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NORF National Open Research Landscape Report consultation

Context and objectives

Ireland's National Open Research Forum (NORF) has been developing a National Open Research Landscape Report that aims to summarise progress and challenges in each of the areas outlined in Ireland's National Framework on the Transition to an Open Research Environment. This work was conducted by NORF's five Working Groups and the National Open Research Coordinator, with input from the NORF Steering Group and Funders Forum.

A draft version of the report has been made available as a public Google document for open community review and consultation: http://bit.ly/NORFlandscape

NORF is seeking feedback on the report to ensure it reflects the views and experiences of the stakeholders involved and is also running a brief survey to capture responses to a broader set of questions. This consultation marks the beginning of a National Action Planning exercise running throughout 2021.

Opportunities to contribute

A. Open comments on the draft report:
Individuals and institutions/organisations from the research community in Ireland are invited to provide comments on the National Open Research Landscape Report to ensure accuracy and completeness. Feedback can be recorded via Google document comments (preferred method) or by emailing the National Open Research Coordinator, Dr Daniel Bangert (d.bangert@ria.ie). Feedback will be used to revise and finalise the report.

B. Survey on opportunities for national coordination:
This brief survey is being conducted to collect broad input on areas that could benefit from coordination at a national level. This is an opportunity for individuals and institutions/organisations to inform the approach taken to developing a National Action Plan and ensure adequate representation and consultation for the next steps. Anonymised responses will be shared publicly as part of a summary of the Landscape Report consultation process.

The consultation period runs from 30 March to 7 May 2021.

Data collection: This survey has an option to include name and contact information, but there is no obligation to do this. The data is being collected by Dr Daniel Bangert, National Open Research Coordinator. Responses will be kept on a Google Drive to which only NORF members have access.

In case of any questions, please contact Dr Daniel Bangert, National Open Research Coordinator (d.bangert@ria.ie).

* NORF plans to share anonymised responses to this survey publicly as part of a summary of the Landscape Report consultation process. Do you agree to sharing of anonymised responses? 💬 0

○ Yes

○ No

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General information

Please record your name or the institution/organisation you are responding on behalf of (if applicable). 💬 0

* Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an institution/organisation? 💬 0

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General information

* What is your primary role? 🗨 0

◯ Researcher

◯ Research support staff

◯ Librarian

◯ Policy Officer/Funder representative

◯ Other (please specify)

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General information

* What category of institution/organisation do you represent? ♡ 0

○ Higher Education Institution or other Research Performing Organisation

○ Research Funding Organisation

○ Research Libraries

○ Publishers

○ Scientific Societies or Academies

○ Policy Making Organisation

○ Research or e-Infrastructures

○ Citizen Science or Public Engagement Organisations

○ Other (please specify)

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General information

The National Framework notes the need to attend to specific issues associated with the transition to Open Research as it affects, among others, the groups listed below.

* Are you a part of or a representative of any of the following groups? 💬 0

- ☐ Arts and humanities researchers

- ☐ Early career researchers

- ☐ Researchers not in receipt of grant funding

- ☐ Publicly funded researchers with no formal institutional affiliation

- ☐ Small, independent, non-profit journals and publishers

- ☐ Learned societies

- ☐ Citizen scientists

- ☐ None of the above

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Opportunities for national coordination

A wide range of topics have been identified across NORF's National Open Research Landscape Report as areas that could potentially benefit from coordination at a national level (page refs below). These include:

- National Open Access monitoring (pp. 13-14)
- Copyright legislation to support rights retention (pp. 18-20)
- Coordinated support for Open Access repositories (p. 23)
- Research Data Management policy development and alignment (pp. 26-27)
- Coordinated support for data stewardship (p. 30)
- Coordination of systemic research information management, including better use of Persistent Identifiers (pp. 39-40)
- National research infrastructure roadmapping (p. 49)
- Standardised framework for Open Research skills (pp. 54-55)
- Accreditation of training programmes (pp. 54-55)
- National Open Research training programme (pp. 56-57)
- National reporting and evaluation on Open Research (p. 65)
- System-level incentivisation of Open Research practices (p. 66-67)
- Responsible Research Metrics policy development and alignment (pp. 67-68)

Please comment on any of the areas listed, particularly on the potential of taking a national approach. ♀ 0

If any key potential areas for national coordination are not captured above, please record them here. ♀ 0

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Benefits and challenges

What do you consider to be the main benefits for Ireland's transition to an Open Research Environment?
💬 0

What do you consider to be the main challenges for Ireland's transition to an Open Research Environment? 💬 0

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Further consultation

NORF is planning targeted consultations with stakeholder groups. Would you or an organisation/community you are part of like to be contacted for further consultation? If so, please include contact information below and indicate if you have a particular area of interest (i.e. Open Access, FAIR data, infrastructures, skills and competencies, or incentives and rewards). We also welcome suggestions of other groups to contact, beyond those you are involved with. ⃝ 0