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European Charter of Access
INTRODUCTION

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European Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures
Principles and Guidelines for Access and Related Services

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What is the European Charter for Access to RIs ?

❖ It is a <u>set of non-regulatory principles and guidelines</u> used as a reference when defining Access policies for RIs and related services in the European Research Area.

❖ It was published in <u>2016 by the EUROPEAN COMMISSION</u> - Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, as a reference for the European Research Area but it is offered as a reference document worldwide.

❖ The Charter is primarily <u>targeted at the RIs</u> themselves, at the institutions to which they belong and at their respective <u>funding agencies</u>.

❖ This document promotes Access to RIs in order to conduct innovative research and development, to improve the related methods and skills in the workforce and to foster collaboration, in order <u>to maximise the return on investment in RIs</u> and to drive innovation, competitiveness and efficiency in terms of use of the scarce resources available.

DEFINITIONS:

❖ **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES:** they are facilities, resources and services that are used by the research communities to conduct research and foster innovation in their fields.

❖ **USERS'** of Research Infrastructures: can be individuals, teams and institutions (from academia, business, industry and public services) engaged in the conception or creation of new knowledge, products, processes, methods and systems, and in the management of projects.

❖ **ACCESS:** refers to the legitimate and authorised physical, remote and virtual admission to, interactions with and use of Research Infrastructures and to services offered by Research Infrastructures to Users.

❖ **ACCESS UNIT:** it is a measure specifying the Access offered to the Users.

ACCESS POLICY:

The Access policy of a Research Infrastructure is the group of rules and regulations defining the following items:

1. Access in terms of <u>Access Units;</u>

2. State the specific <u>Access Mode;</u>

3. Clarify the <u>conditions and limitations</u> for Access;

4. Describe the <u>processes and interactions</u> involved in the Access;

5. Elaborate on the <u>support measures</u> facilitating the Access;

1 – ACCESS UNIT

RIs are responsible for the <u>definition of the Access Unit</u>, which depends on the Access mode offered by the facility and <u>may vary from precise values to quotations</u> based on an inventory of Users' needs

❖ e.g. = specific amount of time offered in the experimental facility (e.g. 1 shift= 8 hours of beamtime in a synchrotron) ;

❖ e.g. = specific amount of gigabytes transmitted for the conduction of an analytical experiment ;

❖ e.g. = amount of materials of archives and collections made available through the provision of remote scientific services to selected Users;

2-ACCESS MODE

RIs are responsible for the definition of the Access mode, according to three different modes (or a combination of them):

❖ **EXCELLENCE-DRIVEN:** dependent on the <u>scientific excellence</u>, originality, quality and technical and ethical feasibility of an application evaluated through peer review conducted by internal or external experts (e.g. call for proposals for experiments);

❖ **MARKET-DRIVEN:** defined through an agreement between the User and the Research Infrastructure that will lead to a <u>fee for the Access</u> (and that may remain confidential – e.g. Pharma Industry uses the crystallography laboratory of a University upon a fee to study the structure of a molecule);

❖ **WIDE ACCESS:** the <u>broadest possible Access</u> to scientific data and digital services provided by the Research Infrastructure to Users wherever they are based (e.g. database about plant biodiversity open to all users upon registration to the on-line portal)

3-CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS for Access

RIs are responsible for the definition of the regulatory framework setting the conditions and limitations applicable to the access of the Users:

❖ e.g. = restriction of Access by means of <u>quota or Users groups</u> (they must be pre-defined and transparent);

❖ e.g. = <u>safety and health</u> protection issues;

❖ e.g. = confidentiality and <u>data protection</u> issues;

❖ e.g. = <u>intellectual property rights</u>;

❖ e.g. = <u>ethical</u> issues;

4-PROCESSES and INTERACTIONS involved in the Access

RIs are responsible for the definition of the processes and interactions involved in the Access:

❖ Definition of the possible <u>selection process and evaluation criteria</u>;

❖ Definition of <u>application</u> methods and calendar;

❖ Definition of the possible <u>technical feasibility</u> evaluation;

❖ Definition of the research <u>data management</u>;

❖ Definition of the <u>Intellectual property rights</u>;

❖ Definition of the <u>acknowledgement</u> and <u>co-authorship</u> process;

❖ Definition of possible <u>costs and fees</u>;

5-SUPPORT MEASURES facilitating the Access

In order to facilitate Access, Research Infrastructures are encouraged to offer <u>support measures to Users</u> such as:

❖ guidance through <u>User manuals</u> (e.g. Users Instruction and guidelines);

❖ provision of User <u>support</u> (e.g. funding to cover the travel expenses or agreements with local transport companies, etc)

❖ provision of <u>accommodation</u> (e.g. guesthouse for Users or partnership agreements with local hotels);

❖ possible guidance with <u>immigration procedures</u> (e.g. support in VISA Processing);

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