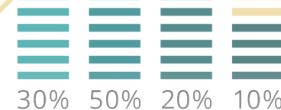


YERUN Statement on Open Science





The Young European Research Universities Network (YERUN) is committed to actively support the transition towards Open Science. The YERUN members agree that this transition requires not only investments in infrastructures and skills-building, but also a cultural shift in the way research is performed and rewarded.

As an active member of the EU Open Science Policy platform, YERUN develops alternatives and provides recommendations to making Open Science a reality. However, active leadership and determination are needed to overcome existing challenges and promote a coherent implementation of this transition.

In the coming years, the YERUN members will share experiences and resources, pilot (joint) actions and encourage best-practice exchange across the network and beyond. In doing so, YERUN aims to be a pioneer in the transition process.

1 A joint commitment

- YERUN members will have a (new or renewed) policy on Open Science, which includes the objective of having all publications (publically funded research) 100% Open Access by 2020.
- YERUN will create a Living Lab in Open Science to pilot, test and monitor Open Science initiatives and practices taking place at its institutions.

2 Embedded values

- YERUN will train its researchers in Open Science via Open Education strategies, activities, and students exchange, with a special focus on Early Career Researchers.
- YERUN members will have a (new or renewed) code of conduct for research integrity that makes reference to Open Science practices and values.
- YERUN members will work towards ensuring the availability of publically funded research as FAIR data, being as open as possible, as closed as necessary.

3 Career development and recognition

- YERUN members will strive to introduce Open Science practices in their assessment mechanisms for rewards, promotion and/or tenure.
- YERUN members will encourage their researchers to participate in a "YERUN Open Science Champion" award.

4 Open Science with the Society

- YERUN members will contribute to implement mechanisms that promote the participation of citizens in the research performed at their institutions.
- YERUN members will use their FabLABs or Maker spaces to promote public engagement in its scientific activities.

5 Collaboration at EU level and beyond

- YERUN will support European Commission (EC) policies in Open Science by actively participating in the piloting of infrastructures, strategies and indicators.
- YERUN will participate in the testing of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) and will support the shift towards new ways of scholarly communication through, advocating the EC Open Research Publishing Platform. YERUN will invite its partners and stakeholders to collaborate in these initiatives.