# The RECODE participation at the MedOANet European Conference

Rachel Finn, Trilateral Research & Consulting and Thordis Sveinsdottir, University of Sheffield, presented findings from the RECODE project at the MedOANet European Conference. The conference took place in Athens, Greece, on 17-18 October 2013. It provided a unique opportunity to explore the key developments that have taken place in the last couple of years in terms of open access policies in Europe, along with the project's results on facilitating the coordination of open access policies in the six Mediterranean countries that participate in the project (Greece, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Turkey). The conference included an impressive line-up of international and Greek speakers and was of particular interest to research policy-makers, specialists on open access, students and interested individuals to explore current trends in Open Access in Greece and Europe.

The RECODE presentation took place in the session "*Building Capacity for Open Access in Europe: e-infrastructures, policies and people*" and was entitled "Supporting policies for open access to research data: The RECODE project". Finn and Sveinsdottir provided an overview of the aims of the project towards structuring policies for Open Access to research data in Europe, a necessity also identified within the MedOANet Guidelines for implementing open access policies.

The presentation also focused on the main results of RECODE WP1. The WP focused on case studies in five scientific fields (Archaeology, Bioengineering, Environmental research, Health and clinical research, Particle Physics and Particle Astrophysics). Having identified and mapped stakeholder values open access to research data, partners mapped these values across the aforementioned scientific ecosystems. A range of different approaches towards research data and opening up research data was revealed, as well as common concerns, perceptions and issues that affect the operationalisation of research data. Examples include the current lack of rewards for 'data work', the necessity for data licensing standards to enable sharing research data, and the significance of ethical and legal issues in opening up data, among others.  This mapping and evaluation exercise will inform the preparation of the guidelines for developing research data policies, which is a major objective of the project.