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13-16 October 2025
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RDA 25th Plenary Meeting [part of IDW 2025]

Collaborative Notes

Group(s) name(s) / session title	(Joint session) Global Open Research Commons IG, GORC International Implementations Working Group (GORC II WG) - <i>GORC International JJ Implementations: six month progress update</i>
Session link for more information	https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/global-open-research-commons-ig/plenary-participation
Session programme time	Monday, 13 October 02:00 – 03:30 UTC / 12:00-13:30 AEST, Breakout 1
Presentation slides	 Monday.M1.AndrewTreloar.pptx



Session summary (to be filled by group chairs):

We will use the content in the table below to highlight your work to the RDA community in a report by the Technical Advisory Board ([RDA P24 report example](#)). **Please complete ALL fields below by Friday, 31 October, to be included in the report** and other communication. We also ask you to update your group webpage with the key takeaways from your post-plenary session.

1. Describe what your session is about in three sentences maximum:	<i>This session provided a six month progress update on the work of the GORC IG and International Implementations WG. It included a report about the outcomes from the Lorentz workshop held in July 2025. The main focus of the session was an update on progress within the task groups/task forces (moving to a decentralised approach for some of them and merging others), an overview of the available adoption tools (including a demo of the TIGER-funded web tool), and an overview of a number of different mappings to related infrastructures.</i>
2. Highlight a maximum of five key outcomes/actions/takeaways of your session: <i>Example:</i>	<i>1. Good diversity of geographies in those who attended</i> <i>2. Lots of connections between GORC and other RDA groups (see the GORC Interaction Onion for details)</i> <i>3. Lots of activity underway already, and that is before we tackle all the Lorentz Workshop recommendations</i> <i>4. We need to investigate whether it is possible to generate a DOI for a specific model profile</i>



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	5. Now that we have clarified what we mean by Open, we need to think about how to approach security concerns - perhaps a specific slice?
3.	What collaborations or synergies did you discover between your group and other RDA group(s) or external (outside of the RDA) organisations? <i>No new synergies, noting that we already have connections to many other RDA groups. However, we are moving ahead with our thinking on how to describe services and tools as enabling/back-end and researcher-facing. For the latter group, we are planning to integrate the work of the MaLDReTH II WG.</i>



Attendee Check-in

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This meeting will take place in accordance with the [RDA Code of Conduct](#)

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Collaborative Session Notes *(To be used by participants and chairs during the session)*

Presentation of the agenda

Presentation of the GORC history

- IG group
- Implementation Model:
<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/gorc-international-model-wg/activity/>
- WG group
 - Today we are presenting the 6 months update

Menti time (results will be shared later) - RESULTS

- Have heard before the GORC IG/WG/IM before
 - Yes: 26
 - No: 6
 - Not sure: 1
- Country
 - Canada, Australia, Germany, France, South Africa, Tasmania, Ireland, Switzerland, Japan, Sweden, UK,
- Organisation are you from?
 - Research Institute: 21
 - Service provider: 15
 - Gov: 3
 - Funder: 2
 - Others: 6
 - Research Infrastructure
 - SCAR ? (not sure)
 - CODATA
- Meaning of “commons” for you?
 - Wombles (of Wimbledon Common)
 - Shared data & services
 - Shared services
 - Agreed governance
 - Joint ownership
 - Standards
 - Open
 - Shared
 - Unity
 - Collaboration
 - Complexity
 - Mutual respect
 - tragedy of the commons
 - Avoiding tragedy
 - Collaboration & cooperation



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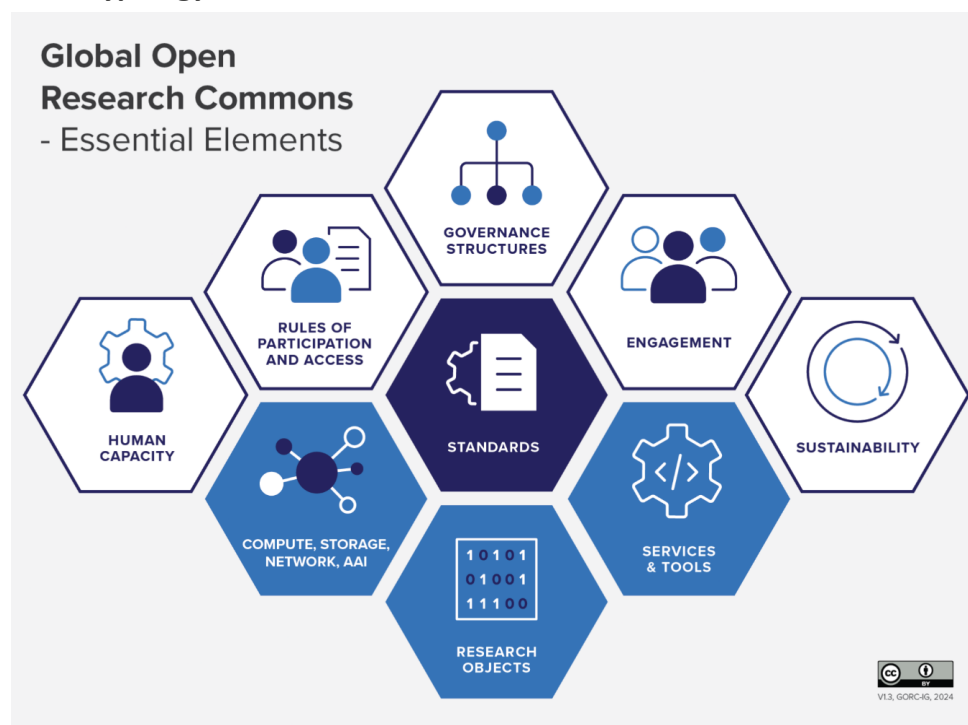


- Area you are interested in learning about
 - 1-Implementation Profile
 - 2-Mapping with relevance
 - 3- Adoption and support
 - 4-Thematic slices
 - 5- Visualisation and graphic
 - 6-User documentation

GORC II deliverables

- D1- Identifying implementation of the GORC International Model
- D2- Improving usability
- D3- Literature review and community

GORC typology



The essential elements have been defined and clearly defined

- Human element
- Technical element
- Standards elements have a pivotal role between human & technical

Outcomes from P24

- From last plenary session



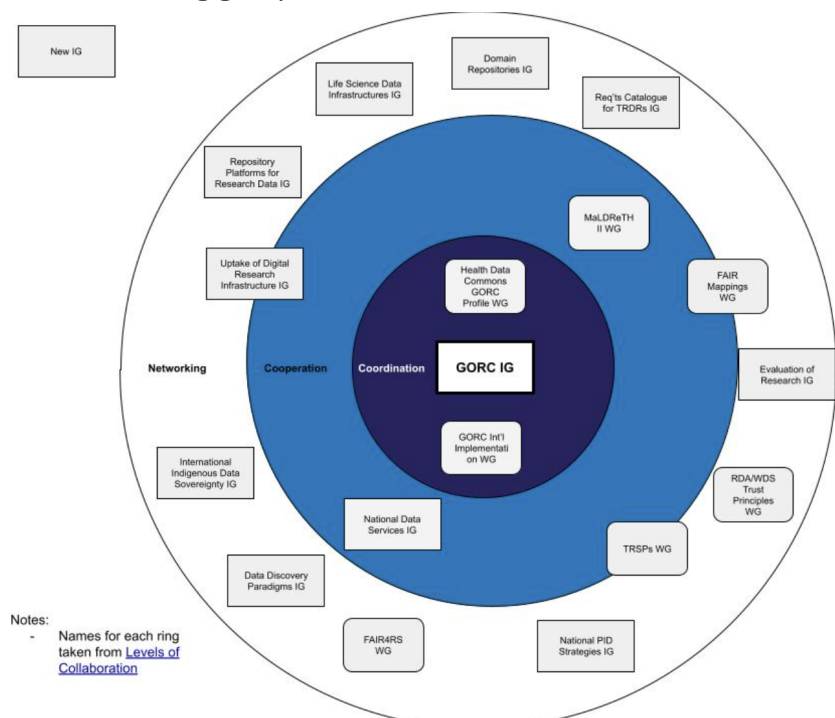
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- Objective was to refine the commons dimensions and explain the value of the commons profiles
- Creation of task forces to work on following topics
 - With the [RDA National Data Service IG](#) TF: GORC/NDS TF
 - With [RDA MaLDReTH II WG](#) "mapping" TF : GORC/Maldreth TF
 - Implementation specific profile TG
 - Model container TG
 - Model Documentation TG
 - Model Slices TG
 - Model mappings TG

Task forces are communicated together to ensure the cohesion of the model

Here is a “RDA centric” representation of the different level of, coordination, cooperation, and networking groups involved with RDA GORC II WG



Workshops

Workshop was organised this summer, at the Lorentz Center, Leiden from July 21-25 2025

Report has been produced and available here: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17230153>

- Focus of the initiative is to work on the adoption of the model
- Changes of the model need to be based on the feedback of the adopters
- Long term and sustainability and governance

Task force and Task groups description



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- Decentralised work so any groups can work independently
- Mapping and model to create mapping, PIDs for the GORC IM items
- GORC/NDS TF help to create national profiles
- MaLDReTH TF help to create concrete connections between the 2 models

Question time

- Great initiative and go ahead with the implementation, but What does the IM look like to you?
 - A.T.: Success depends on the time we are: today is different then from tomorrow - Challenges is to prioritize and inform the adopters -
 - C.J.: Success of GORC is using the GORC model and what the goals are!
 - Audience: Characterisation of the commons and the success of their conversation
- What does adoption really mean? How can we use the descriptors to know if we - What will be the approach ? Benchmarking/prescriptive? Or conversation implementation model? Adoption is still a" concept"
 - A. T.Different way to adopt the model

Health Data Commons GORC WG

- Webpage of the RDA Health Data Common GORC profile WG:
<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/health-data-commons-gorc-profile-wg/activity/>
- Minimum of the interoperable space that we need
- Survey of the health data commons
 - Feel free to share [this link](#) with your colleagues
 - **Health Data Happy Hour** on Tuesday 14th Oct at 6pm (Brisbane time), please feel free to contact nina@codata.org

Development model demo for GORC IM: GORC and OSS (by Lars)

- Link of the demo is here: <https://nbisweden.github.io/rda-gorc-im/>
- Help the navigation thought the different elements of the GORC IM and the different thematic slices that the model produced
- Translation of the entire model but not accessible yet, need to be checked first
- Documentation is available too on the "about" tab (top right of the website)
- And exportation of the model to the DSW (<https://ds-wizard.org/>) and ask questions so you can generate a model that fit with your organisation
- A repository format of the model is also ongoing
- Can also be run in a Docker container

Mapping showcase



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- Collaboration with multiples of different initiatives e.g; E-research tool: Invest in Open Infrastructure InfraFinder (IOI) (<https://investinopen.org/data-room/about-infra-finder/>), Glossary for Data Commons, etc..
- Organisation of the task: Follow structure of the SKOS technology and RDA FAIR Mappings WG (<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/fair-mappings-wg/activity/>) practices to collect the different type fo relationship between the GORC model and others initiatives

Adoption tools

- Multilangueal: Describe purpose of the GORC outputs, working on spanish and portuguese
- Tool (cf previous demo: <https://nbisweden.github.io/rda-gorc-im/>)
- Narrative template available (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r2nlg6aWYcAz0hNlkDKXg39vxPComZEMlXZUJhv9Tc0/edit?tab=t.0>) DO NO EDIT
- Spreadsheet template available too:
 - Presentation of the Common Model V1.1 (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sF6B_8wQ06w2WWX_LpyOOR3aLK1aOjvcJhNY3Eqnkg/edit?gid=465458574#gid=465458574&fvid=777590639) DO NOT EDIT
 - E.g; Governance & Leadership tab and the 3 types of consideration level: Core, desirable, optional

Open discussion

- Audience: My group is sub-national level: is GORC focussed on national level only?
 - MT: Quite mixed - can be used at different levels
 - CJ: use cases so far from projects or EOSC, so mostly at national level. But we have found that the commons model can be used at different scales. The profiles and slices will make this clearer. In Canada, we are looking at national dataspaces, and seeing how to apply GORC model to these.
 - AT: Speaking more about GORC adoption strategy at tomorrow's Impact session. We will have a collection of use cases adopters there. As we get more orgs of different size adopting the model, we will have more usecases to help people to find an example like them
- Audience: Mentions in policy documents is a good indicator of impact, even if GORC is quite close to it already. Policy is an indicator of impact. Security aspects seem also important to mention as it's dominant in our environment, even if we don't like it. So, GORC needs to look at this and say we are looking at it.



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- AT:
 - At Lorentz Workshop we thought about each of the words Open, Research, Commons. Natalie Harrower has the usecase that her data is not allowed to be open because she is working with an organisation that is managing her data with constraints on how it can be (re)used.
 - For security, we need to flesh this out, and build on existing work (rather than re-invent)
- LE: Important not to define standards, but to say what standards you are using and how the dots are connected within the model.
- Mikkiko (GORC II co-chair)
 - Openness aspect: Data does not have to be open but the use of the model could be
- Audience: If I want to cite my use of a model, how can I do that? Can I export my model and generate a DOI for it?
 - **AT: Great question! We need to investigate this and see how it would work. If so, we should also think about embedding the DOI in RAiDs as well.**
- Audience: Improving access to the data is one of his main activities and security which means open and close data. Think about security as a way to improve access to data. A more nuanced approach gives us managed access to data (rather than security as binary open/closed). Would love to see something like dataspace being used as this has a sophisticated approach to access.
- KD: We are in the third wave of open data - open for a purpose, with a group. This hasn't really caught on enough. Need to move beyond binary open/closed as this causes challenges.
- BG: Role of commons with AI and security constraints. Lots of demands from those doing AI. We can't respond to individual demands, so need to put automation in place to manage how to share and secure the data used. Especially in the actual context of openness, how to put in automation to manage how the data is being used (given we have diminishing resources to employ people to do this)
 - Mikkiko: they are starting to talk about how to prevent AI access. So GORC needs to be mainly machine usable, not just for humans
- Hillary (RDA): RDA secretariat is starting work on agentic AI for research, and is trying to understand where AI can be implemented into the research environment/lifecycle. Would like GORC to watch out for the community consultation on this.

Next steps



- Come to the workshop on Friday afternoon if you'd like to do/think more about adoption for your organization/group!

<https://idw2025.org/co-located-events/#adopting-gorc>