



European
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MANIFESTO FOR EU COVID-19 RESEARCH

July 2020

MAXIMISING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF RESEARCH RESULTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

- Considering the unprecedented, extraordinary challenges posed by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Encouraged by the broad public recognition of the important role of research and innovation in containing the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Recalling the World Health Assembly resolution on COVID-19¹ and EU Strategy for COVID-19 vaccines² supporting the voluntary pooling and licensing of intellectual property related to COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines, to promote equitable global access as well as a fair return on investments;
- Fully aware of our responsibility as researchers and innovators to find innovative solutions;
- Bearing in mind the urgent need to valorise research results for the benefit of all;

¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA73/A73_R1-en.pdf

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-eu-strategy-vaccines-covid19_en.pdf



We agree and endorse the principles below when dealing with research results stemming from EU funded research grants related to COVID-19 on prevention (including vaccines), testing and treatment:

- 1** Make the generated results, whether tangible or intangible, **public and accessible** without delay, for instance on the Horizon Results Platform, on an existing IP sharing platform, or through an existing patent pool.
- 2** Make scientific papers and research data available in **open access** without delay and following the FAIR principles via preprint servers or public repositories, with rights for others to build upon the publications and data and with access to the tools needed for their validation. In particular, make COVID-19 research data available through the European COVID-19 Data Platform.
- 3** Where possible, grant for a limited time³, **non-exclusive royalty free licences** on the intellectual property resulting from EU-funded research. These non-exclusive royalty free licenses shall be given in exchange for the licensees' commitment to rapidly and broadly distribute the resulting products and services under fair and reasonable conditions to prevent, diagnose, treat and contain COVID-19.



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³ Until 1 year after the WHO declaration that COVID-19 is not anymore a 'Public Health Emergency of International Concern' but in any event not beyond 1 January 2022 unless otherwise extended by the signatories of the Manifesto.