



Open Access (OA) and Research Data Management (RDM) in Horizon Europe

A) Open access to scientific publications: requirements under Horizon Europe

Requirements for all publications reported on projects funded by Horizon Europe (incl. ERC projects and MSCA fellowships):

1. **at the latest at the time of publication**, a machine-readable electronic copy of the published version, or the final peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication, is **deposited in a trusted repository** for scientific publications;
2. **immediate open access** is provided to the deposited publication via the repository, under the **Creative Commons Attribution International Public Licence (CC BY)** or a licence with equivalent rights; for monographs and other long- text formats, the licence may exclude commercial use and derivative work (e.g. CC BY-NC, CC BY- ND);
3. information is given via the repository about any research output or any other tools and instruments **needed to validate the conclusions of the scientific publication**;
4. **Metadata** of deposited publications **must be open** under CC0 (or equivalent), in line with the FAIR principles.

Summary of main points:

Beneficiaries in Horizon Europe projects may publish their results **in journals of their choosing** under the following **conditions**:

- **Immediate open access** at the time of publication via a trusted repository **must be ensured**.
- Only **publication fees** (APC/BPC) in **full open access venues** are eligible for reimbursement
→ include the costs in the proposal's budget.
- **Publication in hybrid journals is only possible if**
 - the publisher and the journal respectively are covered by a **«Read&Publish» agreement**;
 - OR
 - the hybrid open access APCs are paid **via own resources** of the research group concerned.

B) Research data management: requirements under Horizon Europe

Requirements for all projects under Horizon Europe that generate / collect / re-use research data:

- **manage the digital research data in line with the FAIR principles** and take the following actions:
 1. **establish a data management plan (DMP), and regularly update it;**
 2. as soon as possible and within the deadlines set out in the data management plan, **deposit the data in a trusted repository;**
 3. as soon as possible and within the deadlines set out in the data management plan, **ensure open access – via the repository – to the deposited data**, under the Creative Commons Attribution International Public License (CC BY) or Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0) or a licence with equivalent rights, following the principle **‘as open as possible as closed as necessary’** in order to safeguard legitimate interests or constraints;
 4. information is given via the repository about any research output or any other tools and instruments **needed to re-use** or validate the data;
 5. **Metadata** of deposited data must be **open** under CC0 or equivalent (to the extent legitimate interests or constraints are safeguarded), in line with the FAIR principles.

Summary of main points

- The set-up of a research data management plan is mandatory as well as the management of all research data generated, collected and re-used in line with the FAIR principles. This requirement applies whether or not the research data is made openly accessible (i.e. without personal, temporal, or financial restrictions).
- Costs for research data management (for example data storage, processing and preservation) are eligible costs during the duration of the project.
- Proposals will be evaluated on preliminary research data management considerations.

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