The Open Science: The Legal Challenges of the European Approach for Research Data and Infrastructures

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The origin of the phenomenon: OPEN ACCESS





Bethesda Statement on **Open Access Publishing**

2003

https://www.ouvrirlascience.fr/bet



BUDAPEST OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVE

https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org

Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities was published on 22 October 2003 in English. It is one of the milestones of the Open Access movement. The wording of the English version shall prevail.

https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration

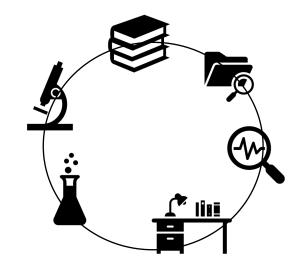
"Open access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions." P. Suber, Open access, The MIT Press (2012), p. 4.



Openness



The openness of every phase of the research cycle.



A good science: based on communication, cooperation, no waste of efforts, transparent, based on new technologies.

«as open as possible as closed as necessary»











Taking full advantage of the use of new technologies in scientific research.



REGULATION (EU) 2021/695 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 28 April 2021

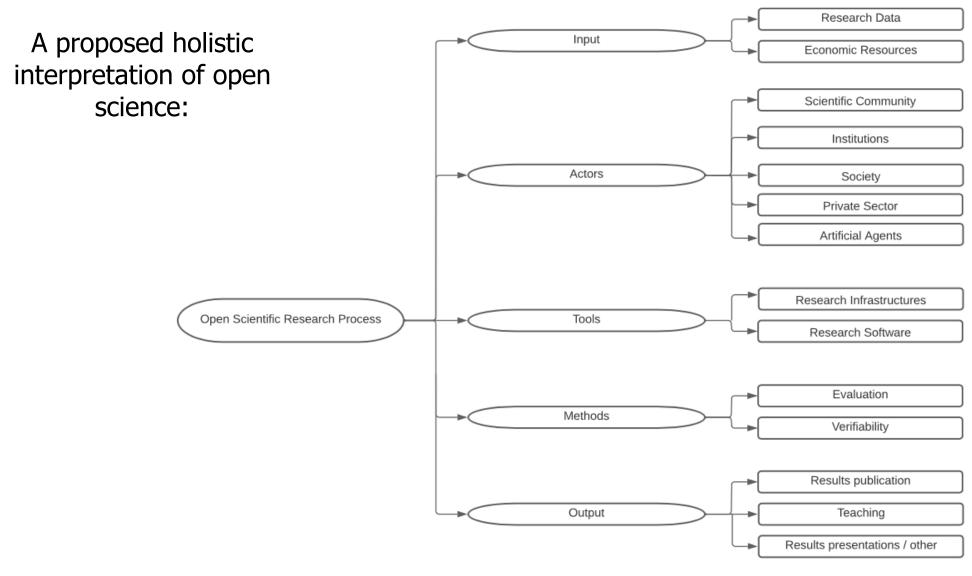
establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj

Definition of Open Science (art.2.5):

'open science' means an approach to the scientific process based on open cooperative work, tools and diffusing knowledge





2. The foundations of open science



International level



Article 27(1)

Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

European level

CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Article 13

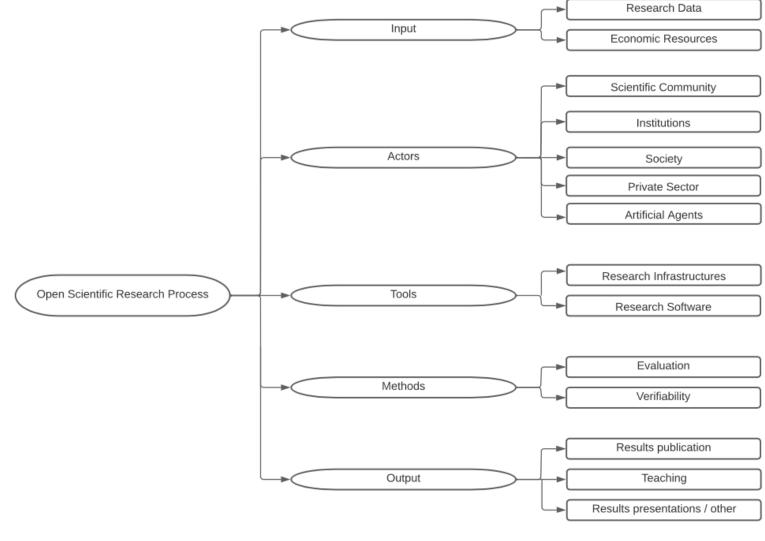
Freedom of the arts and sciences

The arts and scientific research shall be free of constraint. Academic freedom shall be respected.

National level

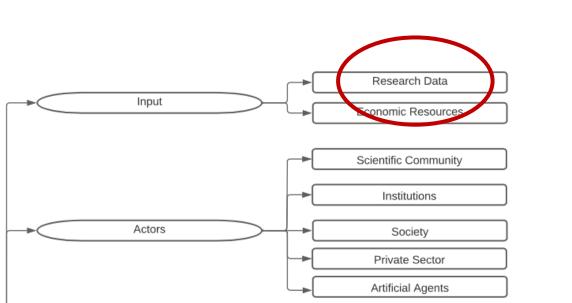
Constitutional safeguards





Considering the case of research data:

Open Scientific Research Process



Research Infrastructures

Research Software

Evaluation

Verifiability

Results publication

Teaching

Results presentations / other





Tools

Methods

Output

Considering the case of research data:





Legal regime for sharing and re-using research data (Open Data Directive).



Data Ownership & intellectual property regulation.



Tension between openness and personal data protection (GDPR and national legislations).

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Special issue

Special issue on "Open Science & GDPR"



Data Ownership & intellectual p regulation.

JOAL

Journal of Open Access to Law, forthcoming, 2023



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3. Research Question



How do we design a governance of scientific research

- (1) oriented towards openness
- (2) able to respond effectively to these legal challenges
 - (3) <u>guaranteeing</u> the framework of fundamental and human <u>rights</u> related to science?

4. A proposed model



Interaction of different regulatory systems involved

- Autonomy and independence of the scientific community.
- Private sectors.
- International institutions → global advancement.
- European institutions → framework and purposes.
- National institutions → effective implementation.
- <u>Local</u> institutions (organisations performing research)

Co-regulative approach

- (i) Emphasis on the decision-making role of *local institutions*.
- (ii) <u>Vertical</u> coordination (with national institutions).
- (iii) Horizontal coordination (with other local institutions).
- (iv) Promotional function of law.





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