



European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures

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European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures - Background

The initiative for this document comes from the EC as part of the work described in the July 2012 ERA Communication on “a Reinforced European Research Area Partnership for Excellence and Growth” including amongst others

“ the EC in cooperation with ESFRI, e-IRG and other stakeholders will develop a Charter of Access setting out common standards and harmonised access rules and conditions for the use by researchers of RI across ERA”

European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures - scope

- Is an EC document
- Defines principles and guidelines to be used as a reference when defining access rules and conditions for access to RIs
- Has **NO** legally binding nature

European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures - stakeholders

- e-IRG
- ESFRI
- EARTO (European Association of Research and Technology Organisations)
- LERU (League of European Research Universities)
- CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research)
- EUA (European University Association)
- Nordforsk (organisation under the Nordic Council of Ministers that provides funding for Nordic research cooperation as well as advice and input on Nordic research policy)
- Science Europe (Association of European Research Funding Organisations and Research Performing Organisations)

European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures - Procedure

- Two Brainstorming sessions with all stake holders
- Meeting with EC, ESFRI and e-IRG
- Continued work between EC, ESFRI and e-IRG in drafting the text
- Meeting with all stakeholders
- Modifications to the draft by EC, ESFRI and e-IRG
- Common meeting between all stakeholders (minor adaptations made during the meeting)
- Result mailed to everyone and last typos corrected

European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures – basic assumption

Work is done in the spirit that no distinction will be made between Research Infrastructures and e-Infrastructures

European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures – content (1)

- Preamble (setting the scene)
- Purpose
- Definitions (RIs, users, access)
- Principles
- Guidelines

Purpose

- Promotes access to research (access to RIs and related services → innovative research)
- Also access for the needs of education and training
- Maximise the ROI in research infrastructures by interaction with social and economic activities
- Contribution to a harmonised standard for access policies, rules and conditions to RIs

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Principles

- Make best choice of access regime
- Take into account national and international law
- The need for covering costs
- Adhere to the standard codes of conduct and ethical behaviour in scientific research

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Guidelines for the access regime

- Quality-based access
- Quota-based access
- Market-based access
- Ubiquitous access

Remark: RIs can opt for a combination of access regimes

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Guidelines for Education and training

- Training for use of the RI
- Education and training in the scientific field

Guidelines for a legal framework

Guidelines for transparency

- On RI, all procedures, costs and fees, IPRs, legal settlement of disputes, ...

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**Guidelines for Health, safety and
environment**

**Guidelines for Research data management
and digital services**

Try-out in the real world

- RIs will be asked to test the charter
 - Stakeholders were asked to propose RIs for doing the assessment
 - About 13 June letter to RIs (charter +questionnaire)
 - 5 September: deadline for answer

Planning for the next draft

- 24 September: meeting of the RI stakeholders to discuss results and prepare a workshop in October
- 8 October: workshop in Brussels with all stakeholders and entities involved in testing
- 17 October: possible changes forwarded to stakeholders
- 5 November: meeting of stakeholders to discuss rewording
- 19 November: new draft charter

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Questions

