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

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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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