Draft Programme

Open Science in Bulgaria - Progress and Perspectives

Final Conference of the Open Science Pilot Programme

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🎯 Format: Final conference – in person
🗣️ Working languages: Bulgarian and English
👥 Participants: researchers, institutions, early-career researchers, journalists, and civil society organisations
↗ Focus: results, people, and the next stage of Open Science

The final conference brings together the results of the Open Science Pilot Programme and focuses on the next step: how the experience gained can be turned into sustainable national practice. The programme combines an international perspective, data from national surveys, work with early-career researchers, citizen science, science communication, and a discussion about the future of the programme.

Programme

Time	
09:00–09:30	Registration and coffee
09:30–09:40	Opening: From a Pilot Programme to a National Open Science Ecosystem Ministry of Education and Science
	Perspectives from Within and Beyond
09:40–10:10	Data stewardship: challenges of the future STARDAST is solving today Stefania Amodeo · DARIAH ERIC Data Steward & STARDAST project An international perspective on emerging roles, skills, and infrastructures for research data management.
10:10–10:30	From Training to Practice: Two Years of Open Science in Action Assoc Prof. Milena Dobreva, Scientific Coordinator of the Pilot Programme; IMI-BAS; University of Strathclyde What have we learned from the Pilot Programme, and which mechanisms could be further developed?
10:30 – 11:00	Research data management practices and data stewards in Bulgarian RPOs. Planning a national EOSC Node. EOSC EU Node: resources and services available. NACID and EOSC Gravity experts
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break

INSTITUTIONS – RESEARCHERS – TOOLS: What Do the Data Tell Us?

11:15–11:45	Researchers' Toolkit: Practical Open Science Tools for Every Stage of the Research Lifecycle Giulia Malaguarnera, Outreach & Engagement Officer at OpenAIRE and a Researcher at Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma
11:45 – 12:00	Open Science Tools: Uptake and Challenges Prof. Petar Stanchev, Scientific Coordinator of the Pilot Programme Findings on practices, needs, and barriers to the use of Open Science tools.
12:00 – 12:15	Open Science and Early-Career Researchers Assoc. Prof. Valeria Simeonova, Sofia University How can habits of open and responsible research be fostered from the very beginning of a research career?
12:15–13:15	Lunch

OPEN SCIENCE AND PEOPLE

13:15–13:30	Does Open Science Need Media Coverage? Journalist supported by the programme If information is accessible to everyone, what is the role of journalism—and why is Open Science still difficult to communicate?
13:30–13:45	Science Communication: The Past and Future of the Science Festival Lyubov Kostova, Beautiful Science How to communicate science effectively: lessons from the Science Festival.
13:45–14:00	Open Science and People: An Experiment in Citizen Science Iva · Gadzeva Taratantsi What happens when a small amount of support gives a citizen science idea a chance to grow?
14:00–14:15	Coffee break
14:15–14:30	From Pilot Programme to National Programme: What is the next? Ivan Lambov, IMI–BAS Panel: MES · IMI–BAS · NACID · Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics · NGO Links A discussion on which pilot solutions should continue, be scaled up, or become sustainable national mechanisms.
14:30 – 15:00	Closing session – Open Science Contribution Award and award for a doctoral researcher from the Mentoring Programme