



The Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures

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Policy Context

- **Access to RI identified as one of the building blocks for the implementation of the ERA**
- **2012 ERA Communication launched the process to *develop a Charter of Access setting out common standards and harmonised access rules and conditions for the use by researchers of RI across ERA***
- **2012 Council Conclusions welcomed the ERA Communication "*as a basis for a strengthening partnership in the field of research infrastructures*"**

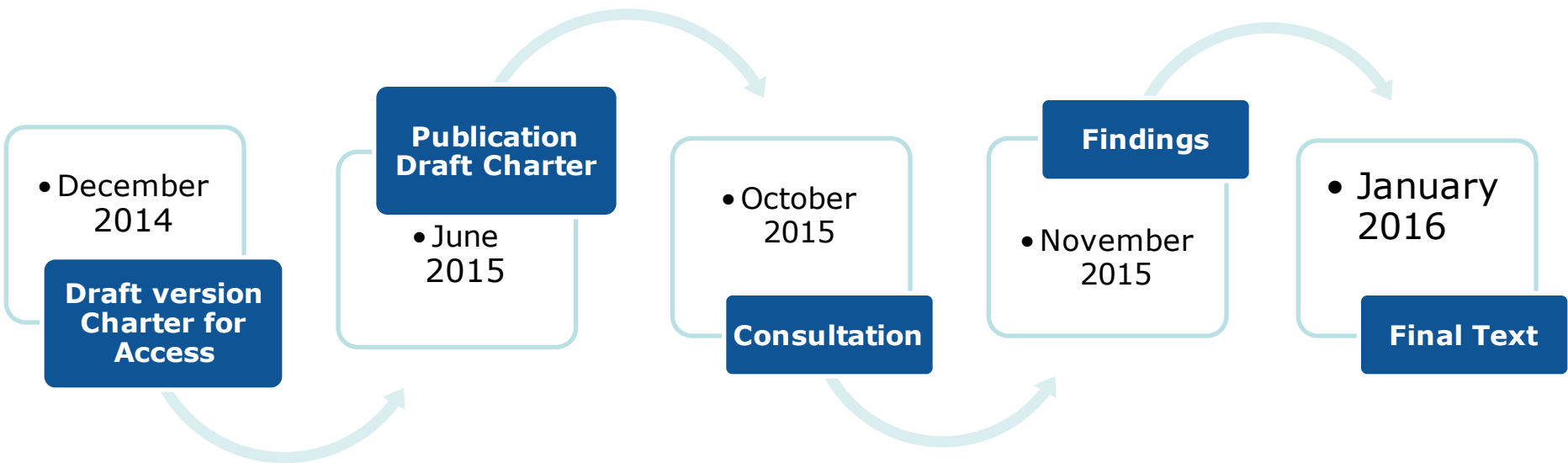
Challenges

- **Not all RI have a defined Access policy**
- **Fragmentation and diversification of Access policies**
- **Lack of common understanding**
- **Lack of transparency**



procedural barriers that prevent the best research teams from being able to access the best Research Infrastructures wherever these may be located

Charter Development



Consultation

4 Sections

1

Entity Identification

- Derive trends from the responses

2

Current formulation of the Charter

- Highlighting main issues in previous version of the Charter

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Open Innovation, Open Science, and Open to the World

- Analyse inputs related to new policy priorities

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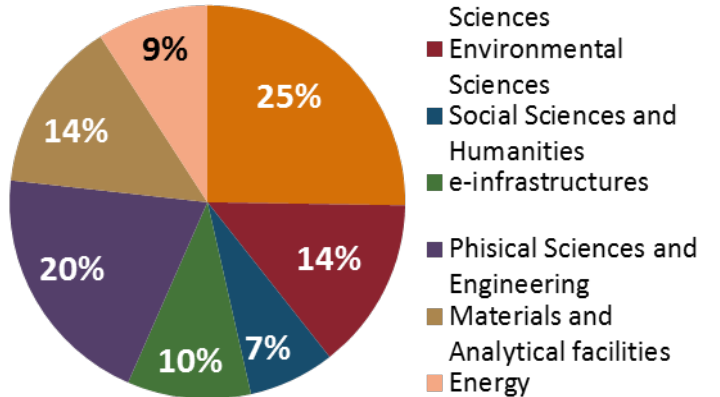
Open Questions

- Research Infrastructures (RIs) can identify specific needs or other requirements related to Charter

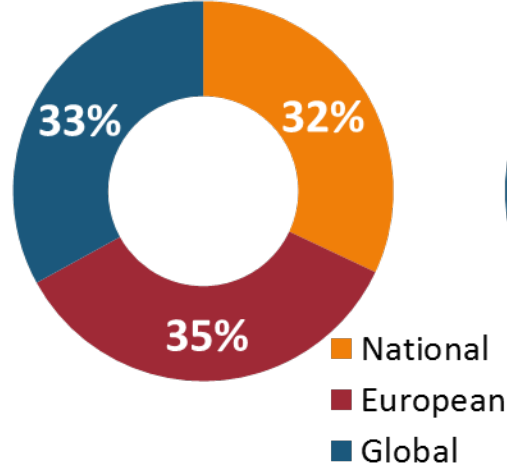
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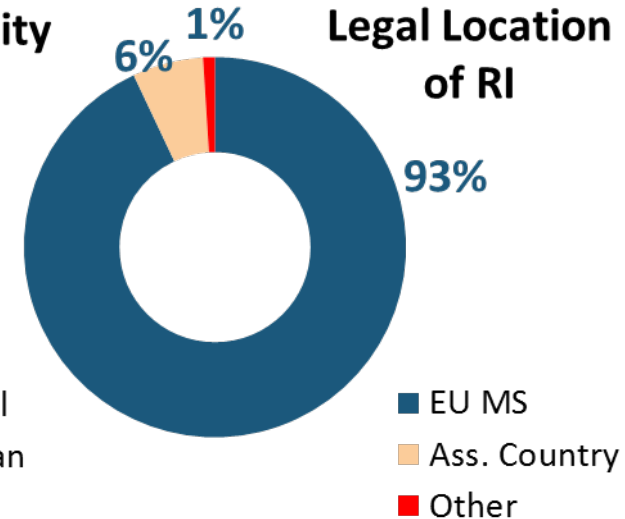
Scientific Domain



Targeted User Community



Legal Location of RI



➤ **Confirmed initial situation**

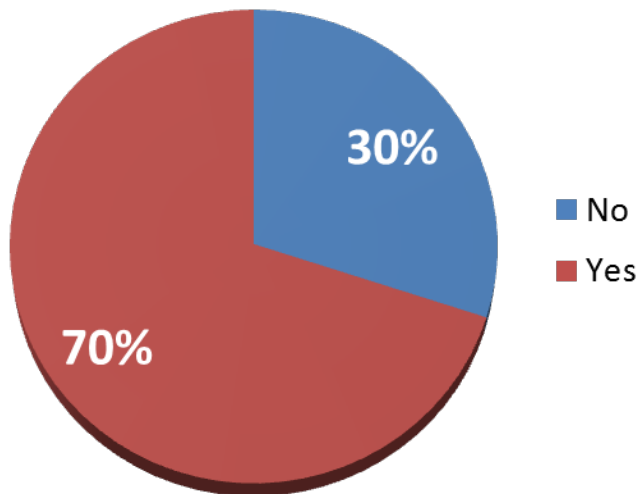
➤ **Confirmed usefulness of Charter**

➤ **Highlighted a number of new dimensions to be addressed**

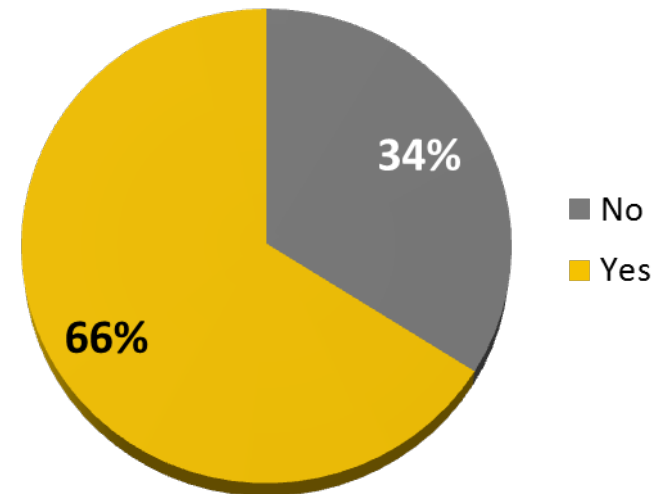
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Services to foster transfer



Data Access to Industry



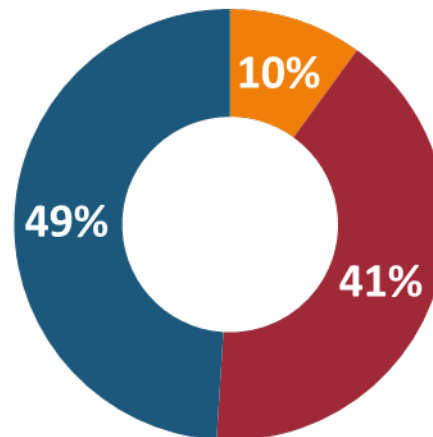
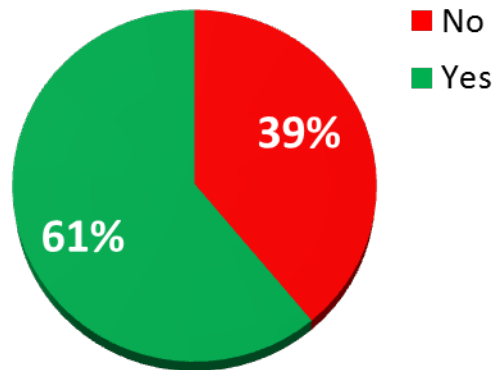
- Innovation Potential of RIs appears to be underexploited
- 30% don't have measures to foster knowledge transfer

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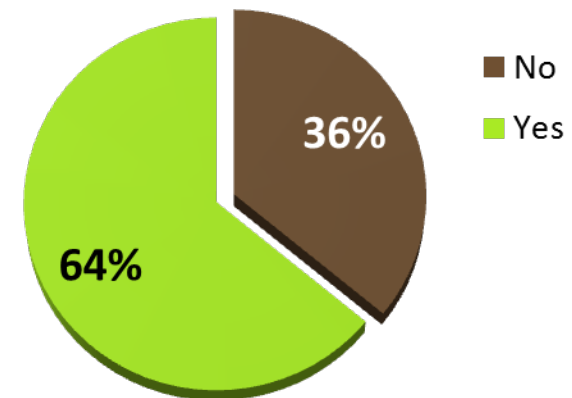
Role of RI

- Data Collector
- Data Generator
- Both

Research Data Management Policy



Re-Use of Results



- Only 61% have in place a data management policy
- Only minority declares to have anything more than data storage/archive capacity

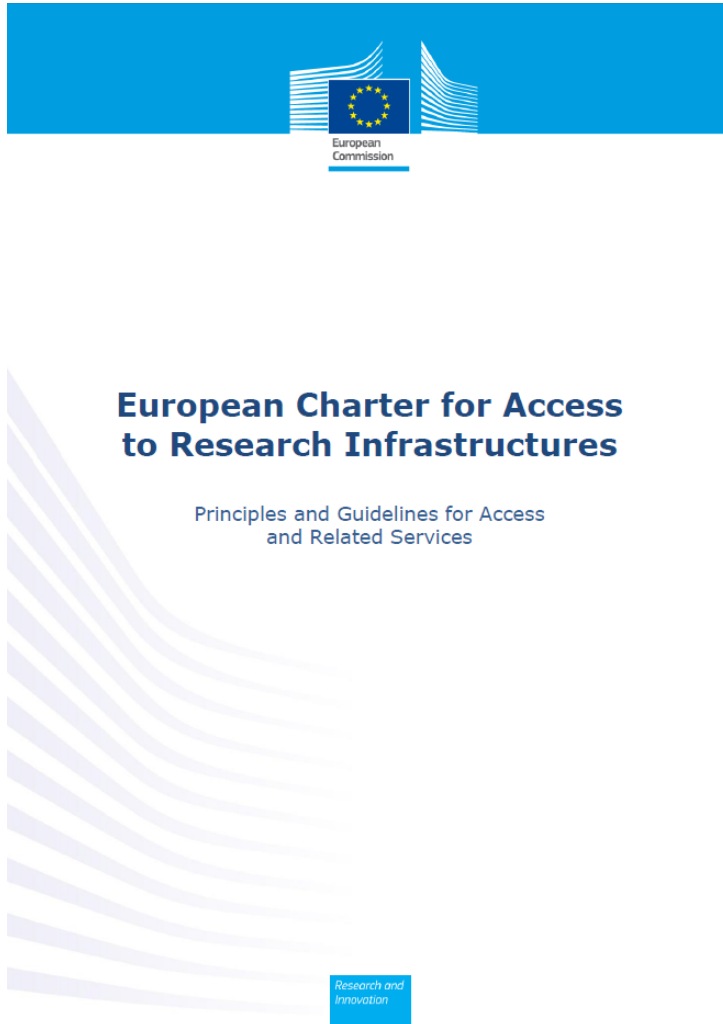
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Final version: further emphasis

- **international mobility of researchers;**
- **Research Data Management related services and the requirement for Data Management Plans;**
- **the role of RI in the innovation process;**
- **research integrity and equal opportunities;**
- **quality assurance mechanisms to promote optimal level of services offered by the RI.**



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The Charter

"sets out non-regulatory principles and guidelines to be used as a reference when defining Access policies for Research Infrastructures and related services"

***Charter for Access to Research Infrastructures.
Section 1 - Purpose***

Key features

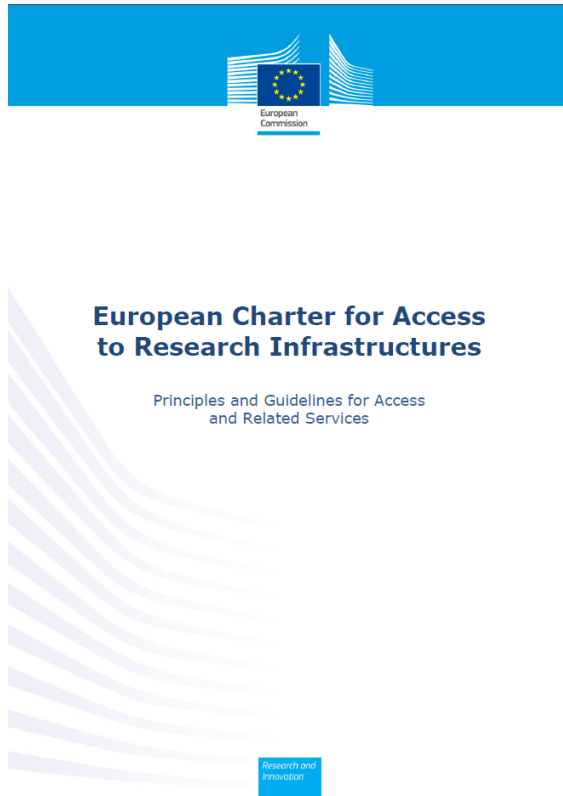
- **Applicable to all typologies of Research Infrastructures**
- **Promotes Common terminology**
- **Promotes Transparency**
- **Enables harmonisation of standards for Access Policies**
- **Recognises Access for:**
 - **Research**
 - **Education and training**
 - **Doctoral preparation**
- **Living document**
- **Offered to wider international context (OECD-GSF/GSO...)**

Way Ahead

- **Charter published on line**
https://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=access_ri
- **Charter disseminated as widely as possible**
- **MS and all Stakeholders promote implementation**
- **regular update of the document through a combined bottom-up and top-down reviewing process**

Credits: the Drafting group

- **European Commission**
- **ESFRI**
- **e-IRG**
- **EARTO (European Association of Research and Technology organisations)**
- **LERU (League of European Research Universities)**
- **CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research)**
- **EUA (European University Association)**
- **NordForsk (Nordic Research cooperation)**
- **Science Europe**



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