

Open science policy in Norway

The Research Council of Norway

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The nature of science (modus operandi) is changing from a closed system to an open, sharing one



European Commission

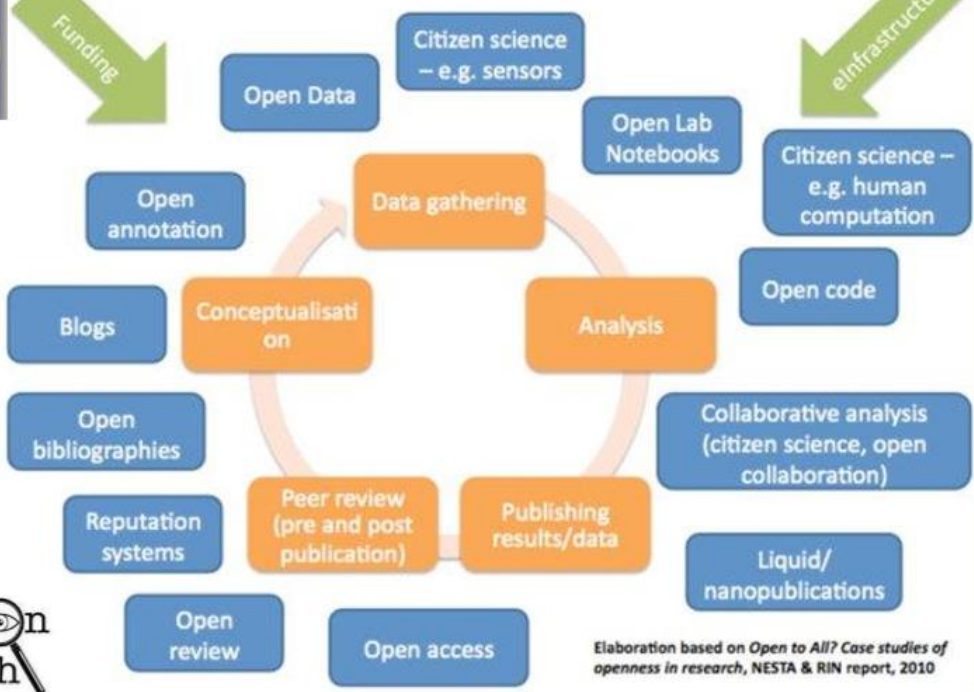


Open Research Fund: applications submitted

Here you can see a list of eligible applications to the [Open Research Fund](#) in 2018, including project proposals.



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kaggle

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Retraction Watch

Elaboration based on *Open to All? Case studies of openness in research*, NESTA & RIN report, 2010

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Opening up the full research cycle



Open Science = Systemic transition of science system which affects the way

- research is performed
- knowledge is shared/diffused/preserved
- research projects/results are evaluated
- research is funded
- researchers are rewarded
- future researchers are trained

Affecting the whole research cycle and all its stakeholders



Politics

Knowledge-based politics and management
Solve societal challenges

New research methods

Inclusion

Changes in the research process

Open access

Research collaboration

Increase quality and relevance
New disciplines and fields

Sustainable products and services
Increased value creation

Innovation

Democratization and trust

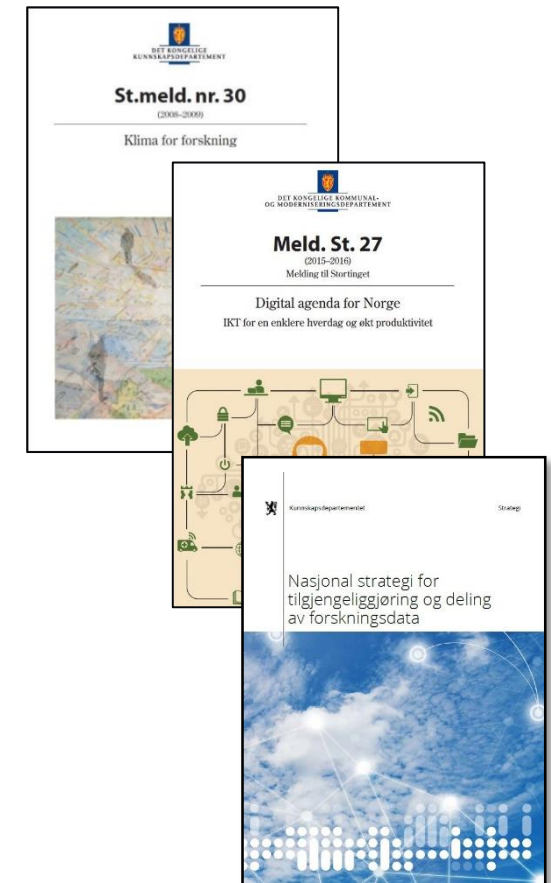
Civil society

Science



Open access to public research results has been on the political agenda in Norway for several years

- Report to the Storting (white paper); *Climate for Research* (2008-2009) and *Long-term perspectives – knowledge provides opportunity* (2012-2013)
- *Digital Agenda for Norway* in 2013 - Report to the Storting (white paper)
- *National strategy on access to and sharing of research data* in 2017
- *National goals and guidelines for open access to research articles* in 2017





National strategy on access to and sharing of research data

Three basic principles:

1. Research data must be as open as possible, as closed as necessary
2. Research data should be managed and curated to take full advantage of their potential
3. Decisions concerning archiving and management of research data must be taken within the research community



2. Research data should be managed and organised to take full advantage of their potential

FAIR Principles

GO FAIR is committed to making data and services **findable**, **accessible**, **interoperable** and **reusable** (FAIR).



Findable: Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers.



Accessible: The exact conditions under which the data is accessible should be provided in such a way that humans and machines can understand them.



Interoperable: The (meta)data should be based on standardized vocabularies, ontologies, thesauri etc. so that it integrates with existing applications or workflows.

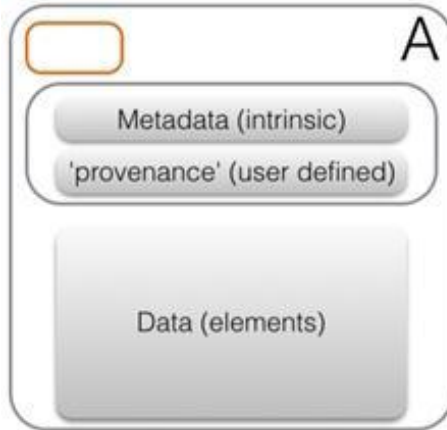


Reusable: Metadata and data should be well-described so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different research settings.

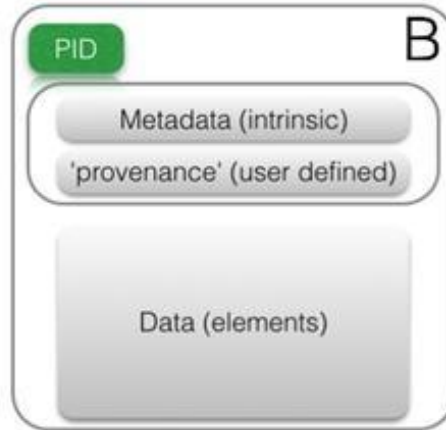


Data as increasingly FAIR Digital Objects

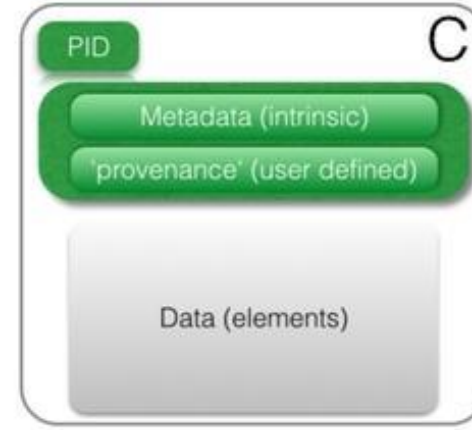
Re-useless data (80%)



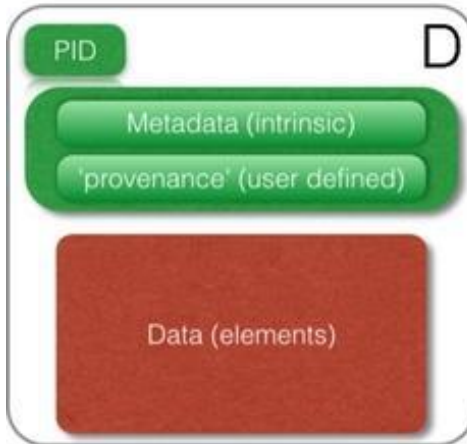
Findable



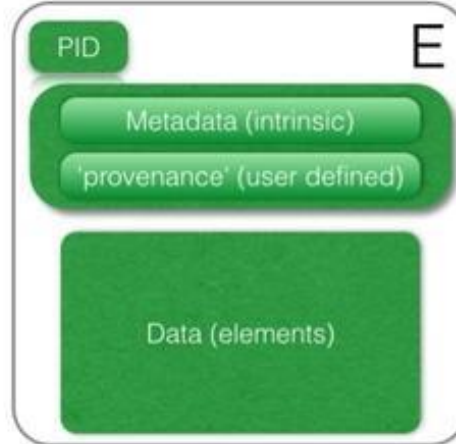
FAIR metadata



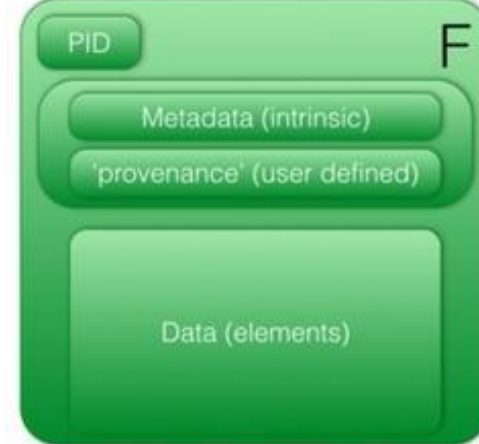
FAIR data-
restricted access



FAIR data-
Open Access



FAIR data-
Open Access/Functionally Linked





Government expectations and measures related to:

- Change in culture, incentives and competence
- Data management plans (DMPs)
- Better technical adaptation and better national coordination between fields
- Sustainable funding and operation of national research data infrastructure and research data archives
- Better framework for the use of public data in research
- Better interplay between public data and research data
- Easier access to data for research purposes from Statistics Norway
- Easier, more secure access to health data



National goals and guidelines for open access to research articles (2017)

The government's goal is that all publicly funded Norwegian research articles should be made openly available by 2024, and the government has established guidelines and measures for open access to research articles.



National goals and guidelines for open access to research articles

Guidelines:

1. Publicly funded research articles are to be made openly available
2. All publicly funded research articles must be deposited in a suitable academic repository
3. Institutions and consortia that negotiate agreements with publishers shall ensure that these agreements promote open access
4. Institutions that fund research projects shall contribute to cover the costs associated with open access publishing



The Research Council's guidelines and activities

- The Research Council's Principles for Open Access to Scientific Publications (2009, 2014)
 - The Research Council requires all articles with such funding must be made available in OA repositories
 - From 2020, open publishing will be required in line with Plan S
- The Research Council's Policy on Open Access to Research Data (revised in 2017)
 - Research data must be as "open as possible, as closed as necessary"
 - Research data must be FAIR
 - Access must be provided at the lowest possible cost, preferably at no more than the marginal cost of dissemination; user-fees eligible cost in any RCN funding scheme





The Research Council's guidelines and activities (continued)

- New principles for evaluation of research and researchers: RCN signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment May 2018
- The Research Council's technology programs have developed a framework for responsible research and innovation (RRI)
- Principles for rights to results from research and development projects where the aim is to ensure that project results benefit society
- User involvement an integrated work method in programs and activities within health, innovation, energy, climate and the environment
- Activities where citizens are involved in different ways



Why does the Research Council need an Open science policy?



- To highlight Norwegian contributions to the international developments of open science
- To define and clarify roles between the Research Council and the research institutions
- To clarify the Research Council's profile when it comes to open science
- To suggest measures to strengthen open science and open innovation activities
- To rise awareness about open science amongst the Research council's own employees



Open consultation in February 2019



- 47 institutions participated with 74 inputs on the following three topics:
 - Open innovation (18 inputs)
 - Open research processes (39 inputs)
 - Citizen science and involvement of users (17 inputs)
- Amongst the respondents were universities, institutes, organizations, health enterprises, associations and interest organizations which provided input on:
 - Strengths and weaknesses of the current situation
 - Objectives and level of ambition
 - Suggestions for recommendations and measures



Overall impression:

- Most institutions have policies and guidelines in place, but lack culture and routines
- There is a need for coordination across institutions related to
 - evaluation of data management plans
 - evaluation of research and researchers (DORA)
 - incentives for practicing open science
 - training and expertise
 - coordination and sustainable financing of infrastructure
- Need testing and piloting open research methodology, innovative concepts and different forms of collaboration through research projects