Exploitation & Open science in Horizon Europe



Exploitation & Dissemination (D&E)

- D&E cuts across the overall project life cycle, from the proposal until after the end of the project
- Applicants have to submit (unless Work Programme says otherwise) a short description of the D&E activities together with the impact pathways in their proposal
- In Horizon Europe not a full fledged D&E plan is required at proposal stage, but a complete exploitation, dissemination and communication plan has to be submitted during the first 6 months of the project



Obligation of beneficiaries to exploit their R&I results

- In Horizon Europe, as in H2020, the obligation to exploit remains and is a responsibility of the beneficiaries on a "best efforts" approach
- When specified in the WP additional exploitation obligations could be applied
- Horizon Europe encourages the use of the R&I results through third party exploitation (where appropriate)
- If despite the best effort for exploitation no uptake happens within a specific period after the end of the project (1 year), then the project must use the Horizon Results Platform to make exploitable results visible (unless obligation is waived)
- The Horizon Results Platform is free, is part of the F&T portal, available to all beneficiaries and is based on results, not on projects.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/horizon-results-platform

Follow up on R&I results after the end of the project

- In Horizon Europe, the follow up of the exploitation activities will continue after the end of the project
- The first year after the end of the project, and if no exploitation takes place, beneficiaries must use the Horizon Results Platform for making their exploitable results visible
- For the following period there will probably be a structured questionnaire available to beneficiaries to report on the progress, their needs and obstacles on their path for exploitation
- This questionnaire could be part of the EC grant management system and will remain open until the conclusion of the follow up period after the end of the project where a final report will be created.



Better and more focused reporting on exploitation & dissemination

- Horizon Europe will introduce:
 - > proposal template with more specific language on D&E and the related activities
 - better and more focused D&E reporting. The reporting will include amongst others, enhanced sections for IP management and open science



IPR in Horizon Europe & additional specific provisions



Results ownership list (ROL)

> WHAT ?

A form in the reporting template: several columns asking whether the ownership is a single or joint ownership, the name of the owner(s), the country of establishment of the owner(s) and whether the results will be exploited by the owner(s).

≻WHY?

Clarification of the ownership of results to help, promote, speed up and simplify the exploitation



Results ownership list (ROL)

≻WHEN?

In the last periodic reporting period

► FOLLOW UP ?

Snapshot in time

follow-up after the end of the project



Public emergency provision (1)

≻WHY?

Ensuring availability of results (Necessity in a crisis like Covid crisis)

≻WHAT?

Right to request the beneficiary to grant non-exclusive license under fair and reasonable conditions

≻WHEN ?

In case of a public emergency = An emergency characterised by a genuine and sufficiently serious threat undermining European Union's security, public order or public health.



Public emergency provision (2)

> TO WHOM ?

To legal entities that need the results to address the public emergency and commit to rapidly and broadly exploit the resulting products and services at fair and reasonable conditions.

➢ FOR HOW LONG ?

Minimum = the duration decided by the granting authority

Maximum = up to four years after the end of the action

> FOR ALL PROJECTS ?

Each time the work programme imposes additional exploitation obligations in case of a public emergency.



Open Science in Horizon Europe



Evolution of open science policy across FPs





Peer-reviewed scientific publications

- Immediate open access through trusted repository (at the latest at the time of publication);
- publications licensed under CC BY (or equivalent); CC BY-NC/ND (or equivalent) allowed for long-text formats;
- Information provided via the repository about any research output, tool, or instrument needed to validate the conclusions of a publication;
- Beneficiaries/authors **must retain sufficient IPR** to comply with their OA requirements;
- **Metadata licensed under CC0 or equivalent**, in line with FAIR principles (particularly machine-actionable); **PIDs (**publication, authors, if possible their organizations and the grant).
- Only publication fees (if any) in full open access venues for peer-reviewed scientific publications are eligible for reimbursement.



Research Data Management (RDM)...

- Emphasis shifts from open research data to RDM
- No opting out of RDM. Projects generating research data MUST manage their data responsibly and in line with FAIR principles
- Open access to research data 'as open as possible as closed as necessary', i.e. there can be **exceptions to open access to research data**.

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... Research Data Management (RDM)

- Establish and regularly update a **Data Management Plan**
- **Deposit data in a trusted repository** and provide **open access** through it
 - Deposit and open access ASAP and per DMP
 - For some actions, additional **obligation** to deposit in a repository that is **federated under EOSC**
- **CC BY** or **CC 0** (or equivalent) license required to open data
- Exceptions to open access (duly justified in the DMP; legitimate interests or constraints);
- Information via the repository about any other research output or any other tools and instruments needed to re-use or validate the data;
- Metadata requirements same as for publications (i.e. CC0 and PIDs)
- Costs for RDM (for example data storage, processing and preservation) are eligible



Open science: access for validation

- Obligatory **provision of physical or digital access** to data or other results needed **for validation** of conclusions scientific publications
- Legitimate interests/concerns must still be safeguarded



Open science in case of public emergencies

- If imposed by the WP, if requested by the granting authority
- Requirement for immediate open access with a CC BY or CCO or equivalent licence to any research output
- With **exceptions**: legitimate interests
 - Then must give non-exclusive license on fair and reasonable conditions to entities that need the research output to address the public emergency and commit to rapidly and broadly exploit the results

