SNSF Open Research Data Policy

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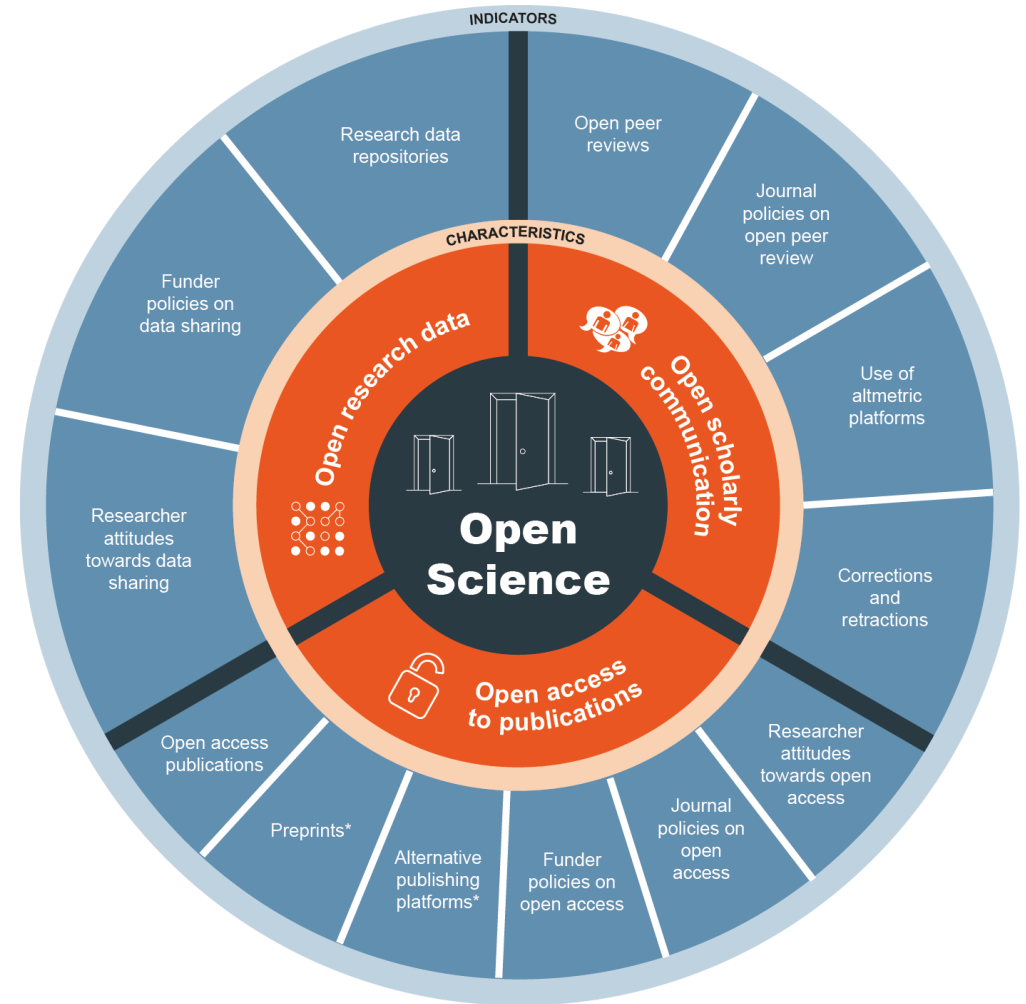
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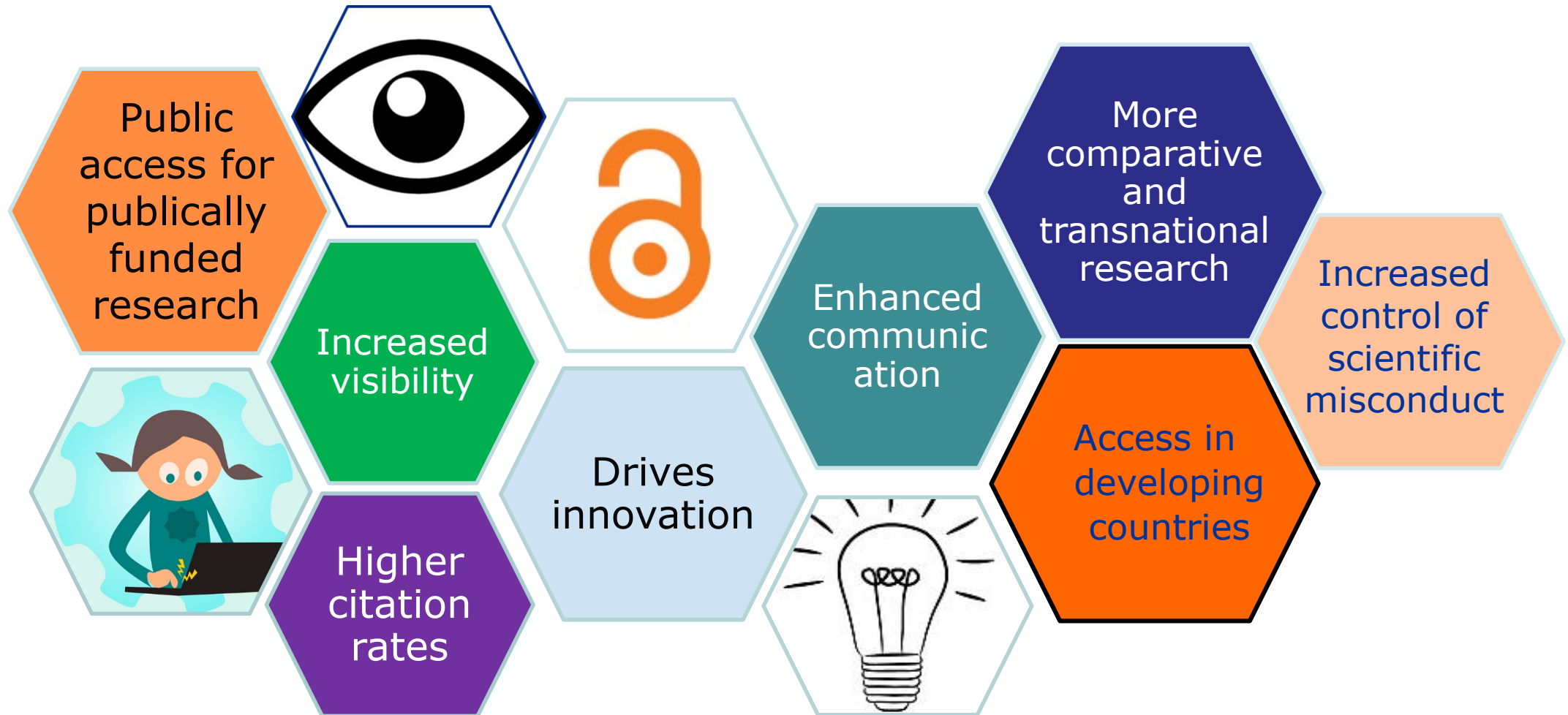
Open Science and Science Culture

«**Open science** is about **the way researchers work, collaborate, interact, share** resources and disseminate results. A systemic change towards open science is driven by new technologies and data, the increasing demand in society to address the societal challenges of our times and the readiness of citizens to participate in research. »

Amsterdam Call for Action, p. 4.

http://www.openaccess.nl/sites/www.openaccess.nl/files/documenten/amsterdam-call-for-action-on-open-science.pdf

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SNSF policy on Open Research Data – Background and Aims

- September 2015 - the SNSF discussed the foundations of Open Research Data strategies during an international workshop

- 2016 – Discussions at the Presiding Board and administrative offices

- October 2017 - SNSF Open Research Data policy enters into force in the project funding scheme

- DMPs are now required in most of SNSF funding schemes

- New policy but data sharing requirements are not new

SNSF policy on Open Research Data – Background and Aims

The SNSF values research data sharing as a fundamental contribution to the impact, transparency and reproducibility of scientific research. In addition to being carefully curated and stored, the SNSF believes research data should be shared as openly as possible.

Funding Regulations Article 47b

«data collected with the aid of an SNSF grant must be made available to other researchers and integrated into recognized scientific data pools»

SNSF policy on Open Research Data – Implementation

The SNSF expects all its funded researchers

- to store the research data they have worked on and produced during the course of their research work,

- to share these data with other researchers, unless they are bound by legal, ethical, copyright, confidentiality or other clauses, and

- to deposit their data and metadata onto existing public repositories in formats that anyone can find, access and reuse without restriction.

Data Management Plan –
Part of project submission

- Researchers have to include a data management plan (DMP) in their funding application for most of the funding schemes → DMP is a <u>formal requirement</u>

- DMPs are not part of the review process (no access for external reviewers).

- At project submission, DMPs are considered as drafts.

- Applicants can explain in the DMP if there are any issues linked to data sharing.

Data Management Plan – Structure

1 Data collection and documentation
> 1.1 What data will you collect, observe, generate or reuse?
> 1.2 How will the data be collected, observed or generated?
> 1.3 What documentation and metadata will you provide with the data?

2 Ethics, legal and security issues
> 2.1 How will ethical issues be addressed and handled?
> 2.2 How will data access and security be managed?
> 2.3 How will you handle copyright and Intellectual Property Rights issues?

3 Data storage and preservation
> 3.1 How will your data be stored and backed-up during the research?
> 3.2 What is your data preservation plan?

4 Data sharing and reuse
> 4.1 How and where will the data be shared?
> 4.2 Are there any necessary limitations to protect sensitive data?
> 4.3 All digital repositories I will choose are conform to the FAIR Data Principles.
> 4.4 I will choose digital repositories maintained by a non-profit organisation.

Data Management Plan – Life cycle

- A "plausible" DMP is a condition for the release of the funds.

- DMPs are editable. Researchers have the possibility to update the content of their DMP at any time during the funding period of the research project.

- Once SNSF funding has ended and the final scientific report has been approved, the DMP cannot be modified anymore.

- The DMP is shared on P3 (SNSF's public database) at the end of a project.

Data sharing – Principles

- SNSF expects data of a publication to be shared.

- Data needs to be shared as soon as possible on data repository, but at the latest at the time of publication of the respective scientific output.

- Additional data can be shared if the researcher wishes to do so.

- Repositories need to be digital and conform to the FAIR data principles.

Data sharing – Cost contributions

- A maximal cost contribution of CHF 10'000 per grant is installed for:

  - data uploading costs and

  - related data preparation costs (prior to and for upload only)

- Data uploading costs are not paid if the data repository is commercial.

- Cost contribution can be exceeded, if justified.

FAIR Data Principles

Source: https://www.ands.org.au/working-with-data/fairdata/training

FAIR Data Principles – SNSF "light version"

- Globally unique and persistent identifiers for data (e.g. DOI, ARK, etc.)

- Upload of descriptive and project-specific metadata

- Data license (e.g. CC0, CC BY, etc.)

- Metadata publicly accessible even in the case of datasets with restricted access

- Structured and machine-readable metadata?

- Long-term preservation plan for data

First experiences with the DMP

- Generally speaking, submitted DMPs are of very good quality (overview among the different funding instruments)

- Strong differences between disciplines, in terms of data sharing practices and data repositories

- Support and services provided by many institutions

- Learning process with the research communities

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Science Europe

- Science Europe has published in January 2018 a document entitled "[Guidance Document Presenting a Framework for Discipline-specific Research Data Management](#)"

- Domain Data Protocols (DDPs) as "DMP templates" for a given domain

Science Europe Guidance Document

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- Science Europe has published in November 2018 a "[Practical Guide to the International Alignment of Research Data Management](#)"

- The document presents core requirements for DMPs and criteria for the selection of trustworthy repositories

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