

Data Usage Typology

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Meeting background

A presentation of the data-usage typology developed by the [FORCE 11 Data Usage Typologies WG](#), co-organised by the [Evaluation of Research IG](#) and the [Uptake of Digital Infrastructure IG](#).

The FORCE11 WG was set up to develop a common typology of data uses so that repositories, publishers, institutions, funders, infrastructure providers and meta-researchers can consistently capture, compare and evaluate the ways in which data is used. The WG co-chairs, Evgeny Bobrov (Charité, Berlin) and Iratxe Puebla (Make Data Count), will provide an overview of the data usage typology and its potential uses, and invite feedback from the community.

Participants

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Agenda

- Presentation by Evgeny Bobrov and Iratxe Puebla

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Data usage typology table:  Data usage typologies - table.pdf

- Q/A, participants' feedback

You can share your feedback below at the end of the Notes

Notes

Participants' feedback

Do you find the typology clear?

Is it comprehensive? Anything missing?

- In the case where individual use is not being measured but use is being measured more at a level of 'data is available to researchers on portal X', it would be useful to be able to indicate approximately how many users are accessing it.

In what ways do you envision using the typology in the context of your role?

- I think this could be useful for future studies that we as a research funder may want to carry out or procure, in the context of Open Science monitoring. This in turn could provide input to future policy development.
- Using the values of the application activity type to describe existing and potential uses of datasets. I need to investigate how well these cover our dataset uses
- Looking at whether this way of modelling user access is useful in describing the access to a dataset
- Interested in seeing how we could adopt the typology in the RDA Uptake of Digital Research Infrastructure IG

What recommendations do you have to develop metadata recommendations associated with the typology?

- The metadata would have to be filled in (often) by stressed researchers or their assistants, so the labeling of the metadata fields would have to be very clear and easily understandable.
- It may be interesting to allow specific domains to define their own more specific activity types (as subclasses of the main activity types) to make the information more relevant to them
- Include somehow knowledge valorisation/ intellectual property aspects

Additional feedback