



The European Commission releases new Guidelines on Data Management... and B2SHARE is part of it!



The new [Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020](#), released by the **European Commission** in July 2016, include several key changes, both related to the Open Research Data Pilot and to Data Management Plans (DMPs). In order for researchers and the general public to have wider access to scientific knowledge, Horizon 2020 already mandates open access.

However, the **Open Research Data Pilot** will soon cover all the thematic areas of Horizon 2020, making Open Research Data the default as mentioned in the document '[European Cloud Initiative - Building a competitive data and knowledge economy in Europe](#)':

The Commission will make open research data the default option, while ensuring opt-outs, for all new projects of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Although open research data will apply by default to all **H2020 projects** from 2017, there is still the possibility to opt out. Furthermore, projects will be able to choose which datasets should be made available and when, and eventually change their decision along the way. However, when choosing to opt out, the reason for keeping the datasets closed must be justified in the DMP.

Unlike before, the DMP will be one per project rather than one per dataset, but it will still be a “living document” to be updated during the project lifetime. The new EC guidelines also emphasise the importance of keeping data EUDAT receives funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 654065.



F.A.I.R. (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable): metadata, documentation and standards are therefore fundamental.

If you need support in developing your data management plan, as suggested in the EC document directly, check out **EUDAT B2SHARE**, which includes a **built-in license wizard** that facilitates the selection of an adequate license for research data.

In line with this innovative vision, **EUDAT** will fully support your research lifecycle creating, processing, analysing preserving, sharing and re-using data. **Be part of the new era of open science!**