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Open Science



"Transparent and accessible knowledge that is shared and developed through collaborative networks"

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Open Science across organisations





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The Research Process in Science and Applications





Inspired by: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/blog/microsoft-research and-the-industrial-research-cycle/

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The Research Process in Science and Applications – ESA's role





- Develop new applications
- Broad spectrum of R&D activities, from science through to pre-commercial development of new applications



The Research Process in Science and Applications – ESA's role





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Open Science @LPS22



- Open Science Agora
- Open Science Community Survey



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Do you develop SW?





How big is the team you actively maintain Open-Source code with?



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Releasing Open Source Software

Top reasons to share code as Open-Source:

- Public money-public code
- To help others
- To gain community feedback and validation
- Increased scientific impact through reproducibility
- To promote good scientific practice
- To create trust and transparency
- To speed up the R&D
- To stimulate progress
- Unavailable solution in commercial SW
- Requirement by sponsor
- To attract more clients
- Company policy

Top reasons not to share code as Open-Source:

- Not permitted by company policy
- If core-business of company is affected
- IPR restrictions
- Code is not mature enough
- Unable to recover the cost of the SW development
- Effort required for SW quality assurance
- Requirement by SW client
- Cost of long-term maintenance

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Open Source Practice

Do you offer open-source software products as part of your company's portfolio?



Business model:

- Free SW, commercial service/product:
 - Publishing methods/code as OS, charging for services and case studies made with the code
 - Clients don't pay for the SW, but pay for the use
 - Commercial product/platform based on OS software
- Training and support:
 - Provide support, training and development on bases of those open source software
 - Consultancy on OS SW
 - Hardware sales/support of open designs
 - Services on OS products, custom development and selling open HW
- Non-profit:
 - Non-profit sharing SW and data openly to grow credibility and visibility and increase chances of funding

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Open Science Practice





Open Science Practice

In your daily practice, how does Open Science help you achieve your objectives?



What is preventing you from adopting Open Science, in your daily practice?



I'm afraid my research will be misused / misinterpreted

Limited open access journals for my

- I'm afraid my chances of getting funds for my research will decrease
- I want to keep track of who uses my data / source code so I only provide it on request
- I am afraid of loosing the control of the development of my source code / software

Other

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Challenges and Opportunities

Should journals require publishing all data and software used in the research together with the paper?



Other:

- Journals should require DOIs for data and persistent identifier and location for software. Not necessarily in same place.
- Depending on data and methodology, a hybrid approach could be used
- Where possible, a URL should be provided.
- Yes, but some data might be too big
- Yes, if not sensitive
- Authors should have the freedom to choose



Challenges and Opportunities

Do you have any concerns of legal nature (e.g., license, data policy) regarding Open Science practices?

Yes

No



Concerns:

- IPR:
 - Open Science complicates industry collaborations due IPR.
 - IPRs might be misused
 - Replication of a product could be a potential threat.
 - Lack of trust
- Privacy and Data Protection:
 - If solution is co-owned with the customer / customer imposed restrictions
 - If the solution uses customer data / is built on customer/proprietary data
 - NDAs with customers
- Cost:
 - Some data sets are too massive to reasonably publicly host.
- Licensing:
 - Open source code being used in commercial products
 - Complicated rules, too many variants of commercially useable licenses
 - General lack of knowledge on Open SW and HW licenses in the Science and Engineering communities
 - Not sure how enforceable open source licenses are

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Challenges and Opportunities

Asked the funders:

How often do you require adherence to Open Science?



Asked the researchers:

How often are you required to adhere to Open Science?





Expectations from ESA

How could space agencies like ESA support you to move to Open Science?



As a user of Open tools and technologies, what is most important for your work?



Towards Open Innovation



Open Science Persistent Demonstrator: create and capture value that dynamically transcends organizational boundaries



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