Horizon Europe Open Science requirements in practice

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Horizon Europe reference documents

Program Guide of Horizon Europe

Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA)

ERC Managing your project > Open Science

MSCA Work Programme

EC Participant Portal – 'Continuous reporting' guide

OpenAIRE guides

‘How to comply with Horizon Europe mandate for publications’

‘Open Science in Horizon Europe proposal’

‘RDM in Horizon Europe proposal’
Open Science

“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”

European Commission

- Open Access to publications
- Responsible management of data (FAIR principles)
- Open access to data ‘as open as possible, as closed as necessary’
- Information about outputs / tools / instruments to validate/re-use results and data
- Digital/physical access of results to validate the conclusions
Requirements for publications
Requirements

• Peer-reviewed manuscript (AAM or VoR) in a trusted repository > HAL
• No embargo period (i.e. immediate OA)
• Authors retain their rights by having the AAM and/or the VoR under a CC-BY 4.0 licence
• Information about research outputs or tools/instruments needed to validate the conclusions of the publication
• Add the acronym/code of the project within

Specificities

• Publication fees (Article Processing Charges) are reimbursable if the venue is full OA
• No restrictions on where to publish (journal doesn’t have to be full OA), but APCs for hybrid journals are not covered
• CC BY-NC/BY-ND allowed for long-text formats (e.g. monographs; a chapter in an edited book is not eligible)
Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) vs Version of Record (VoR)

Pre-print

Draft Submission Peer-reviewing Revisions

Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) or postprint

Accepted for publication

Copy-editing and typesetting

Publication

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Self-archiving

Minimum for Open Access = **SELF-ARCHIVING**

**Rights Retention Strategy**

“For the purpose of Open Access, the author has applied a CC BY public copyright licence to any Author Accepted Manuscript version arising from this submission.”

• To assert ownership, the author – as the intellectual creator and original copyright holder – applies a CC BY licence to the AAM

• Delivering publication services does not entitle publishers to ownership of the AAM, which remains the intellectual property of the author. Publication services should be paid for, but not with ownership of the AAM (from cOAlition S)

https://www.coalition-s.org/rights-retention-strategy/

Check the journal’s eligibility

https://journalcheckertool.org/

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Requirements for research data
Requirements

• Must manage the digital research data in line with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)

• Data Management Plan (DMP) is required by M6; updated mid-project and at end of project

• Deposit (meta)data as soon as possible after production/generation or after processing and quality controls

• Deposit data in a trusted repository and make them open as soon as possible (deadlines set in DMP), following the “as open as possible, as closed as necessary” (open by default) principles

• Data closed if necessary, but metadata must be FAIR and under CCO (trusted repositories will automatically share metadata in CCO)

• Open licence, preferentially CC-BY or CC0 licence

• Detailed information about research outputs or tools/instruments needed to re-use or validate the data (e.g. data, software, algorithms, protocols, models, workflows, electronic notebooks)

Examples of metadata
author(s) name, author(s) ORCID, DOI, licence, language, journal, title, etc.
Valid justification for not opening the data

• Commercially valuable data if it would undermine its exploitation or other results (e.g. endanger trade secrets (‘soft’ IP)), or make IP protection of results more difficult

• Data protection/privacy rules of sensitive and/or personal data

• Security rules for projects dealing with strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security of the EU
A few definitions
Trusted repositories

• Certified repositories (e.g. CoreTrustSeal, nesto Seal DIN31644, ISO16363)

• Disciplinary and domain repositories commonly used and endorsed by the international research communities

• General-purpose (e.g. Zenodo) or institutional repositories that present the essential characteristics of trusted repositories:
  • services, mechanisms and provisions in place to secure the accuracy, integrity, authenticity and access of contents
  • use of PIDs
  • machine-actionable, standardised and detailed metadata (including provenance and licencing)

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OpenDOAR
https://sherpa.ac.uk/opendoar/

For your research data:
re3data.org
https://zenodo.org/

For everything:
https://zenodo.org/
Creative Commons

- Removes ambiguity over what others can and cannot do with your work
- You keep (certain) rights, but you grant certain reuses without them needing to contact you
- Universally recognisable and juridically sound (you can still claim copyright infringements)

You can share, adapt for any purpose, no attribution is required (it is similar to ‘Public Domain’ but is an actual licence)

You can share, adapt for any purpose as long as you credit the author
**Data Management Plan**

**A formal ‘living’ document**

- Formal document that specifies how research data will be handled both during and after a research project.
- It identifies key actions and strategies to ensure that research data are of a high quality, safe, sustainable and – where possible – accessible and reusable.
- There are no absolute right answers
- But be clear, specific and detailed...
- And justify decisions
- The DMP is to prove to the funder that the researcher has taken time to reflect on what to do, that consideration has been given and the approach seems reasonable
- And that your data is “As open as possible, as closed as necessary” (FAIR principles)


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FAIR principles

Findable
- Persistent identifier (e.g. DOI)
- Rich metadata
- Searchable and discoverable online

Interoperable
- Open and/or standardised file formats

Accessible
- Deposited on a trusted repository (e.g. Zenodo)
- Data can be restricted and still FAIR – “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”

Reusable
- Well documented (e.g. README files), including provenance and tools / instruments needed to reproduce the results
- Clear licence (e.g. CC BY 4.0, CC0)

https://www.openaire.eu/how-to-make-your-data-fair
Requirements for specific cases
Validation of findings

- Restricted or closed data might need to be made available through agreements with relevant confidentiality provisions

Public emergencies

- Can be triggered by the request of the granting authority
- Immediate OA is extended beyond publications to any research outputs – as soon as feasible and in CC BY or CC0
- DMP provided with the proposal or before grant signature
- In case of conflict of legitimate interests for openness, beneficiaries must grant non-exclusive licences to legal entities that need the research to address the emergency (this provision applies up to 4 years after the end of the action)
Reporting and monitoring
Reporting-Monitoring

- Extensive reporting of Open Science practices:
  - Structured reporting of requirements regarding OA
  - Free-text reporting of encouraged Open Science practices
- Monitoring by project officers and reviewers in periodic reviews
- Monitoring of the FP through Key Impact Pathways (KIPs)

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Publications

Publications

- "Type of PID" = unique URL given by the repository or the publisher
- "PID of deposited publication" = URL to the repository where AAM/VoR is archived
- "PID (Publisher version of record)" = URL to the place where it was published (e.g. given by the journal)
- "Article processing costs that will be charged to the project" – remember that OA fees to publish in a non-full-OA journal/platform cannot be charged to the project
Datasets

Results vs Other Results

- 'Results' tab focused on the content of the results: discoveries and theories, products, services, methods, etc.

- 'Other Results' tab is for reporting about softwares, workflows, protocols, prototypes, etc.
Open Research Europe publishing platform

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A multidisciplinary publishing platform

- **Diamond Open Access** publishing platform for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries
- Launched in March 2021 (currently over 270 publications)
- High-quality, reliable, efficient and transparent processes
- Expert Scientific Advisory Board
- **No costs to authors or readers** (i.e. no APCs) - costs are met directly by the European Commission
- **Open peer-review** (name of the reviewers, the revisions and the comments from the authors after revisions, are openly available)
- **Immediate publication**
- Can publish all research outputs (currently can only publish in English)
- New generation article metrics (novel and dedicated metrics are available for each article)
- All content is indexed in Google Scholar and Scopus (exploring subject-specific indexers as well)
- Automatically archived in Zenodo once passed peer-review
Article submission
Submission via a single-page submission system. In-house editorial team makes pre-publication checks to ensure all policies and ethical guidelines are adhered to.

Publication and data deposition
Pre-print version is published within 10 days, enabling immediate viewing and citation.

Invited open peer review and user commenting
Names of reviewers and their reviews are published alongside the publication, authors’ responses and comments from registered users.

Article revision

Send to indexers and repositories

Note: authors may continue to publish new versions, even once peer review passed.
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Pre-publication checks

The in-house editorial team does not review the academic/scientific content of the publication. Only the reviewers (selected by the authors) do that.
Open peer-review

OpenPeerReview

Open Peer Review
Open Research Europe

Open and transparent conversation

Research can be cited immediately

Increase opportunities for collaborations

Authors are empowered to lead the process

Reduce the possibility of bias

Feedback is provided openly and constructively

Improve the quality of peer review

Open Peer Review for Authors

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Approval statuses:
what do they mean for authors?

Approved
The article is of an appropriate academic standard. Reviewers may suggest small changes to improve the article or correct minor errors, but these changes will not affect the peer review status.

Approved with reservations
The reviewer believes the article has academic merit but has asked for several small changes to the article or more significant revisions.

Not approved
The article in its current form has issues that seriously undermine the findings and conclusions. More substantial revisions will be required for the paper to pass peer review. A 'Not approved' status does not equate to rejection - it's possible to improve an article's status from 'Not approved' to 'Approved' upon publication of a new version.

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Open peer-review example

RESEARCH ARTICLE
Identifying entrepreneurial discovery processes with weak and strong technology signals: a text mining approach [version 2; peer review: 1 approved, 1 approved with reservations]

AUTHORS Levian Bzhalava, Jari Kaivo-oja, Sohail S. Hassan, Wolfgang Dieter Gerstberger

FUNDER Horizon 2020 Framework Programme

PEER REVIEWERS Muhammad Ali, Hugo Pinto

CASE STUDY
Hybrid AC/DC architecture in the C.E.D.E.R.-CIEMAT microgrid: demonstration of the TICON project [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

AUTHORS Paula Peña-Cario, Osacar Izquierdo-Monge

FUNDER Horizon 2020 Framework Programme

PEER REVIEWERS Invited

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Useful OpenAIRE tools and ORE to support Horizon Europe projects

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How to maximise your grant funded research outputs through a variety of article types

- Review
- Study Protocol
- Method
- Brief Report
- Data Note:
  - Allows researchers to present their data openly in a highly discoverable, useable, and reproducible way ensuring they get both recognition and credit for their data.
  - Data Notes can then be linked to any subsequent research articles using the data.
- Research Articles
- Software Tool Article
- Brief Report
- Method

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4 Steps to Open Data

1. Prepare your data for sharing
2. Select a repository
3. Add a Data Availability Statement to your article
4. Link your datasets to your article
Tips and Tricks for data management
PLAN YOUR DATA: DMP

The Data Management Plan contains key information about:

- The research:
  - Purpose of the research
  - Objectives
  - Researchers involved

- Documentation of research datasets
  - Datasets that highlight the steps followed
  - The means used across data management activities
  - Language, ethics, license (cc), etc
PREPARE YOUR DATA FOR SHARING

• Protect sensitive data by anonymization
• Chose a machine-readable format
• Check if your dataset is FAIR
Increase the accessibility and reusability of spreadsheet data

**DO**

- Give each column a descriptive heading.
- Use a single header row.
- Ensure you have used the first cell, i.e. A1.
- Include a title and a legend to describe each spreadsheet.
- Save each data file with a name that appropriately reflects the content of that file.
- Deposit each table that is part of the dataset as a separate file.
- Deposit each worksheet as a separate file.

**DO NOT**

- Embed charts, comments or tables within a spreadsheet.
- Use color coding (machine-based data mining cannot interpret this).
- Include special, (i.e. non alphanumeric) characters within the spreadsheet, including commas.
- Use merged cells.
- Deposit multiple worksheets within a spreadsheet (such as those used in Microsoft Excel), as these are not supported by CSV and TAB formats.

https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/for-authors/data-guidelines/#opendata

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Select a Repository

Your datasets should be deposited in a stable and recognized open repository, under a CC0 license.

Your community might have a recognized repository, and some data types (such as genetic sequences or protein structures) have specific data banks they should be deposited in.

Struggling to decide which repository is right for your research?

- **Ask librarians in your Institute for help**
- Re3data is a search engine to browse all trusted repositories
- Zenodo: a catch-all repository
- Browse the EOSC Portal

Deposit or publish your research in Open Access.

Find the appropriate repository to deposit your research.
Add a Data Availability Statement to Your Article

• All articles must include a Data Availability statement, even where there is no data associated with the article. **This statement should be added to the end of the article prior to submission.** The Data Availability statement should not refer readers or reviewers to contact an author to obtain the data, but should instead include the applicable details listed below.

• You can also mention the DMPs if it’s published on Zenodo or to another repository.
Make the links! Contextualise your data

• Update the DMP
• Update your metadata in the repository you have selected
• Make the links by using OpenAIRE Explore
Open Science parts

• PART A – Application form
  • List 5 publications, widely-used datasets, softwares, goods, services or any other achievements relevant to the call

• PART B – Project proposal – technical description
  • Under ‘Excellence’ – ‘1.2 Methodology’ (Open Science, RDM and management of other research outputs)
  • Under ‘Impact’ – ‘2.2 Measures to maximise impact’ (dissemination, exploitation and communication)
  • Under ‘Quality and efficiency of the implementation’ – ‘3.1 Work plan and resources’ and ‘3.2 Capacity of participants and consortium as a whole’
Publications

- Your publications cited should be in OA
- Your publications cited will only be evaluated qualitatively (i.e. the Impact Factor is irrelevant)
- Give insights in where you are hoping to publish (e.g. Open Research Europe, full OA journals)
Data

• Your data listed should be FAIR, on a repository and the PID provided

• An official DMP is not needed but the grant proposal does include aspects very similar to a DMP (e.g. type and size of data, PIDs, IPR, interoperability, licences, curation, responsibilities)

• Distinct WP on ‘project management’ that must include the DMP as a deliverable
Other aspects eligible in the budget

• “engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users” – citizen science and participation in crowdsourcing activities

• Data curation costs

• Article Processing Charges (hybrid journals not eligible)
Writing tips

• Be as specific as possible
• Don’t let the project officer dig for information
• You do not need to explain what Open Access, FAIR data, Open Science, etc. mean. Focus on what concretely you will do
Special cases
ERC

- No explicit evaluation or requirement to describe Open Science practices; but if included, will (implicitly) positively affect assessment of ‘scientific excellence’
- ERC projects do not have scientific work packages or deliverables.
- But now requires a “Research Data Management” WP, with “Data Management Plan” as the one deliverable (type “R – Document, report” with due data M6)

[ERC DMP template]
MSCA

- Underlying principles: Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation
- Award criteria will consider the “soundness of the proposed methodology” (‘Excellence’ criteria weighing 50% of the evaluation) which must consider “the quality of Open Science practices”
- Training activities and Career Development Plan must address key transferable skills “fostering the culture of Open Science, innovation and entrepreneurship” and prepare to the increase in “research collaboration and information-sharing” (e.g. collaborative tools, OA, open data, FAIR data, public engagement, citizen science)
Horizon Europe Open Science recommended practices

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www.openaire.eu

Webinar | 22 November 2022
Evaluation

• Mandatory Open Science practices – score will be lowered for not sufficiently addressing them unless duly justified

• Recommended Open Science practices – no impact on score if not addressed but score will be increased if sufficiently addressed

• Open Science practices listed in the template for proposals (section Excellence > Methodology) but is a non-exhaustive list
Open Science practices

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| Open access to research outputs through deposition in trusted repositories **HAL** | • Open access to publications  
• Open access to data  
• Open access to software, models, algorithms, workflows etc. | • Mandatory for peer-reviewed publications  
• Mandatory for research data but with exceptions (‘as open as possible…’)  
• Recommended for other research outputs |
| Participation in open peer-review          | Publishing in open peer-reviewed journals or platforms                  | Recommended                        |
| Involving all relevant knowledge actors    | Involvement of citizens, civil society and end-users in co-creation of content (e.g. crowd-sourcing, etc.) | Recommended                        |

- Open science practices listed in the template for proposals (section excellence>methodology)
- Non-exhaustive list
- Mandatory in all calls: Model Grant Agreement or call requirement; all the rest recommended
Pre-registration

• Quantitative evaluation of research outputs has pushed towards less responsible research practices and the replication crisis (e.g. data dredging/p-hacking, cherry picking, HARKing [Hypothesising after the results are known])

• Pre-registration = “practice of publishing the plan for a study, including research questions/hypotheses, research design, data analysis before the data has been collected or examined” (FORRT)

• Some research domains have standard procedures in place; e.g. pre-registration of clinical trials, check ECRIN: https://ecrin.org/

https://www.cos.io/initiatives/prereg
https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1708274114
Pre-prints

- Traditional scholarly publishing is usually time-consuming and slow
- Preprints allow authors to share their results ahead of peer-reviewing on preprint servers
- Faster dissemination and broader access to research outputs, opportunities for early feedback
- Visible outputs for early-career researchers, can increase employability
Public engagement

- Open and inclusive research and innovation includes society that can be listened to, awarded relevant input and influence during all stages of the research process (RRI Tools) – public engagement contributes to the democratisation of science.

- Increases scientific literacy of the public, improves societal relevance of science, increases the support and uptake of research.

- E.g. European Researchers’ Night, Science is Wonderful, public talks, talks in schools or cultural centres, popular science books, social media, documentaries, TV shows, school activities, art/science projects.

Citizen Science

- Projects that actively involve the general public, in any of the stages of research, acting as collaborators, contributors or project leaders (FORRT)
- Increases scientific literacy of the public, empowers citizens with scientific approaches, improves societal relevance of science, increases the support and uptake of research, explores new pathways for participatory governance
- European Citizen Science Association, EU Citizen Science platform
- E.g. Zooniverse, School Network Alerts Citizens analysing seismograms, in video games (e.g. Borderlands 3)... and many more


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Tips
Overall tips

• Design an Open Science strategy for your project.
• Include specific provisions in the Consortium Agreement about where publications and data will be deposited and who is responsible for doing this. Who will make sure that all outputs have been deposited in the appropriate repositories?
• Implement your Open Science strategy, report at reviews and provide updates.
• Keep track of issues, discuss the solutions.
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