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Reference

Topic: Analysis of openness in the activities of research organisations and research funding organisations in 2019

Esteemed Research Organisation or Research Funding Organisation,

Open science and research seeks to promote science through openness, and to increase the societal impact of science by improving the management and utilisation of information generated by research. By increasing openness in research, we will also be improving reliability and transparency. Openness creates opportunities for everyone to participate in scientific advancement and enables more effective utilisation of research results.

We will achieve this by putting the principles of openness into practice, thereby facilitating and accelerating the utilisation of research results, and increasing the impact of research. To achieve this, we require extensive involvement from the research community, and development across the system.

In order to develop policies that support open science and research appropriately, it is necessary to understand better several critical aspects of the openness of research activities, such as policies and guidelines of research funding. Being responsible for the activities and culture of research environments, research organisations and research funding organisations play a vital role in steering development towards the objectives in hand.

This evaluation looks at the key indicators chosen to gauge the performance in openness. The key indicators are used to provide some insights on the competences and capacity of the research system to move towards openness. Success in achieving targets will be evaluated by measuring key factors of individual measures, forming the indicators.

The purpose of this analysis is:

- To establish a clear picture of the current level of Finnish research organisations' (RO) and research funding organisations' (RFO) openness
- To identify strengths and weaknesses in promoting openness
- To identify areas that require support and cooperation

This is a preliminary evaluation of openness in the activities of ROs and RFOs. In previous years, similar analysis were made of Finnish universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutions and also Finnish university hospitals and selected research funders.

We kindly request You to provide us with possible comments and corrections when it comes to the information and interpretations concerning Your organisation. The collected data and preliminary report can be found at:

<https://avointiede.fi/kypsyystasoselvitys/2019/lisatietopyynto>

For all indicators, data was limited to each organisation's external (public) website. The comparison material was collected in May-June 2019.

Note that there are separate folders and files for organisations. Please, pick your own.

We would be grateful if You could send your comments and corrections by 16th September 2019, 16.15 (EET) to the following e-mail address: kirjaamo@minedu.fi

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