Guidelines for the implementation of scientific publishing policies of research data citation in scientific publications and assuring access to primary data, used in publications

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Slovenian Social Science Data Archives (ADP) in the period from February 2019 to May 2020, in cooperation with partner organizations, coordinates the project of establishing the RDA (Research Data Alliance) Node Slovenia.¹

RDA is an international volunteer member-based organisation, focusing on the development of infrastructure and community activities that reduces barriers to data exchange and sharing and accelerates data innovation around the world.

With RDA EU 4.0 projects, the organization wants to create a common European network of nodes based on already existing networks. The purpose of such a network is to strengthen the cooperation of Member States and to increase support of the RDA in many European countries, while also presenting the work of different European countries in the field of open data in the global RDA community.

Purpose of the document

One of the goals of the Research Data Alliance (RDA) Node Slovenia is to prepare guidelines for the formulation of scientific publishing policies of citing research data in scientific publications and for providing access to primary data on which scientific discussions are based.

The Guidelines are intended for scientific publishers and editors of scientific journals to assist them in policy-making of the so-called open access to research data requirements as a starting point for the preparation of any journal-adapted guidance for authors, reviewers and editors. They are accompanied by an example of detailed instructions for authors, to which editorial boards may refer to authors when preparing their instructions and, where appropriate, direct authors to extract from their guidelines independent Explanations for understanding the policies of scientific publishers in providing access to primary data used in articles. We thank the Working Group of the RDA Node Slovenia and all participating representatives of the editorial offices for their comments and suggestions.

¹ Website: https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-slovenia.
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