Minutes

Third Open Science Policy Platform Meeting (2nd Mandate), 11 April 2019, Bucharest

Short Summary of concluding highlights of this meeting.

1. Subgroup of OSPP (Indicators Task Force) will get feedback from this OSPP meeting to reflect on how to operationalise a possible consultation by OSPP on indicators. It will be back on the Agenda in Helsinki OSPP meeting in October 22.
2. Next plenary meeting of OSPP will be in Helsinki on October 22. A joint meeting of OSPP with national coordinators of Open Science at MS level will take place on 21 October preceding the OSPP meeting of 22 October.
3. Agenda for OSPP plenary meeting on 22 October will feature among other Indicators for Open Science and Citizen Science as actionable items.
4. OSPP might participate during the RTD days in 24-26 September for a policy session.

1. Introductory discussion

The meeting was opened by the Chair. It was noticed that there was a significant number of replacements, which is not recommendable for a continued consistency in our conversation given an already strained time-table.

The following issues were raised:

- OSPP should also look beyond its mandate e.g. connecting to the future of scholarly publishing;
- OSPP should focus more on primary actors, research funders are crucial for OS implementation;
- How to get from “reflection mode” to “implementation mode”;  
- It is important to ensure the (buy-in) of the OSPP stakeholders in “OS implementation mode” for which OSPP needs a common base (OSPP recommendations);
- Define “OSPP success” criteria (what realistically can be done by 2020).

2. Discussion on Indicators for Engagement with Open Science

A presentation was made on the work of the working group of OSPP (Indicators Task Force) on this subject matter as a response the expert group report on Indicators.

The task force has proposed to have OSPP do a consultation on its own over the coming period based on some major findings on which the subgroup and also the expert group have overlapping opinions.
Following arguments were made against such a consultation: 1. Consultation does not lead to the desired PCI’s the OSPP is supposed to deliver. 2. Consensus within OSPP on the subject matter is already difficult, wider consultation will not make consensus easier.

Arguments in favour for consultation (the proposal of the Indicators taskforce): outreach is necessary and connection with work of EUA/RDA/SPARC could be made, as well as link with Member States’ policies.

Tentative conclusion:

OSPP Taskforce on Indicators to finalise the document (meeting week of 15 April to decide way forward with the report and decide on the launch of the open consultation (an indicative timeline was proposed: open consultation in May-August, followed by an analysis of responses in September). Taskforce to deliver a consolidated report (with outcomes of the consultation) on Indicators in October and produce a final document by December 2019).

3. Feedback on Expert Group report on the future of scholarly communication

OSPP members are still invited to submit their views. These views can be made as an expert, not necessarily, as an opinion of the organisation of the expert represents.

4. Planning of stakeholder events

- EUA event on research assessment: planned on 14 May with input from OSSP (Chair will participate)
- Young European Research University Network conference, planned initially on 28 May 2019 in Madrid on Citizen Science, FAIR data and new indicators/metrics. The date might be changed since there are too many things on Open Science this month that could jeopardise the impact of the stakeholder’s event.
- Helsinki (21 October 2019): Joint meeting of OSPP and national representatives on Open Science policies, kindly hosted under the Finish presidency. On the agenda would be the role of National Open Science coordinators and on new ideas to foster Open Science in future Horizon Europe calls.
- OSPP could participate on a policy issues event at the Research & Innovation days in Brussels (23-26 September).
- OSPP could be presenting the final results of its work in ESOF conference. A submission will be planned.
- Different stakeholder’s events will be updated.

Links to the shared live documents of OSPP members discussed over the meeting:

- Presentations (including the presentations of the open seminar on the 12 April 2019
  - Open Science in G7/G8 (G7 OSWG debrief)
  - Presentation on the work of Indicators Task Force
• Presentation on the OSPP-M2 challenges and OS practical implementation in EU.

Other shared links during the meeting:

• List of ideas to share with the Commission to create new specific CALLs under HorizonEurope to help developing Open Science in Europe
• Overview of Open Science Events