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EUA endorses Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science

The European University Association (EUA) strongly supports the “Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science” published on 6 April following the conference “Open Science – From Vision to Action”, held in Amsterdam in the context of the Netherlands EU Presidency.

This week, EUA’s Expert Group on Science 2.0/Open Science discussed the Amsterdam Call for Action, which includes specific objectives to accelerate the transition to Open Science in Europe. The EUA Expert Group [concurs and strongly supports the goals](#) outlined in the Call for Action and sees the initiative from the Dutch EU Presidency as a timely and critical step in the Open Science movement.

The Amsterdam Call for Action contains four main goals, namely that full open access for all publicly-funded scientific publications should be achieved by 2020; that open data should be the standard for all publicly-funded research; that new assessment, reward and evaluation systems must be implemented; and that Open Science must be diffused in order to maximise its effectiveness and impact on society.

“This initiative by the Dutch EU Presidency has great value, not only for its crucial objectives, but also because it is a comprehensive framework to inform and stimulate dialogue amongst stakeholders – and structured dialogue is needed to achieve a full transition,” explained Professor Jean-Pierre Finance, Chair of EUA’s Expert Group on Science 2.0/Open Science.

EUA also welcomes the Call for Action as it is very much in line with the work EUA is doing to make the transition towards Open Science a reality. EUA recently published the “Open Access Roadmap for Research Publications”, which includes a series of concrete actions to support the development of an innovative, transparent and sustainable scientific publishing system and identifies the main focus areas for its forthcoming work on Open Science. These include Open Access, copyright, data protection and text and data mining; new models of evaluation and quality assessment; digital literacy and awareness.

Notes:

To see the Statement “EUA endorses the Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science”, [please click here](#).

To see the “Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science”, [please click here](#).

To see EUA’s recently published “Open Access Roadmap for Research Publications”, [please click here](#).

For more information on EUA’s Expert Group on Science 2.0/Open Science, [please click here](#).

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