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

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Data Sharing Policies: Social and Organizational Issues and Challenges

This talk will present analyses of policies on access to research data generated from two research projects:

* surveys of current data sharing policies of scientific institutions and granting agencies and
* case studies on different scientific communities on issues of data access and data sharing.

The first project helps to situate the general landscape of data access policy and indicates to what extent data access policies have been developed. The second project gives empirical detail to best practices and barriers to implementing viable data access policies and scenarios. The analysis of this research recognizes that the practices of data access and data sharing entail institutional, economic, technological and legal domains. The talk will conclude with the findings on challenges that must be tackled in order to develop and maintain robust data access.

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