



Legal Interoperability of Research Data: Principles and Implementation Guidelines

The Challenge:

Providing researchers with guidance for dealing with the legal aspects entailed when working with data from diverse sources.

What is the solution?

The CODATA-RDA Legal Interoperability Interest Group has studied the issues related to the intellectual property of data: the resulting outcome is a set of principles and practical implementation guidelines. They are offered as high-level guidance to all members of the research community—the funders, managers of data centers, librarians, archivists, publishers, policymakers, university administrators, individual researchers, and their legal counsel—who are engaged in activities that involve the access to and reuse of research data from diverse sources. The Principles are synergistic, so their greatest benefit is realized when they are considered together.



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What is the impact?

The ability of the research community to share, access, and reuse data, as well as to integrate data from diverse sources for research, education, and other purposes requires effective technical, syntactic, semantic, and legal interoperability rules and practices. The Principles and guidelines produced by the RDA/CODATA Legal Interoperability Interest Group focus on legal interoperability because there tends to be misunderstanding and lack of knowledge and guidance about legal issues concerning research data generally.

The scope is limited to laws and policies pertaining to access and reuse of data, either produced by researchers themselves or used in research and other activities. It is specifically focused on the ability to integrate those data for research purposes in the context of intellectual property law.

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