

# How to achieve FAIRER research data by studying evaluation & assessment protocols

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# The FAIR Guiding Principles

You know them by heart...

## 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.
- I2 (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- I3 (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

(2016) M. Wilkinson, et al. The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship, Scientific Data

# CDUR Protocol(s) for RD (and RS) evaluation

**CDUR** has four steps:

You *will* know them by heart...

## **(C) Citation**

to measure if the Research Data (RD) is well identified as a research output : good citation form, but also metadata, best citation practices...

**Legal point.** Authors (if  $\exists$  copyright), producers, affiliations, participation %

## **(D) Dissemination**

best dissemination practices, in agreement with the scientific policy of the evaluation context

**Policy point.** Open Science. ★ **Legal point.** other legal issues, licenses.

## ★ **(U) Use**

to evaluate the “data” aspects of the RD: quality, documentation, tutorials, use examples etc., facilitate reuse, best data practices...

**Reproducibility point.** validation of scientific results

## **(R) Research**

to evaluate the “research aspects” of the RD: quality of the scientific work, proposed and coded algorithms & data structures, related publications, collaborations...

**Research point.** impact of the RD research related work

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# How to achieve FAIRER research data...

Put them together....

CDUR [2,7]	The FAIR Guiding Principles [1]
<b>(C) Citation:</b> The <b>RD</b> is well identified, involving issues concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- citation form or reference</li><li>- metadata (including PIDs)</li></ul>	<b>To be Findable:</b> 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 <b>To be Interoperable:</b> I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data <b>To be Reusable:</b> R1.2. (meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
<b>(D) Dissemination:</b> The <b>RD</b> is well disseminated, involving issues concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- list of included components</li><li>- RD licence</li><li>- RD deposit</li></ul>	<b>To be Findable:</b> F4. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource <b>To be Accessible:</b> 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 <b>To be Reusable:</b> R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
<b>(U) Use:</b> The <b>RD</b> facilitates its reuse, involving issues like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- documentation, tutorials, examples...</li><li>- reproducibility and replicability issues</li></ul>	<b>To be Interoperable:</b> I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation I2. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles <b>To be Reusable:</b> R1. meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards
<b>(R) Research:</b> Measures the impact of the <b>RD</b> related scientific work	Not applicable

Table 1. Relationships between the FAIR principles and the CDUR RD evaluation protocols.

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# CDUR Protocol(s) for RD (and RS) evaluation

The CDUR protocols (2019) were initially conceived for Research Software (RS), they have been extended to Research Data (RD) in 2022.

There are designed to help evaluated researchers, evaluation committees and decision makers.

There are four steps :

**(C) Citation**

**(D) Dissemination**

**(U) Use**

**(R) Research**

They are flexible enough to be adapted to different evaluation situations.

Each evaluation committee sets its own protocol adapted to the evaluation context: recruitment, career evolution, publication...

**If followed correctly, CDUR may clearly contribute towards FAIRER RD (and RS).**

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A related protocol in the context of FAIR/Nanomaterials, see TRAAC 2021, TRAAC 2023 (2).

# RD and RS definitions

CDUR translation from RS to RD is possible because we have similar formulations for the RS and RD definitions:

**Research software (2019)** *is a well identified set of code that has been written by a (again, well identified) research team. It is software that has been built and used to produce a result published or disseminated in some article or scientific contribution...*

**Research data (2022)** *is a well identified set of data that has been produced (collected, processed, analyzed, shared & disseminated) by a (again, well identified) research team. The data has been collected, processed and analyzed to produce a result published or disseminated in some article or scientific contribution...*

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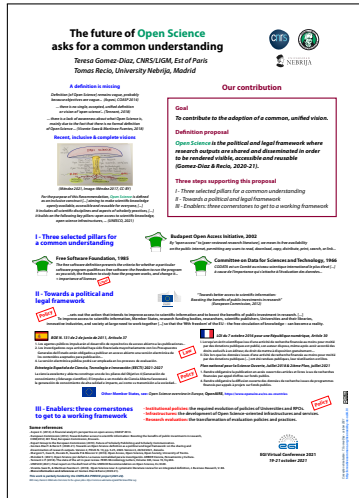
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The future of Open Science  
asks for a common understanding

## Open Science definition

*Open Science is  
the political and legal framework  
where research outputs are shared  
and disseminated in order to be rendered  
visible, accessible and reusable.*



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