

Road2Openness - Open Science self-assessment Tool

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About the project



Open Practices in higher education: How can we *support* open pioneers to develop broad impact in their *institutions* to strengthen the *societal impact* of science?

Supporting pioneers



Supporting institutional leaders

- **WHAT** is Open Science?
- **WHY** should we care about Open Science?
- **WHO** should be involved in implementation?
- **HOW** to implement Open Science practices?



Road2Openness - What it is



Freely available online for anyone to use
anonymously

Stage 1

- **Information** about Open Science practices
- **Self-assessment** of institutional Open Science practices, training, infrastructure

Stage 2

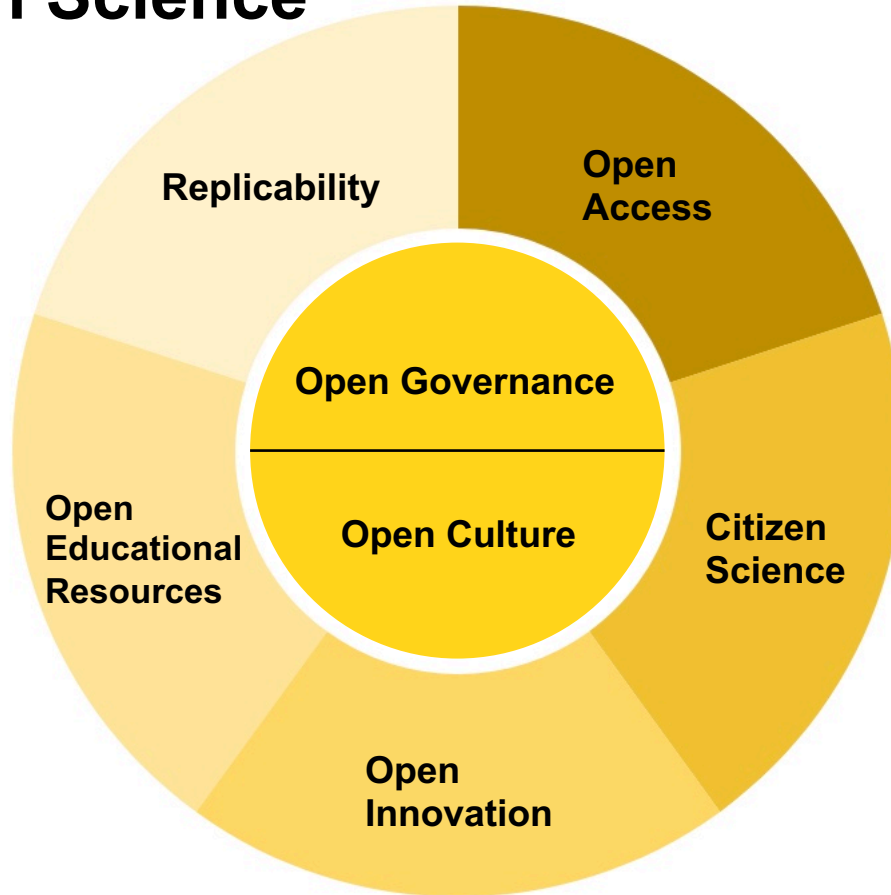
- Information to **plan institutional development**

Road2Openness - What it isn't

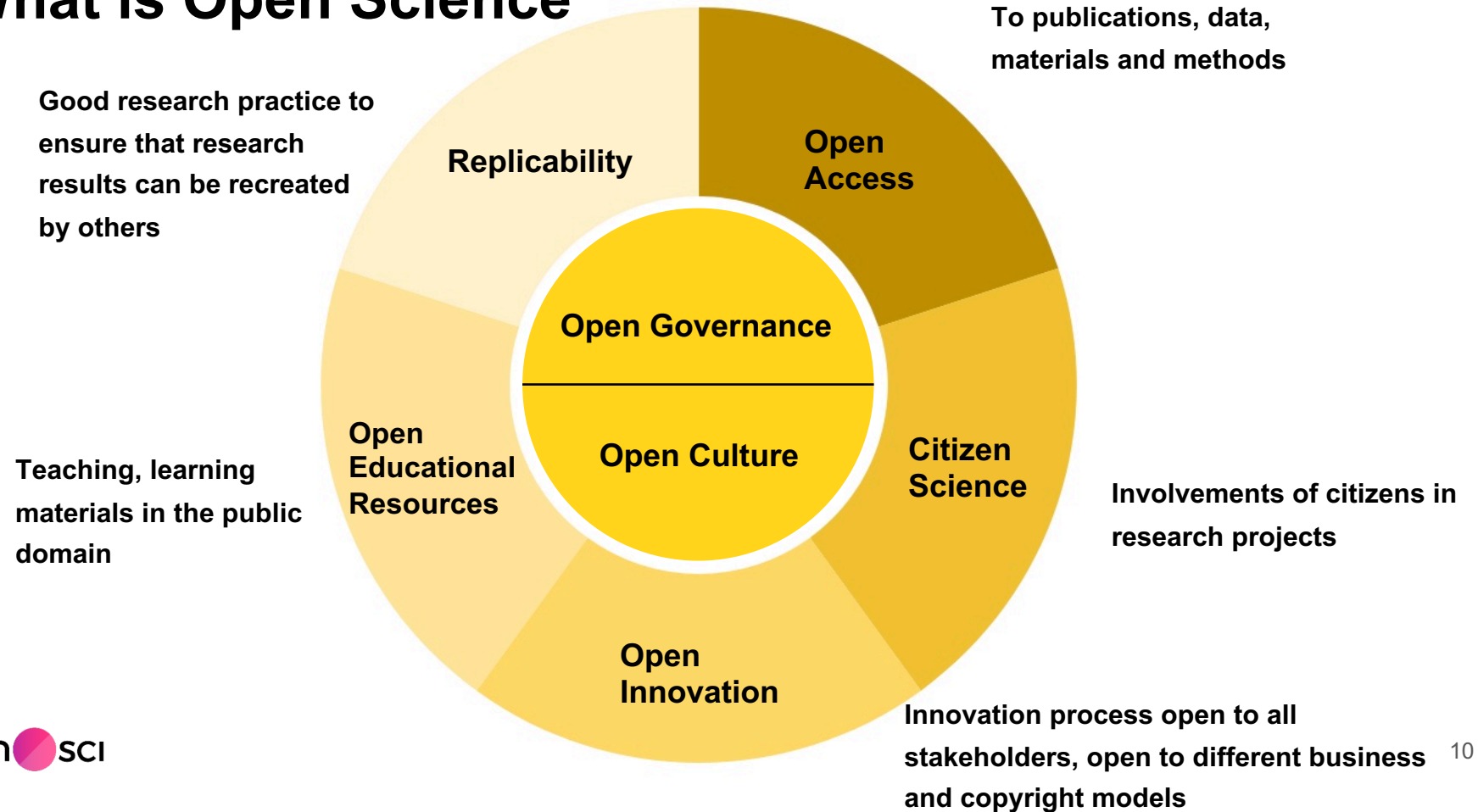


- **No external audit**
- **Not** for **objective** comparison
- **Not** a ranking
- We do **not** have **access** to the entered **data**

What is Open Science

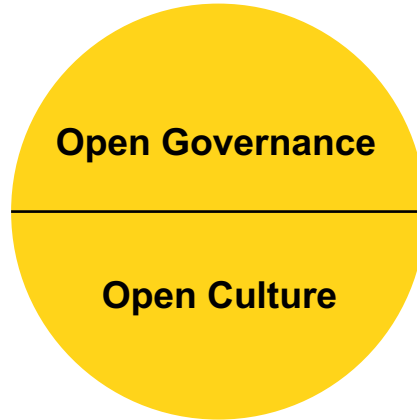


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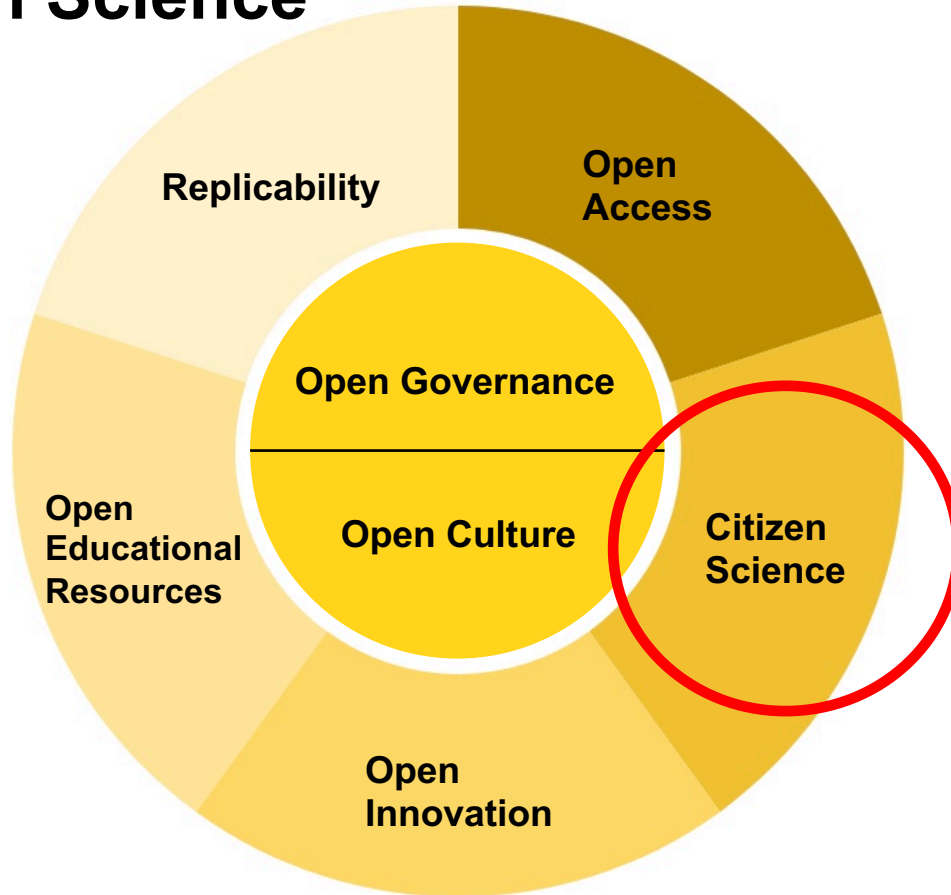
What is Open Science

**Transparent and participatory
decision-making processes,
structures, responsibilities**



**Incentivising Open Science
practices and responsible
research assessment**

What is Open Science



Stage 1 - Citizen Science

- **WHAT:** Active involvement of citizens in research at all different stages of projects, from developing a research question to study design, data acquisition and analysis, communication of research results.
- **WHY:** Depending on the research stage, involvement of citizens can lead to higher relevance of research questions or it can enable some projects that require distributed large-scale data acquisition or analysis. Involvement of citizens can also lead to improved societal trust in research results.

Stage 1 - Citizen Science - Strategy

Please select the statement that most closely resembles the status of your institution

- A) The institution does not currently have a Citizen Science strategy.
- B) The institution is currently planning to develop a Citizen Science strategy
- C) The institution has a Citizen Science strategy or Citizen Science is included in other strategies (such as an Open Science or Public Engagement strategy).

Stage 1 - Citizen Science - Training

Please select the statement that most closely resembles the status of your institution

- A) Citizen Science is not included as part of student training.
- B) Citizen Science is included as part of student training but optional.
- C) Training in Citizen Science is compulsory for all students.

Stage 1 - Citizen Science - Infrastructure

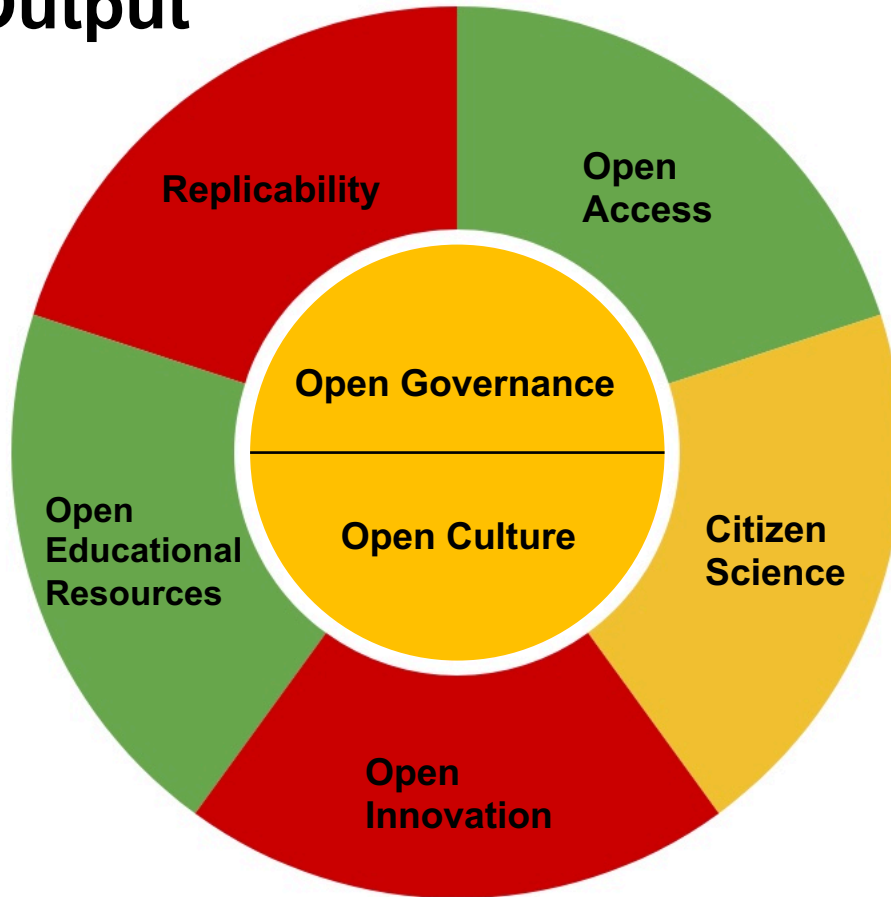
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A) There is no institutional Citizen Science platform and no central institutional website to promote projects on external platforms.

B) There is no institutional Citizen Science platform but a central institutional website to promote projects on external platforms.

C) There is an institutional Citizen Science platform to run and promote Citizen Science projects.

Stage 1 - Output



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Stage 2 – Roadmap for development

Citizen Science - Infrastructure

Which of the following topics are you interested in (please drag and drop)?

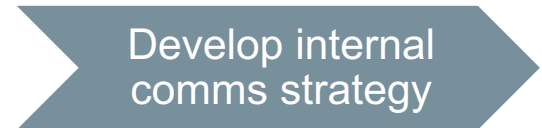
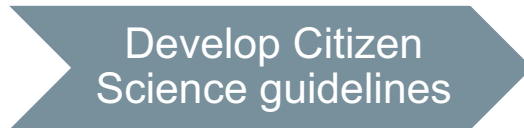
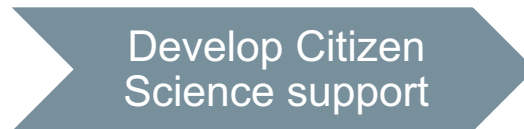
(Selection based on answers in Stage 1)

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4



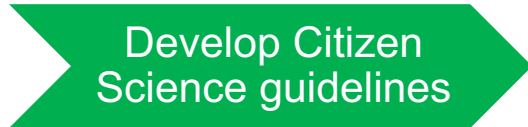
Stage 2 – Roadmap for development

Citizen Science - Infrastructure

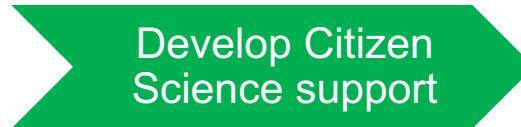
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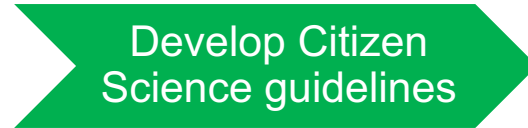
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Step 2



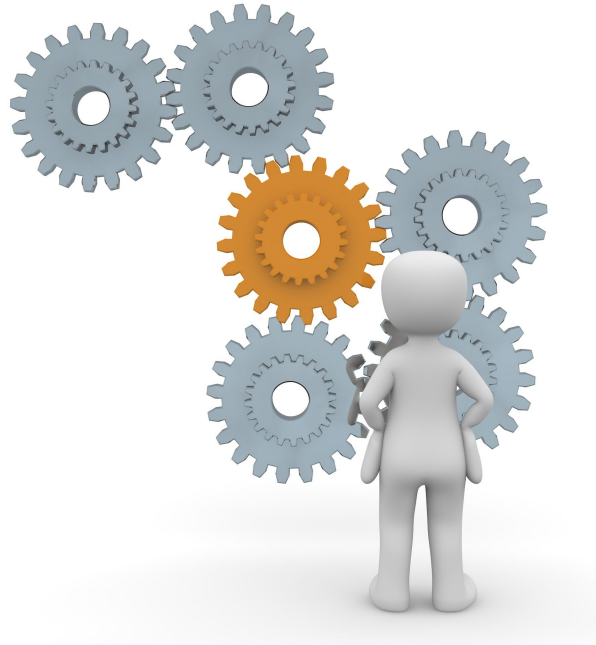
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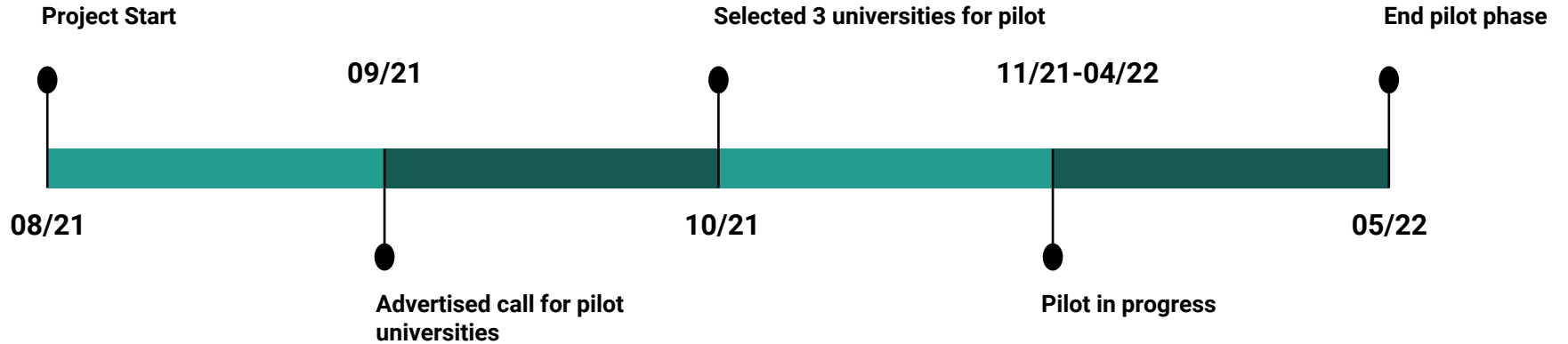
Based on good practice examples

- **WHAT:** Possible content
- **HOW:** Process of developing guidelines
- **WHO:** Which stakeholders could be involved

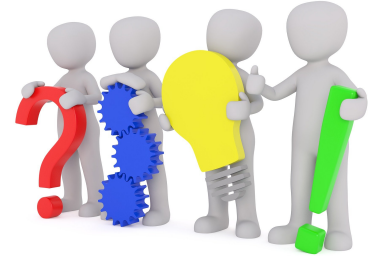
Road2Openness - Does it work?



Road2Openness - Timeline



What have we learned so far?



University leadership:

- Open Science definition: Open Access publishing plus Open data
- Interested but scale of the challenge often unclear
- Distributed responsibilities for different OS themes, it takes a village to find out more about OS activities

Open Science community:

- There are open science experts at all of the pilot universities
- Very little networking within OS themes or across them
- Culture of openness difficult to create in current academic system
- Need to create intrinsic motivation for working openly (not top-down requirements)

⇒ Successfully started the conversation

⇒ Need new infrastructures to keep conversation going

⇒ Need to focus on “Why” Open Science is useful

Open questions



- Does R2O work as a stand-alone tool? How user-friendly is it?
- At what level does it work best (whole institution vs faculties/ departments)?
- How easy/ difficult is it to compile overview of university's OS activities for self-assessment?
- Do we provide the right level of information to develop a roadmap?
- Can we create top-down engagement through R2O?

Open questions



Future Outlook



- Provide institutional Open Science case studies
 - Offer audit services (“Open Science Award”) alongside self-assessment
 - Offer consultancy services alongside self-assessment
 - Ask institutions to donate their anonymised data for (academic) research purposes
 - Collaborate with projects developing automated openness indicators
- ⇒ provide a not-for-profit service for research performing organisations

How can you get involved?



- Check out our website (only in German so far, sorry!):
<https://road2openness.de>
- Get in touch: info@road2openness.de
 - Help with community feedback on tool content
 - Info when we release R2O officially
 - Potential collaborations
 - Help with funding 😊
 - ...

**Thanks for your
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