OPEN CONSULTATION:
REQUEST FOR COMMENT

SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR DATA SHARING
IN THE HUMANITIES

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The working group is committed to identifying and raising awareness for priorities and concerns of the Humanities, with particular attention to current and emerging developments in digital practice. Currently, the Open Science agenda figures highly in research policy and research funder requirements, and is driving changes in research practice. To address this agenda, and facilitate the adoption of Open Science across the Humanities, the working group is developing a series of recommendations tailored to Humanities research.

OPEN SCIENCE, FAIR DATA and the HUMANITIES

A key element of Open Science is an enhanced understanding of the value of the data and other outputs produced as part of the research process. There is a growing consensus that research data should be “FAIR” - findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable. That is, it should be managed, organised, preserved, and made available for evaluation and reuse, and this requires a reassessment of the role of data in the research lifecycle, as well as changes to research practice and culture.

Humanities data is rich, varied, and complex, which makes consensus on common approaches to managing this data particularly important. Best practices in digitisation, metadata standards and common formats, for example, are key to opening access to data, and accelerating collaboration between researchers, archives, repositories and libraries across Europe.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The working group has written draft recommendations, published them online, and launched a public consultation to gather broad feedback from Humanities researchers. Feedback will be incorporated to fine-tune the recommendations for final publication.

DEADLINE: 15 JULY 2019

The ALLEA e-Humanities Working Group Recommendations for FAIR Data sharing are mapped to the key phases of the data management lifecycle. They provide general as well as domain-specific guidance on implementing the FAIR principles and adopting Open Science approaches to managing Humanities research data.

**IDENTIFY**

What is Humanities research data?

**DISSEMINATION**

What it means to disseminate Humanities research data to enable Reuse

**COLLECT/PRODUCE & STRUCTURE & STORE**

File formats, data models and standardised metadata for the Humanities

**DEPOSIT & SHARE**

License and Copyright Deposit and the PIDs for the Humanities

**PLAN**

Data Management Plans

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Visit the ALLEA e-Humanities Working Group webpage, follow the instructions and have your say!

Submit your feedback


**OPEN TO ALL**

The consultation is open to all researchers and practitioners working in disciplines within the Humanities, policymakers and representatives of all public and private organisations working in the field. We particularly invite ALLEA Member Academies to contribute to this participatory knowledge-creation and consensus-building exercise.