if open access not provided, explain why); provisions for access to restricted data for verification purposes.
- Interoperability of data/research outputs: Standards, formats and vocabularies for data and metadata.
- Reusability of data/research outputs: Licenses for data sharing and re-use (e.g. Creative Commons, Open Data Commons); availability of tools/software/models for data generation and validation/interpretation /re-use.
- Curation and storage/preservation costs; person/team responsible for data management and quality assurance.

Data Management Plans



CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS

When developing solid data management plans, researchers are required to deal with the following topics and answer the following questions:

1. Data description and collection or re-use of existing data

- a. How will new data be collected or produced and/or how
- b. What data (for example the kinds, formats, and volumes)
- a. What metadata and documentation (for example the methodology of data collection and way of organising
- b. What data quality control measures will be used?

3. Storage and backup during the research process

- a. How will data and metadata be stored and backed up
- b. How will data security and protection of sensitive data be taken care of during the research?

4. Legal and ethical requirements, codes of conduct

- a. If personal data are processed, how will compliance with legislation on personal data and on data security be ensured?
- b. How will other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, be managed? What legislation is
- c. How will possible ethical issues be taken into account, and

\bigcirc 5. Data sharing and long-term preservation

- a. How and when will data be shared? Are there possible restrictions to data sharing or embargo reasons?
- b. How will data for preservation be selected, and where will data be preserved long-term (for example a data repository or archive)?
- c. What methods or software tools will be needed to access and use the data?
- d. How will the application of a unique and persistent identifier (such as a Digital Object Identifier (DOI)) to each data set be ensured?

\bigcirc 6. Data management responsibilities and resources

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- a. Who (for example role, position, and institution) will be responsible for data management (i.e. the data steward)?
- b. What resources (for example financial and time) will be dedicated to data management and ensuring that data will be FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable)?

Science Europe Practical Guide & Template: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4915862



Required at proposal stage



- How appropriate open science practices are implemented as an integral part of the proposed methodology. Show how the choice of practices and their implementation are adapted to the nature of your work, in a way that will increase the chances of the project delivering on its objectives. If you believe that none of these practices are appropriate for your project, please provide a justification here.
 - Open science is an approach based on open cooperative work and systematic sharing of knowledge and tools as early and widely as possible in the process. Open science practices include early and open sharing of research (for example through preregistration, registered reports, pre-prints, or crowd-sourcing); research output management; measures to ensure reproducibility of research outputs; providing open access to research outputs (such as publications, data, software, models, algorithms, and workflows); participation in open peer-review; and involving all relevant knowledge actors including citizens, civil society and end users in the co-creation of R&I agendas and contents (such as citizen science).
- Research data management and management of other research outputs: Applicants generating/collecting data and/or other research outputs (except for publications) during the project must provide maximum 1/2 page on how the data/ research outputs will be managed in line with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).
- ▲ For guidance on open science practices and research data management, please refer to the relevant section of the <u>HE Programme Guide</u> on the Funding & Tenders Portal.
- Horizon Europe grant application form, Part B, Section "Excellence", subtopic "Methodology"
- https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/temp-form/af/af_he-ria-ia-stage-1_en.pdf

Mandatory Open Science practices

Mandatory Open Science practices for all beneficiaries per the Grant Agreement (GA)

- **Open Access to scientific publications** (required by the GA)
- FAIR principles applied in responsible management of research data and open access to research data under the principle of "as open as possible, as closed as necessary". Data Management Plans compulsory for all grants, by M6
- Information about research outputs, tools and instruments needed to validate conclusions of scientific publications or to validate and re-use research data
- Digital or physical access to results needed to validate conclusions of scientific publications (unless exceptions apply)
- Public emergency requires immediate open access to all research outputs under open licenses if requested by the granting authority, or, if exceptions apply, access under fair and reasonable conditions to legal entities needing research outputs to address public emergency



Tips: Put Open Science into practice

Use collaborative platforms during research process







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Use repositories for sharing and publishing



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What's on a dataset landing page

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 Once intellectual creative output has been invested, data is licensable because copyright applies



 Non-licensed material (if it is protected by copyright) is **not** freely available

- Only owners (= usually data creators) are entitled to distribute licenses for the use of data
- Several creators → all creators are in principle jointly entitled to make decisions





- Recommendation for data: Creative Commons
 - Standardized license text \rightarrow Reduces effort and creates legal certainty
 - No transfer of exclusive exploitation rights → Researchers can continue to work freely
 - Internationally distributed / compatible with a wide range of legal systems compatible → helps avoid problems in an international context





Assign licenses for code

- Tools for selecting a software license:
 - <u>https://ufal.github.io/public-license-selector/</u>
 - <u>https://choosealicense.com/</u>

Choose ar	n open sour	rce license
An open source license protects contribut	ors and users. Businesses and savvy developers	won't touch a project without this protection.
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FAIR explained with many practical examples:

- Video recording of the presentation Let's make our data FAIR. Handle: <u>11353/10.1246920</u>.
- Slides: Tomasz Miksa (19.10.2021). Let's make our data FAIR. <u>DOI: 10.25365/phaidra.306</u>. CC BY 4.0.







3 concepts – overlapping, not the same



- is about metadata and findability
- is about standards and interoparability
- is about machine-to-machine communication
- sensitive data (privacy, IPR, ...)
- data visiting instead of data sharing
- FAIR data is not equivalent to open data (publicly available to everyone to access and reuse). Data can, and should be FAIR even when access is restricted

Open Data

- is available on the internet
- can be freely used, modified and shared by anyone for any purpose
- research data should be open as a default, unless there are legitimate reasons for keeping them closed
- as a general rule, open access to other research outputs such as software, models, algorithms, workflows, protocols, simulations, electronic notebooks and others is not required but strongly recommended



Research Data Management

- refers to the entire life cycle of research data
- from planning, generation, analysis, processing and backup, to documentation, archiving and publication, and finally, reuse by third parties
- enables FAIR and Open
- RDM is mandatory in Horizon Europe for projects generating or reusing data
- DMPs are useful planning instruments (and a Deliverable in M6)





Good to know

- Failure to sufficiently address open science practices will result in a lower evaluation score.
- A clear explanation of how applicants will adopt recommended practices will result in a higher evaluation score.
- If proposers believe that none of the open science practices (mandatory or recommended) apply to their project, then they have to provide a justification.
- Under 'capacity of participants and consortium as a whole', proposers should describe how the consortium brings together the necessary disciplinary and inter-disciplinary knowledge. Proposers should show how this includes expertise and/or track record in open science practices, relevant to what is planned for the project.
- Finally, in part A of their proposals, proposers are asked to list up to five relevant publications, widely used datasets or other achievements of consortium members that they consider significant for the action proposed. Open access is expected for publications, in particular journal articles, while datasets are expected to be FAIR and 'as open as possible, as closed as necessary'.

MORE INFO IN JJTHE PROGRAMME GUIDE: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf



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