

Joint Statement by the French National Research Funding Agencies in support of Open Science

June 29, 2020

Under the National Open Science Plan established in July 2018, the French Research Funding Agencies have set up a collaborative network to define a joint approach to support knowledge sharing and dissemination.

Aware of the increasing importance of developing open access to research publications and data, this network of funding agencies is today highlighting its commitment to open science in accordance with the following values and principles:

- **Promoting open access to scientific publications.** We are asking our grantees to deposit scholarly publications that result from projects that we have financed, directly in an open archive, either in the French national archive [HAL](#) or through a local institutional archive. We also recommend publishing in open access journals or books to be given preference.
- **Fostering the opening of research data under the principle of “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”.** To support management, structuring, access, interoperability and when possible openness and re-use of research data, we are asking our grantees to draw up a Data Management Plan (DMP) as soon as their research project starts, and recommend regular updates, particularly at the end of the project. We also recommend using the DMP template developed by Science Europe which is available on the [DMP OPIDoR tool](#).
- **Sharing our practices and procedures for evaluating the scientific quality of projects in accordance with the recommendations of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (or [DORA](#))¹.**
- **Informing our grantees and raising their awareness of Open Science by sharing good practice,** in collaboration with the actions of the French Open Science Committee and national higher education and research stakeholders.

¹ The San Francisco Declaration has been signed by ANR, INCa and ANRS.

- **Opening data from projects funded² by our institutions** in accordance with the [Open Government Partnership³](#), which promotes transparency in public affairs and in accordance with [the law for a Digital Republic⁴](#) which provides for data generated by the Government to be openly available by default⁵. This initiative will make it possible to provide data to ScanR, the French search engine for exploring the research and innovation landscape and, at international level, to European infrastructures such as OpenAire.
- **Publishing an annual report on our activities and the different measures taken to promote open science.**

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Signatory Funding Agencies :

French Agency for the Ecological Transition – ADEME.

French National Research Agency – ANR.

National Food, Environment and Occupational Health Safety Agency – ANSES.

National Cancer Institute – INCa.

National AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Research Agency – Inserm/ANRS.

² In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Council and Parliament of 27 April 2016 relative to protection of natural persons with regard to processing of data of a personal nature and free circulation of such data.

³ In April 2014 France joined the Open Government Partnership which now includes 79 countries and hundreds of organisations from civil society.

⁴ Law No. 2016-1321 of 7 October 2016 for a Digital Republic.

⁵ [Etalab](#) coordinates the design and implementation of the Government's strategy in relation to data. It develops and maintains the French Government open data portal data.gouv.fr