Open Science, the alliance way: Connecting institutional efforts through the EUTOPIA European University

EUTOPIA understands Open Science as a core pillar of its activities, recognizing that knowledge needs not only to be free but also accessible and findable for everyone. Therefore, our alliance aims to mainstream Open Science across the network and create closer policy alignment between individual alliance members. We have developed an ambitious Open Science work programme and are implementing it through several projects:

- EUTOPIA2030 – the original Erasmus+ project to launch the alliance
- EUTOPIA-TRAIN – the H2020 SeaR project focusing on capacity development and strategies on research and Innovation
- EUTOPIA-SIF – a H2020 MSCA Cofund offering postdoctoral fellowships
- EUTOPIA-MORE – a follow-up project for EUTOPIA2050 which will mainstream Open Science across the Connected Research Communities in our alliance.

We are addressing different dimensions relevant for Open Science, from policies over to joint training, as well as coordination and support of these activities across the alliance and building common infrastructure.

European Universities Alliances as a vehicle to advance Open Science
Universities are challenged with creating an enabling environment for Open Science, including policies, technical infrastructure, services, training and support and cross-cutting issues such as FAIR research data management and Open Access. In many universities, staff and skills to supply are in high demand and the level of implementation is often lower than the strategic importance given to Open Science (EUA, 2021).

Collaboration is crucial to address these challenges, be efficient and avoid duplication of efforts across higher education institutions and other stakeholders. European university alliances are a key mechanism that supports collaborations (Council of the EU, 2021). They allow for the integration and efficient use of local expertise and networks for the benefit of the academic community of all members. Moreover, they are platforms for experimentation and sharing experience across networks.

Our project and activity portfolio

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Key outputs and resources

Webinars
- Funding applications for Citizen Science [https://youtu.be/vo5qSbJ9q3a](https://youtu.be/vo5qSbJ9q3a)
- How to engage citizens in your research [https://youtu.be/9aZnUSkHx8s](https://youtu.be/9aZnUSkHx8s)
- Navigating Open Science in Horizon Europe [https://youtu.be/rGkAq_T3nE4](https://youtu.be/rGkAq_T3nE4)
- Why Open Science and where to get started [https://youtu.be/70z5o-ps-kY](https://youtu.be/70z5o-ps-kY)

Planned webinars
- Planning for research data management: the basics (8 November 2022)
- A deeper look into ROM practices: the FAIR principles and the role of metadata (10 November 2023)

Reports
- Impact from factor to responsible evaluation. Overview of developments in research assessment and implications for EUTOPIA [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6323212](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6323212)

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