A growing number of scientists, science funders and policy makers advocate the transition to Open Science. Various communities have already launched projects designed to make unlinked research data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable. Too often, however, these important efforts lack synergy.

A common environment enabling data-driven research and innovation around the world needs to be built collectively. That’s where GO FAIR comes in.

GO FAIR aims to avoid silo formation, undue competition and fragmentation by fostering concerted “FAIRification” efforts of its participants. This happens on the basis of three pillars: GO CHANGE, GO TRAIN and GO BUILD.

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**About GO FAIR**

**Findable**: Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers.

**Accessible**: The exact conditions under which the data is accessible should be provided in such a way that humans and machines can understand them.

**Interoperable**: The (meta)data should be based on standardized vocabularies, ontologies, thesauri etc. so that it integrates with existing applications or workflows.

**Reusable**: Metadata and data should be well-described so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different research settings.

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**Benefits**

GO FAIR offers an open and inclusive ecosystem for anyone committed to defining and creating materials and tools as elements of the Internet of FAIR Data and Services. It is a community-led and self-governed initiative working across disciplines and countries.

Individuals, institutions and organisations from all over the world engage as GO FAIR implementation networks. At the country level, EU Member States and Associated Countries join GO FAIR to work towards a smooth and swift involvement of their country’s interested communities.

GO FAIR participants benefit from:

- knowledge exchange and knowledge transfer at GO FAIR workshops and meetings
- a network that can be seamlessly integrated into the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
- broad dissemination and visibility of their best practices and project outcomes
- effective information flows facilitated by the initiative’s office
Get Involved

To get involved, just get in touch! Our team at the International Support and Coordination Office will be happy to help.

Persons, institutions and organisations who wish to get engaged in GO FAIR implementation networks (INs) can join in three steps:

1. Fill in the application form on the GO FAIR website
2. Sign the GO FAIR Rules of Engagement and select a consortium coordinator
3. Create a manifesto outlining objectives, strategy and partners

EU Member States and Associated Countries wishing to become part of GO FAIR should:

- have at least one organisation in their country that is part of an implementation network
- acknowledge that GO FAIR is a bottom-up initiative
- actively participate in the governance of GO FAIR as part of its Steering Committee

Contact

France, Germany and the Netherlands have established an internationally operating office at three sites – Paris, Hamburg and Leiden – to support the implementation and further development of GO FAIR.

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The team at the International Support and Coordination Office is looking forward to hearing from you!

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