

Digital Single Market

Consultation 13 June 2013

EC Public consultation on open research data on 2 July in Brussels

Open enquiry is at the heart of scientific endeavour, and rapid technological change has profound implications for the way in which science is conducted and communicated.

Research is being transformed in particular by the increasing availability of digital data and new technologies for gathering, processing and generating digital resources.

In its Communication 'Towards better access to scientific information' ([COM\(2012\)401](#) ^[1]), the Commission announces that it will 'provide a framework and encourage open access to research data in Horizon 2020, taking into account any restrictions that may be needed in order to protect intellectual property or legitimate commercial interests'.

In order to obtain the input of all concerned stakeholders on this important and sensitive issue, the European Commission is holding a one-day public consultation, which will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2013 in Brussels.

The outcomes will help the Commission to develop its policies on open research data:

- Key issues that will be addressed will include the following:
- How can we define research data?
- How should the issue of data re-use be addressed?
- When and how does openness need to be limited?
- Where should research data go?
- How can we enhance data awareness and a culture of sharing?

Attendees will include stakeholders from the research and publishing communities, as well as libraries, universities and industry representatives.

Expressions of interest for participation in the event (including name of the participant and affiliation) should reach the following address by Wednesday 19 June 2013: CNECT-C3@ec.europa.eu ^[2].

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