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FAIR research data in engineering sciences

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About InnoRenew CoE

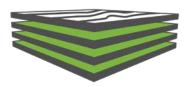
Human Health in the

Built Environment

Wood modification



Renewable Materials Composites



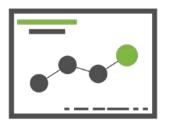
Sustainabile
Building with
Renewable
Materials



ICT in Renewable Materials and Sustainable Building



Experimental Design and Data Analysis





Research Data Alliance

https://rd-alliance.org/



"RDA is building the social and technical bridges that enable open sharing of data to achieve its vision of researchers and innovators openly sharing data across technologies, disciplines, and countries to address the grand challenges of society."



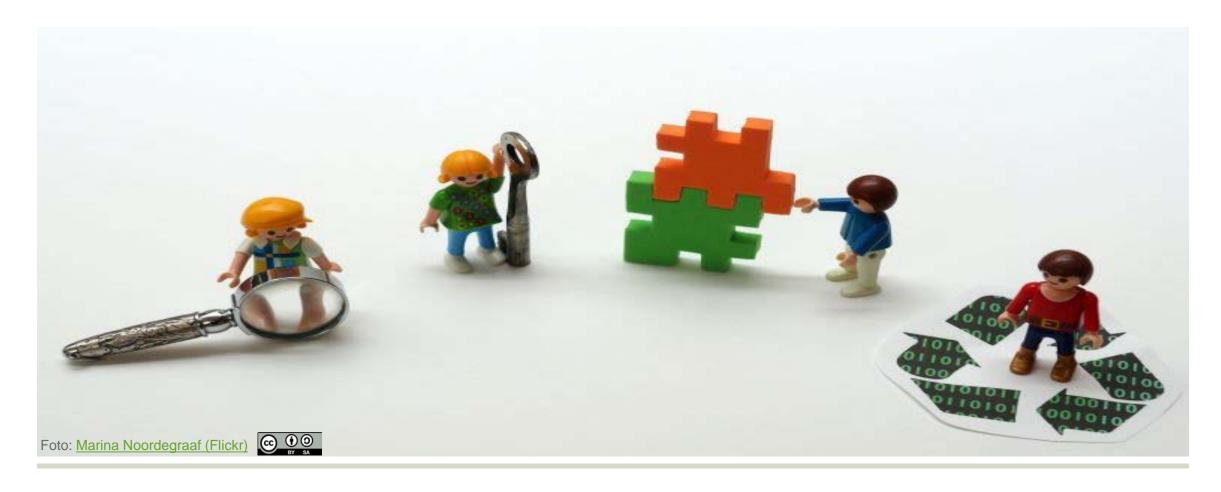
Data sharing challenges in engineering

- Social challenges
 - A lot of research is done in collaboration with industry which is reluctant to share data
 - Fear of losing competitive advantage
 - Fear of data being misused and misinterpreted
- Technical challenges
 - Lack of metadata standards and ontologies (for certain engineering fields)
 - Lack of domain-specific repositories (for certain engineering fields)





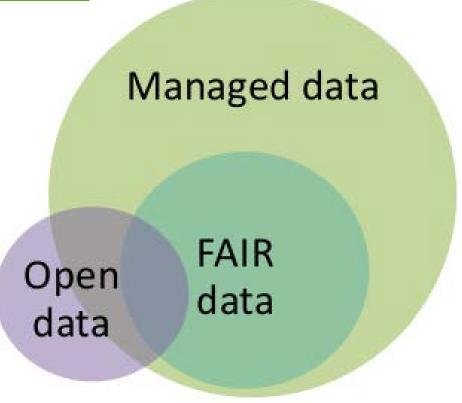
The FAIR data principles





Addressing social issues: understanding the difference between

openness and FAIRness



Jones, S. 2018. Open data, FAIR data and RDM: the ugly duckling. Available at: Zenodo.



Addressing technical issues: choice of appropriate repositories

General purpose (e.g. Zenodo, Figshare) and institutional data repositories

- + Simple process
- + Fast publication
- The metadata scheme is too general
- Data is not reusable without rich metadata and documentation

Domain specific repositories

- + Field specific metadata standards
- Lack of repositories for certain engineering fields
- Time consuming to prepare
- Requires domain specific skills

Where to find repositories?





How to improve FAIR data sharing

- Train researchers in data management
- Encourage better methodologies, better quality data
- Promote development of domain specific metadata standards
- Offer additional incentives (consideration in research assessment)
- Invest in support staff (data stewards)





Data stewardship (in engineering)

- Examples of good practices
 - Data Stewards and Champions at TU Delft
 - Data Champions at University of Cambridge
 - Data Agents and Advisor at Aalto University
 - **—** ...
- Education
 - CODATA-RDA Summer School for Research
 Data Science





RDA Europe Ambassadors for Engineering



<u>Ana Slavec</u> (Renewable Materials)



Nikola Vasiljevic (Wind energy)



Shaun de Witt
(High energy physics/Fusion)



RDA groups relevant for engineers

- Research Data Management in Engineering IG
- RDA/CODATA Materials Data, Infrastructure & Interoperability IG
- Physical Samples and Collections in the Research Data Ecosystem IG
- International Materials Resource Registries WG
- Persistent identification of instruments WG
- International Materials Data Registries WG





RDA in Slovenia

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