

ANNEX F: Data Management Plan

Data Management is an essential component of success for R&I projects – and Data Management Plans are indispensably linked to this.

Representatives of academia, industry, funding agencies and scholarly publishers designed and jointly endorsed a concise and measurable set of principles referred to as „FAIR data principles“. These intend to provide a guideline for the reusability of data holdings. Four foundational principles – findability, accessibility, interoperability and reusability – are a necessity of Data Management. The EC published Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon Europe:

<https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/repository/5b7fcc0e-73da-4e76-8b46-3682a36fa59b>

<https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/sites/default/files/2022-09/ore-fair-data-guide.pdf>

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All applications under this call will have to include a Data Management Plan of max. 1 page (DIN A 4). This plan should mainly focus on how the project partners will manage the research data generated and/or collected during the project, in particular:

- What types of data will the project generate/collect?
- What standards will be used?
- How will this data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse?
- If data cannot be made available, explain why.
- How will this data be curated and preserved?
- How will the costs for data curation and preservation be covered?

Data Management is an ongoing activity of improvement and adaptation and the Data Management Plan needs to reflect this: The Data Management Plan therefore will have to evolve during the project's lifetime in order to present the status of the project's reflections on Data Management.

The Data Management Plan needs to be submitted in the full proposal stage.