

EELISA Governing Board

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EELISA Declaration on Advancing Open Science

Why a joint declaration?

The EELISA Alliance recognises Open Science as a cornerstone of contemporary research and a defining principle of a strong European Research Area. In a rapidly evolving scientific and societal landscape, openness, transparency, and responsibility are essential to ensuring the quality, integrity, and long-term value of knowledge.

Through this Declaration, the EELISA partners establish a shared commitment to embedding Open Science across research, education, innovation, and societal engagement. We affirm our responsibility to make research outputs widely accessible, to strengthen trust in science, and to contribute actively to an open and resilient European knowledge ecosystem.

Vision

EELISA envisions an alliance in which Open Science shapes research culture, institutional practices, and academic governance. Openness, responsibility, and collaboration will guide how knowledge is created, evaluated, shared, and preserved across our ecosystem.

Our ambition is to integrate Open Science systematically into all dimensions of the alliance, ensuring that accessibility, integrity, and societal relevance become defining characteristics of our research and education activities.

To realise this vision, EELISA will implement a Common Open Science Framework built upon four interlinked pillars:

- Open Access and Responsible Research Data Management
- Open Science Skills and Education
- Recognition, Incentives, and Responsible Assessment
- Citizen and Societal Engagement

Our approach is guided by the principle of “*as open as possible, as restricted as necessary,*” implemented within a robust legal, ethical, and secure framework that safeguards both openness and responsibility.

Through this vision, EELISA contributes to strengthening openness, research integrity, and long-term accessibility of knowledge within Europe and beyond.

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Mission

The mission of EELISA in Open Science is to translate principles into coordinated institutional practice. We will ensure that knowledge generated within our Alliance is accessible, reusable, reliable, and responsibly governed.

We commit to contribute to:

- Strengthen cooperation across disciplines, institutions, and sectors;
- Connect research more closely with education, innovation, and societal needs;
- Align institutional policies and infrastructures with FAIR principles and European Open Science developments;
- Support research communities in adopting transparent, reproducible, and collaborative practices.

In doing so, EELISA enhances research excellence and societal relevance, contributing actively to a resilient and inclusive European knowledge ecosystem.

Strategic Priorities

To advance Open Science within the Alliance, EELISA will prioritise:

1. Open Access and Research Data Management. Ensuring that publications, datasets, software, and research outputs are findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable.

2. Open Science Skills and Education. Equipping researchers, students, and staff with the competencies required for responsible data stewardship, open dissemination, reproducibility, and societal engagement.

3. Recognition and Responsible Assessment. Aligning evaluation and career progression systems with open practices, recognising diverse research contributions including datasets, software, methodologies, and collaborative outputs.

4. Citizen and Societal Engagement. Strengthening dialogue, participation, and trust between science and society through meaningful involvement of stakeholders in knowledge creation.

Implementation

EELISA will coordinate actions across member institutions to ensure coherence, interoperability, and mutual learning. Open Science will be supported through:

- Shared infrastructures and services;
- Institutional policy alignment;
- Capacity building and training;
- Monitoring and continuous improvement.

Implementation will remain consistent with European legal frameworks, research integrity standards, and evolving developments within the European Research Area.

Impact

This Declaration aims to consolidate EELISA as a coherent Open Science ecosystem within Europe. Its impact will be reflected in:

- Increased accessibility and long-term usability of research outputs;
- Greater interoperability and collaboration across institutions and disciplines;
- Fair and transparent recognition of diverse research contributions;
- Strengthened resilience, trust, and integrity within research infrastructures;
- Enhanced societal engagement and public value of scientific and artistic knowledge.
- Through these outcomes, EELISA contributes to a research environment where excellence, openness, and responsibility reinforce one another.

Commitment

Through this Declaration, the EELISA Alliance affirms its shared responsibility to advance Open Science in a coordinated and sustainable manner.

We, the members of EELISA, commit to strengthening openness across our institutions, aligning our practices with European developments, and supporting our research communities in shaping an open, trustworthy, and resilient knowledge ecosystem.

We invite our partners, stakeholders, and wider communities to engage with us in this shared endeavour.

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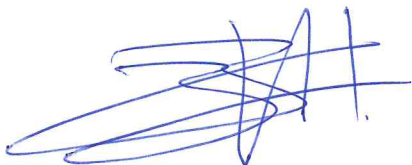
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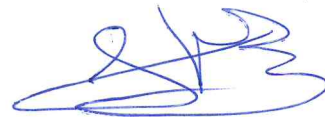
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