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Policy Recommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe (RECODE)¹

Perspectives in understanding open access to research data: stakeholder values and motivations in research ecosystems

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Background: The *Policy Recommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe* (RECODE) project (funded by the European Union) is addressing the drivers and barriers in developing Open Data Access (ODA) in Europe to draft recommendations for policy. The first work-package explores stakeholder values and motivations by undertaking a review of policy and related documents, and by conducting 5 case studies that seek to understand ODA in research practice. The case studies are: particle physics; health research; bioengineering; earth sciences; and archaeology.

RECODE partners: Trilateral Research & Consulting, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), The University of Sheffield, Stichting LIBER Foundation, National Documentation Centre, National Research Council of Italy, Blekinge Institute of Technology and Amsterdam University Press.

Aim of the workshop:

- Present key findings from a review of select European policy documents and related documents about Open Data Access and findings from the five case studies of research practice.
- Solicit participants' and case study partners' feedback on the effectiveness of these policies as well as any gaps to assess their significance for policy development and for research practice.
- Better understand how to match policies with stakeholder drivers and motivations to increase their effectiveness in promoting open access to research data.

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Agenda

10.00am Participant registration and coffee

10.30am Introduction to RECODE project (Kush Wadhwa, Trilateral Research & Consulting)

10:45am Outline and purpose of today's workshop (Dr Bridgette Wessels, UoS)

10.50am Panel discussion: Exploring the values of scientific practice, along with key motivations for, and barriers to scientists partaking in Open Data Access (Professor Rod Smallwood, Dr Bridgette Wessels, Dr Thordis Sveinsdottir (UoS) and case study representatives)

11.20 Group discussion (Facilitated by a member of the RECODE team)

- What are the implications of different disciplinary value systems for open data access?
- What are disciplinary motivations for furthering open data access?
- What are the key disciplinary barriers to furthering the development of open data access?

12.30pm: Lunch

1.30pm: Presentation of key findings from the five case studies: Current research practices and their implications for advancing open data access (Thordis Sveinsdottir, UoS)

2.00pm Group discussion (Facilitated by a member of the RECODE team)

- What lessons can we take from current research practices for advancing open data access?





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- How can we take different disciplinary practices into account when considering open data access?
- Given the distinctiveness between disciplinary practices, how can we build generic guidelines around open data access?

3.15pm Coffee

3.30pm Group discussion: How can we better design policy to address the issues identified so far? (Facilitated by a member of the RECODE team)

4.00pm Next steps: Infrastructure and technology in Open Data Access: Introduction to RECODE WP2 (Lorenzo Bigagli, National Research Council of Italy)

4.20pm Q&A session

4.45pm Finish

7.00pm Workshop dinner





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