# The FAIR Concept: What? How and Why?

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The FAIR essential training



## Aim

The aim of this presentation is to briefly introduce the FAIR high level principles, its origins challenges and a few examples of it

#### **Outline**

#### We will introduce the following:

- The national and international roots and origins of the "FAIR" model
- The Impact of FAIR and Open Science for Research and Society
- FAIR principles and Case Studies
- What's in FAIR for you?

#### What is FAIR?

FAIR is an international, bottom up approach for the discovery, and re-use of digital content such as data for both machines and individuals

Wilkinsons et al. 2016

https://www.nature.com/articles/sda ta201618

#### Where did this all start?

#### SCIENTIFIC DATA

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## The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship

 Wilkinson, M. D. et al. (2016) The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. Sci. Data 3:160018, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18">https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18</a>

## FAIR principles to support knowledge discovery and innovation: What makes your data FAIR?

#### Box 2 | The FAIR Guiding Principles

#### To be Findable:

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes
- F4. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

#### To be Accessible:

- A1. (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol
- A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- A1.2 the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary
- A2. metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

#### To be Interoperable:

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- 12. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- 13. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

#### To be Reusable:

- R1. meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
- R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
- R1.2. (meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
- R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

## The international and national roots of

**FAIR** 

> H2020 Online Manual > Cross-cutting issues > Open access & Data management >

Open access

Data management

#### Open access

These guidelines explain the rules on open access to scientific peer reviewed publications and research data that beneficiaries have to follow in projects funded or co-funded under Horizon 2020. Note that these guidelines do not apply to their full extent to actions funded by the European Research Council (ERC). For information and guidance on implementation of Open Access and the Open Research Data Pilot at the ERC, please see the Guidelines on the Implementation of Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data in Projects supported by the European Research Council under Horizon 2020 or contact erc-open-access@ec.europa.eu.

Open Access guidelines for H2020 projects working on COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 and related topics

The COVID-19 crisis is putting high pressure on the research community to speed up science discovery, inform the public health response and help save lives. A necessary complementary action to accelerate and amplify the impact of research is to ensure that research findings and data relevant to this outbreak, are shared as rapidly, openly and effectively as possible. Therefore, the European Commission is urging all H2020 projects working on COVID-19. SARS-CoV-2 and related topics to provide immediate open access to their related publications, data and any other

To support the projects, a guidance document has been developed that includes specific guidelines regarding:

- The FAIR principles;
- · Open access to publications;
- · Open access to data;
- · Data Management Plans:
- · Other research outputs:

The document includes as well ongoing data-related efforts under the umbrella of the European Open Science Cloud and other useful tools and resources.

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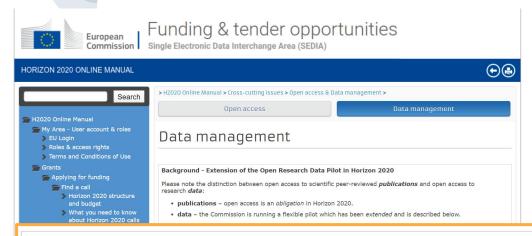


Horizon 2020 projects working on the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), and related topics:

Guidelines for open access to publications, data and other research outputs

Version 1.0, April 8, 2020

### Recognition within the European



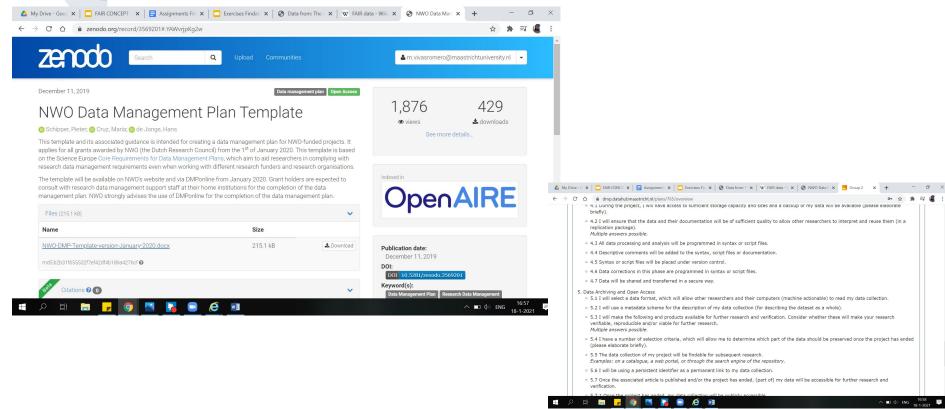
#### FAIR data management

In general terms, your research data should be 'FAIR', that is findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable. These principles precede implementation choices and do not necessarily suggest any specific technology, standard, or implementation-solution.

This template is not intended as a strict technical implementation of the FAIR principles, it is rather inspired by FAIR as a general concept.

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-quide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-data-management/open-access\_en.htm

## **National and Institutional Recognition**

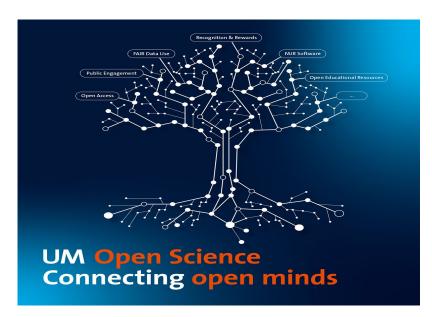


## **The University Goals**

Maastricht University aims to be FAIR by 2025

#### FAIR@UM & UMC 2025 Manifesto

https://zenodo.figshare.com/articles/Towards a FAIR University/6753353/1



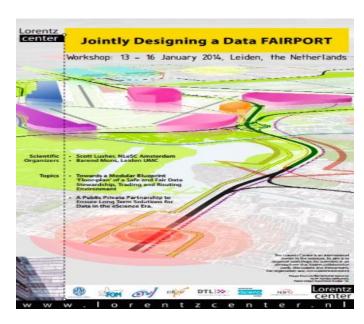
### **UM CDDI Case Studies:**

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Showcase	Research area	Learning goal
Sharing large datasets from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) experiments	Neurosciences	Understanding the resource and cost requirements of storing and processing large image data
Detect how 'good students' use a dashboard, which communicates their test results.	Education sciences	Investigate the ethical concerns when FAIRify with sensitive personal data
Network analysis of case law	Jurisprudence (i.e. law)	The representation of (legal) textual data with established community standards
Secure analysis of health data on institutional infrastructure	Epidemiology	Develop and deployment of a database by university service provider
Tracking governmental/institutional funding flows in international markets	Political science	Create machine-readable metadata that doesn't reveal protected information
Predicting economic policies based on presidential speeches	Economics	Create metadata for speech-data/expressive (social media) data.
Linking medical data to create a dashboard for Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients	Medical informatics	Create links between data generated by different software in different organisations

#### **DMP Maastricht**

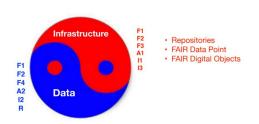
https://dmp.datahubmaastricht.nl/plans/840

## Minimal-set of community agreed principles - where FAIR began



## How do we go FAIR? What are the limits of FAIR?

- No technological barriers, repositories, FAIR data points and Digital objects are available
- The change is about a choice, an agreement with a Scientific Community to make knowledge available





## FAIR maximize the impact from your research

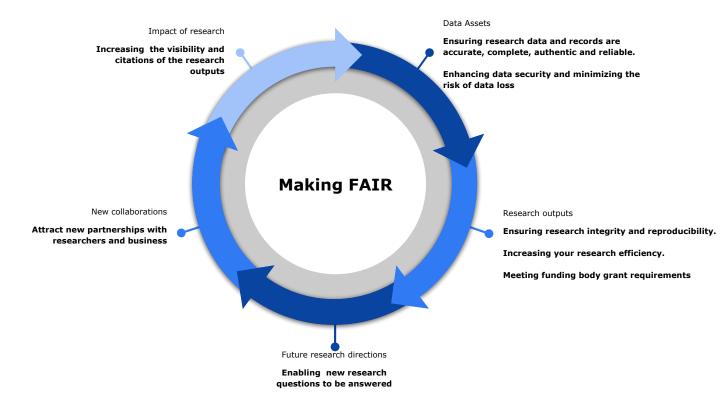
Making research data more Finable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) provides a range of benefits to researchers, research communities, research infrastructure facilities.







## **Plenty of benefits from FAIR**



#### Making your data and research visible to

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Mark D. Wilkinson, Michel Dumontier, [...] Barend Mons <sup>™</sup>

Scientific Data 3, Article number: 160018 (2016) | Cite this article

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