

Open Access in H2020

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Open Access (OA) means providing the user with free of charge and reusable online access to scientific information. In the context of R&D, open access to 'scientific information' refers to two main categories:

- Scientific publications
- Scientific research data

Costs related to OA can be charged to H2020 projects.

Publications

It is mandatory and a contractual obligation in all H2020 projects to provide OA to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to the project's results. If you breach this obligation, **your grant may be reduced.**

HOW TO? Follow all the steps 1-3

Step 1: Deposit a machine-readable electronic copy of the published version in a repository.

Step 2: There are two possibilities to give OA to the publication, select one:

- "*gold open access*" (i.e. via the publisher AND via the repository): you publish directly in an OA journal
- "*green open access*" (i.e. via the repository only): within 6 months after publication. Choose either an established repository in your scientific domain or the institutional repository (see contacts below)

Step 3: Ensure that the publication can be identified as an outcome of an H2020 project.

Research Data

The H2020 Open Research Data Pilot aims to maximise access and reuse of research data. For this, each project has to establish a Data Management Plan (as a deliverable). The participation in the pilot is voluntary.

What is data management plan (DMP)?

A DMP describes the data management life cycle for the data to be collected, processed and/or generated by a Horizon 2020 project. As part of making research data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR), a DMP should include information on the following:

- handling of research data during and after the end of the project;
- data will be collected, processed and/or generated;
- which methodology and standards will be applied;
- whether data will be shared/made open access and
- how data will be curated and preserved (including after the end of the project)

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[H2020 Online Manual on Open Access and Data Management](#)