Session 4: Access to and sharing of research data from public funding

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Background and Principles: The WhatWhyWhereWhenWhom

The Amsterdam Global Research Conference in 2000 recommended the need for steps to improve Access to and Sharing of Research Data from Public Funding. Following this recommendation the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy agreed to establish a Follow Up Group that would develop a report on Principles to guide policies on the availability of publicly funded digital research data.

After two years of consultation, research and discussion, the members of the Group are convinced that unnecessary barriers exist to responsible access and use of publicly funded data resources. They see sub-optimal use of the floating capital of research data as a serious obstacle to:

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    \item good stewardship of public knowledge,
    \item realising the value chain of innovation and
    \item creation of value from international scientific co-operation.
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The Group members are optimistic about the role Principles for data policies can play in levelling out these barriers.

This presentation will give background of the problems, deliverables of the project, and will address the questions of why access to data is an important issue for governments of OECD countries to address, why is it important now, and why principles are needed.

The presentation should give an appropriate mix of theoretical and practical, distributed and central, principal and pragmatic aspect of the challenges ahead.

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