

Proposal for an ERA in Action Session on Open Access to research data *en marge* of IGLO Spring Reception

Date: 17 April 2013
Place: Neth-ER, 22, rue d'Arlon
Time: 12.00 – 16.00 (including sandwich lunch)
Chair: Charlotte Geerdink (Neth-ER, Chair) and Martin Müller (SwissCore)

Rationale

On 17 July 2012 the European Commission published the communication on the European Research Area together with the communication 'Towards better access to scientific information: Boosting the benefits of public investments in research'. This last communication sets out some of the actions the Commission has already taken and will take in the field of Open Access of public financed research activities and what barriers exist that need to be taken away in order for Open Access to 'flourish' in the future.

Open Access can take many forms, such as unlimited access to publications stemming from publicly funded research, but also access to research data. The communication on Open Access points to the urgent need to find new and better ways to make more Open Access a reality without harming the interests of the scientific community, of research performing organisations and by providing sufficient guarantees to the industry so that the participation to Europe's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020) still remains attractive. The European Commission further asks Member States to develop policies on Open Access for scientific articles and data by 2014.

Therefore a dialogue is needed between the Commission, Member States and stakeholders from the research community, universities, and industry how to make more information publicly available to the citizen and which information. The Commission's vision for the coming years is to have all scientific publications resulting from Horizon 2020 available via Open Access and to start a pilot in Horizon 2020 on Open Access to research data. The proposed ERA in action session will focus on the latter only, so Open Access to research data, because this is still relatively new and all expertise is more than welcome on which in the future hopefully solid policies for Open Access to research data at EU level can be built based on expertise in the Member States.

In Spring 2013, the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament will already be at an advanced stage of the trilogue concerning the Rules for Participation and Dissemination in Horizon 2020. Therefore and since the Commission is already starting preparatory work behind the screens, discussions on the precise implementation of Open Access to research data is both useful and urgent. The recommendations coming out of the ERA in Action session could potentially have an impact on the implementation issues.

The ERA in Action Session will address the following two questions:

1. What can reasonably be done until 2014 to make Open Access to research data available by research funding and research performing organisations within the Member States and Associated Countries?

2. What can reasonably be recommended to safeguard a balanced approach to Open Access to research data within Horizon 2020 from 2014 to 2020?

The ERA in Action Session fully addresses issues directly linked to the work of the IGLO Innovation and Implementation Working Groups. While the first question looks at the problematic of Open Access from the Innovation point of view, the second clearly considers the implementation of Open Access in the next framework programme.

Objective

The aim of the session is to come up with concrete recommendations to safeguard a balanced approach the Open Access to research data and to propose realistic measures for the implementation of Open Access in Horizon 2020. The conclusions of the session are meant to be presented to Anne Glover during the IGLO Spring Reception 2013. Therefore the session needs to involve experts that have know-how on the topic and that can share with the audience concrete examples and best practices as to how to make open access to research data possible.

The session aims at producing **Expert Recommendations on Open Access to research data** containing concrete recommendations to a) the Member States and national research funding and research performing organisations and b) the EP, Council and EC.

Methodology

Chair

The Chair welcomes the speakers, experts, observers and the Rapporteur, introduces the rules of the Session (e.g. Chattenham House Rules and roles of experts, observers and Rapporteur), introduces the speakers and moderates the discussions seeking for the largest possible consensus for concrete recommendations amongst the experts.

Experts

Maximally 30 representatives of national governments, national research funding and research performing organisations and Legal NCPs will discuss concrete recommendations based on an input speech seated around a table.

Observers

Representatives of European stakeholder organisations (EARTO, EUA, LERU, Nordforsk, Science Europa, ALLEA, BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME), the EU institutions, publishers and industry are invited to listen.

Rapporteur

The Rapporteur adjusts the draft conclusions and recommendations, summarises them at the end of the Session and presents them to the IGLO Spring Reception 2013.

Steering Committee

A Steering Committee will execute the work. The Steering Committee consists of the following people/offices within the Working Groups on FP Implementation and Innovation:

Chair: Charlotte Geerdink (Neth-ER) and Martin Müller (SwissCore)

Members: Jakob Just Madsen (Danro), Michaela Vlkova (CZELO), Corentin Chaboud (CLORA) and Kristi Kiitsak (ETAG)

Draft programme outline

Chairs: Charlotte Geerdink (Neth-ER) and Martin Müller (SwissCore)

Rapporteur: **Angela Holzer** (DFG)

12.00 – 12.30 Registration and lunch

12.30 – 12.45 Welcome and introduction

by **Charlotte Geerdink** (Neth-ER) and **Martin Müller** (SwissCore)

12.45 – 13.55

Expert Discussion on Open Access to research data in Member States

Moderator: **Jakob Just Madsen** (DANRO)

- short introduction of issues at stake by **Jakob Just Madsen** (DANRO)

The issues:

- definition on research data
- quality standards for open access
- building infrastructures for data

- Experts showcasing issues at stake and, what are/were the obstacles and have they found solutions

- by **Ron Dekker**, director Institutes, Finances and Infrastructure at The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

- by **Rachel Bruce**, Innovation Director at JISC

Open discussion with invited experts

13.55 – 14.15

Coffee Break

14.15 – 15:15

Expert Discussion on Open Access to research data in Horizon 2020

Moderator: **Ivo de Nooijer** (Luris Leiden)

- short introduction: **Daniel Spichtinger** (DG RTD) and **Celina Ramjoué** (DG CONNECT)

Experts showcasing their thoughts on open access to research data on EU level

- by **Jeroen Sondervan** (RECODE project/ Amsterdam University Press)

- by **Peter Wittenburg** (Research Data Alliance/ Max Planck)

Open discussion with invited experts

15.15 – 15.35

Conclusions and recommendations by the Rapporteur **Angela Holzer**

15.35 – 15.45

Wrap-up and goodbye

16.30 – 16.45

Briefing of Anne Glover by the Rapporteurs

17.10 – 17.25

Presentation of Expert Recommendations to IGLO Spring Reception 2013 by the Rapporteur



Finances



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Neth-ER will cover the costs for venue, drinks and support and SwissCore will cover the costs for the sandwich lunch. All other direct costs like flights and hotels must be covered by the experts and observers themselves. This ERA in Action Session would thus not entail any expenditures for the IGLO Budget 2012-2013.