EXCITE TNA DATA POLICY

The EXCITE transnational access (TNA) data policy is aimed at (co)-PIs and sets the principles for the use, sharing, and exploitation of data and data products developed under the EXCITE TNA activity. The handling of personal data collected under the TNA activity is covered in the EXCITE TNA privacy policy.

Glossary

Transnational Access (TNA): transnational access ensures free-of-charge access to EXCITE facilities. Research-related costs are covered, and travel, living and accommodation and subsistence expenses are reimbursed, within certain limits, when physical access is provided.
Transnational access is open to researchers working in research institutes from EU and non-EU countries.
TNA Activity: The execution of a granted EXCITE TNA proposal at a TNA facility.
TNA Facility: A part of an EXCITE research infrastructure (or a coherent group of installations) together with the related services (typically located at the same physical address).
PI: A researcher applying as principal investigator.
TNA Access Agreement: Agreement between the TNA Facility and the TNA User, which covers the rules of the access provision itself, involving topics such as finances, schedules, access rules, health and safety rules, compliance with EXCITE TNA data policy and EXCITE TNA privacy policy.

Research data

EXCITE is committed to follow the *FAIR* principles for scientific data, thereby ensuring that data produced under EXCITE TNA activities is *F*indable, *A*ccessible, *I*nteroperable, and *R*eusable.

Data collection and storage

TNA providers and users should agree on a TNA data management plan outlining how research data of the TNA project will be handled. This data management plan must ensure that research data are appropriately maintained, archived for a reasonable period, and available for review and (re-)use. The data management plan will be part of the TNA access agreement signed between the user and the TNA provider. During the TNA activity, the PI will receive support to format the data in such a way that it can be used with available open software packages after termination of the TNA project. However, if proprietary software is needed to e.g. read/edit/interpret the data after the TNA project is finished, the TNA facility is under no obligation to provide the PI access to this software.

Data publication

The PI must ensure open access to all data and peer-reviewed publications related to TNA. The PI thus commits themselves to publishing the data as a data publication in an appropriate data repository under a CC:BY 4.0 license, which allows the sharing and reuse of data under the appropriate attribution. The PI also commits to a maximum moratorium period of 2 years for data publication, starting the day after the TNA project is completed. If peer reviewed publication(s) result from the data acquired under the TNA activity, the PI must ensure open access publication - via a trusted repository - at the latest i) on publication, if an electronic version is available for free via the publisher, or ii) within six months of publication in any other case.

The PI is required to acknowledge the EXCITE project and the support from the EC in the Horizon 2020 Programme, in any publication resulting from work carried out in the context of the TNA activity in EXCITE (standard statement 'this publication results from work carried out under Trans-National Access action under the support of EXCITE - EC- HORIZON 2020 - INFRAIA 2020 Integrating Activities for Starting Communities under grant agreement N. 101005611'). This acknowledgement is crucial for counting the publication as an EXCITE publication.

Failure to meet the above requirements will result in exclusion from future EXCITE TNA activities.