OPEN SCIENCE AND OPEN ACCESS
FOR APPLICATIONS IN HORIZON EUROPE

RULES, FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND SERVICES AT LMU

In Horizon Europe, immediate and full open access to scientific publications and research data is mandatory in all funding schemes. This factsheet compiles relevant rules, as well as services for LMU applicants and grantees.

The information given is based on the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement. Please note that special provisions for specific funding schemes may apply.

1) OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

**Rules:** Beneficiaries of Horizon Europe grants must ensure **immediate open access** to peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to their results.

At the latest at the time of publication, a machine-readable electronic copy of the published version, or the final peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication, must be deposited in a trusted repository for scientific publications. This means that **embargo periods are no longer tolerated**.

**Authors must retain sufficient intellectual property rights** to comply with the open access requirements (Creative Commons Attribution International Public License or equivalent). For monographs, licensing may exclude commercial uses and derivative works. Metadata must be open under a Creative Common Public Domain Dedication (CC 0) or equivalent.

**Funding:** Fees for publications in full open access venues are fully reimbursable for the entire duration of the project. This means that fees for ‘hybrid’ journals are excluded from reimbursement (but may already be covered by special DEAL agreements between LMU and publishers such as Wiley and Springer Nature).

For checking the **Open Access policies of Journals and Publishers**, please refer to the Sherpa Romeo database or the Plan S Journal Checker tool.

2) OPEN DATA AND RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

**Rules:** Digital research data generated in Horizon Europe projects must be managed according to the FAIR data principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable) and **published open access**. Data must be “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”, but a general opt-out is no longer possible.
A Data Management Plan (DMP) must be submitted by a specific deadline (usually month 6 of the project), and updated regularly. The European Commission provides a DMP template that can be used for this purpose.

Data must be deposited as soon as possible and within the deadlines set out in the DMP, in a trusted open access repository, under a Creative Commons License or equivalent. Metadata must be open under a Creative Common Public Domain Dedication (CC 0) license or equivalent.

Data can be excluded from open access where this is against the beneficiary’s legitimate interests, including regarding commercial exploitation, or contrary to any other constraints, in particular the EU competitive interests; if open access is not provided (to some or all data), this must be justified in the DMP.

In some funding schemes, Data Management- as well as Dissemination and Exploitation Plans need to be submitted in the application phase. Data management should be described in the appropriate sections of the application template.

Funding: Data management costs are fully reimbursable for the entire duration of the project.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

We are happy to support you with drafting an ERC application that is fully compliant with the rules and requirements listed above. This includes individual advice on budgeting and the description of open access and data management in the application.

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FURTHER SERVICES AT LMU

• The Research Finance unit (VII.5) supports with the management and is responsible for the administration of EU projects after the project has been granted. For further information, please feel free to get in contact directly: Drittmittel-EU@Verwaltung.Uni-Muenchen.DE.

• The University Library (UB) offers extensive services for Open Access publishing and Research Data Management. This includes ERC-compliant repositories for publications (Open Access LMU) and research data (Open Data LMU), as well as a dedicated online tool for composing and maintaining Data Management Plans (RDMO).

• The Open Science Center (OSC) has the mission to promote and foster open science practices at LMU and beyond, and offers networking opportunities as well as regular events.

Are you planning an application?
Do you have questions about a specific funding program?
Would you like to know more about funding opportunities?

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