

The backbone of OpenAIRE is its network of 35 National Open Access Desks (NOADs). They are institution-based; in national, academic and research libraries, cross-institutional organisations, information services and consortia.

OpenAIRE NOADs have been long involved in national efforts for open access, research data management and recently, open science. Acting as key contact points for open science in their countries and with a prominent voice in the global scholarly landscape, they are perfectly placed experts to support researchers in good practices for open science.

Our NOADs' task is to support the EC's open science policies, and ensure harmonization of national e-infrastructures with OpenAIRE within the context of EOSC.

They work in the following main areas:

SUPPORT. *Providing expert advice to people on implementing open science practices.* This includes reaching out and supporting EC funded projects on the EC's open access and data policies in order to have project outputs (publications, data, software) open access and linked to the OpenAIRE infrastructure. Building on this, they also support projects with their data management plans and assist national funders on how to be compatible with OpenAIRE.

ADVOCACY. *Running outreach activities on open science, policies, and infrastructures at events and, where relevant, on open science working groups.* The role of NOADs is to inform about the benefits of open science and OpenAIRE's tools and services. They achieve this through coordinating high-profile workshops on open science with key scholarly infrastructures and funders in all the regions that NOADs are active.

ALIGNMENT. *Encouraging an active dialogue with decision makers about the benefit of aligning open science policies within Europe.* Our NOADs assist repository managers (literature and data), CRIS managers and journal publishers to make their repositories and journals compliant with the OpenAIRE Guidelines. OpenAIRE's NOADs also work within the context of the collaboration with the EOSC-hub project finding alignment with EGI's NGI network.

CAPACITY BUILDING. *Building skills in a collaborative way.* OpenAIRE community works together to share experiences and expertise on national open access or Research Data Management (RDM) activities, open science policy implementation support and legal issues and needs.

NOADs tasks – general overview

- Ensure data providers compatibility with OpenAIRE to gather research outputs
- Supporting Open Access to publications and research data in Horizon 2020
- Research Data Pilot Support in Horizon 2020

- Community outreach to researchers, data providers, funders & research managers, research communities and research infrastructures, SMEs & innovators
- National Workshops
- Dissemination
- Open access, open research data, open science policy alignment

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Contacting Horizon 2020 projects in your country:

- We will provide you with a list of project information and contact details of Project Coordinators (PC) twice a year. You can inform them about the Open Access mandate and the Open Research Data Pilot. We will also provide materials for you to disseminate tailored to your local needs, e.g. <https://www.openaire.eu/openaire-h2020-factsheets>. All NOADs are asked to contact the project coordinators on their list twice a year. As the Horizon 2020 projects develop, check up on publication lists on the OpenAIRE portal to check compliance.
- You can often find contact of your other projects with partners in your country on their project websites.
- Assist repository managers (literature and data), CRIS managers and journal publishers to make their repositories and journals compliant with the OpenAIRE Guidelines. Promote the OpenAIRE guidelines for literature and data repository managers. Contact CRIS implementors to promote uptake of OpenAIRE's CRIS guidelines. Give information about OpenAIRE's text mining services to identified funded publications.
- Outreach to funders: OpenAIRE can produce aggregated statistics tailored to the needs of funders or ministries. Promote OpenAIRE services to gather all OA publications and links to data per funder.
- Answer helpdesk queries

YOUR NATIONAL NETWORKS

Being on relevant national working groups (policy or technical) for Open Access or Open Science will benefit your work at OpenAIRE. You can promote the infrastructure as well as the alignment of the EC's OA policies with your country's.

EC OPEN RESEARCH DATA PILOT

You can find a lot of information about the Open Research Data Pilot on the portal <https://www.openaire.eu/what-is-the-open-research-data-pilot> which you can use to:

- Support Institutions adhere to the EC's Research Data Policy
- Support projects with data management plans by pointing to appropriate resources

You should keep track of the data activities in your country. This includes policies at national or funder level for policies and an overview of research data repositories. Where possible, seek to promote the EC's open data pilot, to harmonize policies.