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to the Commission
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Subject: Open access policies in Horizon 2020 - Open access to data / results

The Commission has introduced open access to data as a pilot scheme in some areas of Horizon 2020, whereby participants have to submit a data management plan. The pilot will be extended to all areas of Horizon 2020 as of 2017, with the possibility to opt-out mainly for privacy, commercial or security reasons.

What possible dimension of the open access to data approach is the Commission pursuing in the future? Who is going to take over the costs, and can those be integrated into a Horizon 2020 project? In answering this question, please refer to the following points:

- Type of data: data underlying the publications, raw data, meta data, software, etc.,
- Data stewardship: Entity curating the data,
- Management and protection of data (governance),
- Time period for data storage,
- Costs of long-term preservation and curation of data,
- Lack of skills in Europe: need to hire, train and maintain people that are able to take care of data curation.