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The Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information – Openness of research information as a prerequisite for research assessment reform	***Bianca Kramer, Thanasis Vergoulis, Janne Pölönen***
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1. Updates from the community:

- If you want to get involved, sign or support the Barcelona Declaration- reach out! https://barcelona-declaration.org/
- Interested in joining a working group? Fill out this form by November 30. https://tinyurl.com/Barcelona-Declaration-WGs

2. Presentation + Collaborative notes from discussion:

- Collective actions - joint roadmap of the Barcelona Declaration

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- Journal article medata
- IR / preprint / data repository metadata
- Funding metadata
- Replacing closed systems
- Sustainability of infrastructures
- Evaluating open data sources
- Evidence of benefits

→ Working groups, coordinated by signatory organizations
→ Concrete outcomes over 6-24 months
→ Collaboration between signatories and supporters

- Examples of actions -> some universities are unsubscribing from WoS and using that money to fund OpenAlex, development of open science research information in some countries, organisations including openness in metadata in publisher agreements.
- A couple of relevant questions from the discussion:
  - How will this declaration be different from others? Funding seems to be an obstacle.
    -> This is indeed a challenge but there are already RPOs funnelling their funding towards open infrastructures (see slides).
  - What about the quality? When will open research information systems reach a quality level that allows users to become fully independent of commercial tools?
    -> This is a returning question and while we didn't have much time to delve into it

(for example, how is quality refined?), the panellists mentioned that the coverage from open infrastructures has been increasing and is quite comprehensive. Further, The Barcelona declaration can offer an inspiration and roadmap for CoARA singnatory organizations on how to address the agreement principle of independence and transparency of the data, infrastructure and criteria necessary for research assessment. They also encouraged people to use them more as increased use will improve these infrastructures.

3. Links & Resources:

- The Barcelona Declaration
  https://barcelona-declaration.org/
- Paris Conference on Open Research Information
  https://barcelona-declaration.org/conference_2024_paris/
- Conference report & roadmap
  https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14054244
- A participant of the CoP shared the following pre-print concerned with the coverage of OpenAlex vs WoS and Scopus:
  https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.16359