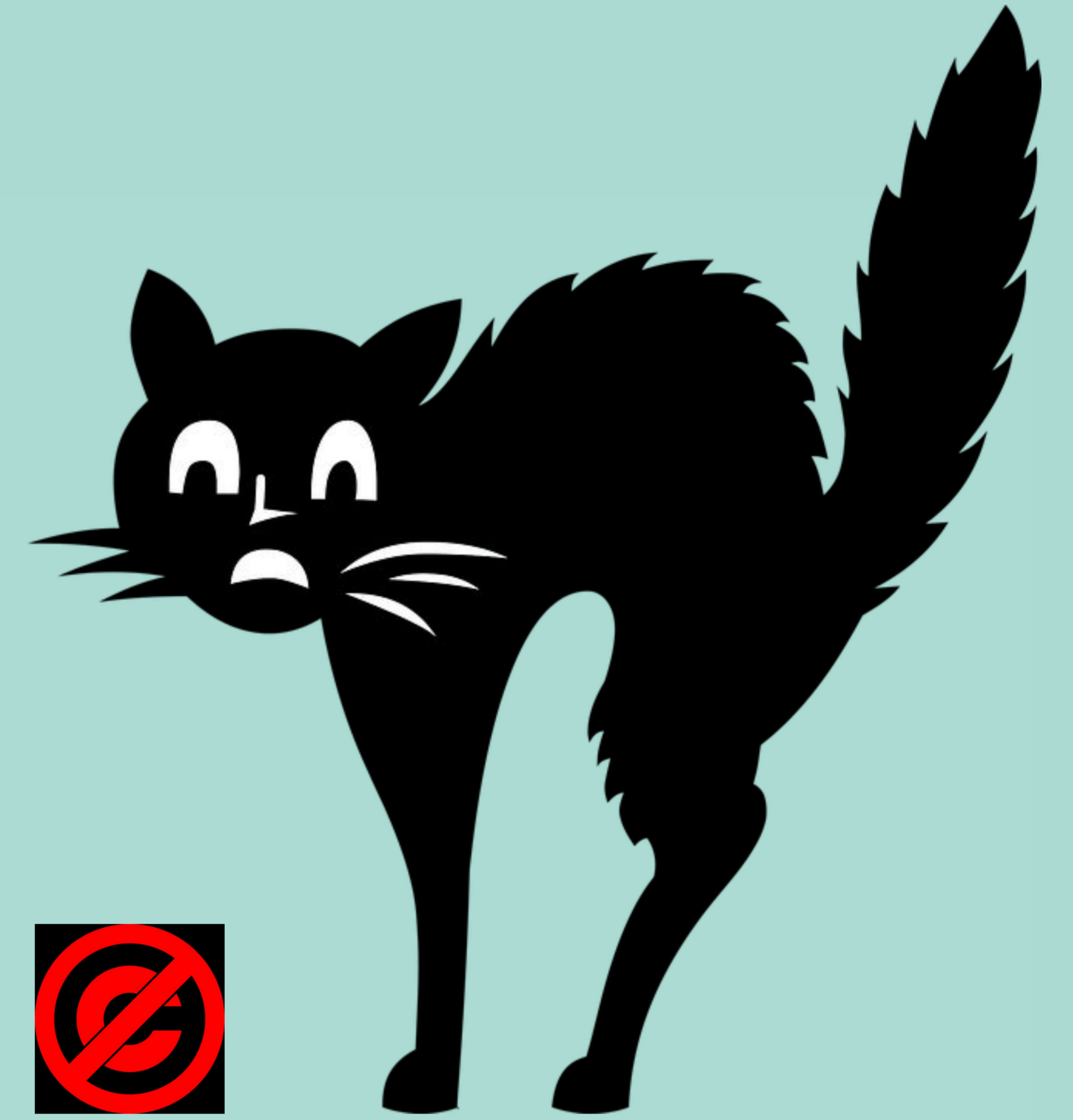


Don't be scared of the big bad wolf: a call to improve licensing landscapes in agro science repositories

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The need:

Science loves open data. But science also loves to be attributed. How do we fix this? We license our work!



The practise:

On the hunt for the perfect attribution mark, we found the CreativeCommons licenses. And they seem perfect! They are well known, easily understandable and they do exactly what I need. But do they?

The Problem:

The CreativeCommons are licenses specifically created to license **copyright protected** work. This is a discrepancy with the scientific data mostly published in agricultural science! To be protected under copyright, a work has to reach a **threshold of originality**

-> the effect of using CC-licenses incorrectly

Using CC-Licenses incorrectly: no security for creator to be cited; creates legal uncertainty regarding the validity of the CC-License

What is a threshold of originality?
-> a certain reflection of the authors personal touch
-> the work must not only consist of content and structure defined by the specific domain

A call to action:

We have two options:

- Use dedicated data licenses with attribution, e.g. Datenlizenz Deutschland. Caveat: Depends on access and is relative
- Trust the GWP. Binding use of the GWP is spreading in research institutions and includes attribution. Repositories should take a leading role and inform users

The FAIRagro DSSC can provide support (<https://fairagro.net/helpdesk/>)



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