Collaboration in research

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Setting the scene:

Collaborative partnerships in research
Our use cases:

14 international partners, PP

90 experimental labs

11 partners, UU

35 private partners, Min EZ, WUR
Complexity of the collaboration

- The size of projects
- Alienation of the partners
- Different data maturity levels
- Conflicting regulations
How to share the data

• Who ‘owns’ the data?
• Proper data sharing agreements
• Secure infrastructure
• Clear guidelines from funders

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Recipes for agreements

- Institutional agreements should include guidelines for collaborations
- Elements in consortia agreements
  - IP
  - Future use and commercialisation
  - Knowledge transfer processes
Institutional guidelines

Does a third party hold ‘ownership’ over the data? yes

Who provided the funding for the project? private partner(s)

public funding (incl. WUR funding)

Is the data traceable to a natural person? yes

Can you anonymize the data? no

Make a data sharing agreement with data delivering party

Make a data sharing agreement with funding partner(s)

Do funder conditions allow data restrictions? yes

Is there strategic interest in the data (for WUR) yes

Restricted access (c)

Is there commercial interest in the data (for WUR) no

Is there commercial interest in the data (for WUR) yes

Restricted access (d)

Open Data (a, b)
Services for data sharing in collaboration

- Support for sharing agreements (legal)
- Shared infrastructure
- Support for FAIR data sharing from the start of the project
- Define a common language
Data sharing in collaboration: issues, barriers and suggestions

Researchers need data from external sources/parties

How to share the data? BLOG

Trust is not enough: Need for agreements BLOG

Recommendations for data sharing and support BLOG

Collaborative and compliant environments

Open science, GDPR, Funders requirements

The complexity of collaboration BLOG

Policies are important and should be adjusted to each other BLOG

A recipe for agreement BLOG

Need for templates
Support on legal issues consortium formation
Enforcement of agreement

https://www.lcrdm.nl/en/rdm-advice-tips For the full blog and results of other task groups
LCRDM – National Coordination Point for Research Data Management

The data support collective