NORCE

Research Data Policy
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NORCE's policy for research data is derived from requirements and expectations from the Ministry of Education and Research, the Research Council of Norway, and the EU.

Research data means all registrations, records and reports that are generated or occur during research and that are considered to be scientifically interesting or have scientific potential. The form of these may include, but not be limited to, numbers, texts, source codes, images, films, and sounds.

Research data should be:
- FAIR[1] – Findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable.
- Securely stored, either on a NORCE IT platform or in national/international/domain-specific archives
- Maintained in accordance with legal and research ethics obligations.
- Shareable with others in line with relevant research ethics principles for sharing research data.
- Licensed, and the license must describe access, reuse, and redistribution, primarily CC0 or CC BY

Main principles for handling research data at NORCE
Research data, which is wholly or partly owned by NORCE, must be as open as possible, but as closed as necessary. As closed as necessary means in accordance with requirements, agreements, laws and obligations.

Researchers at NORCE must follow the FAIR principles for data management as far as possible. When research data are not to be made openly available, efforts must be made to enable others to search for metadata, and thus be able to request insight or access.

The project's agreements or framework conditions determine whether, to what extent, in what manner, and for whom research data and data management plans are to be made available.

Projects that produce their own research data must have a data management plan. This must be stored as openly as possible in a defined storage area in NORCE, or on an open platform.

Commercial considerations, privacy considerations or other considerations that may limit sharing, shall be taken into account when considering whether and how data may be shared openly – including, GDPR, the Export Control Regulations or NORCE's internal guidelines, such as handling of intellectual property rights.

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