



PROGRAMME

LAUNCH EVENT

Strategic Approaches to, and Research Assessment of, Open Science

When

Tuesday 23 October

Webinar 14.00–15.30

Where

Zoom (online)

Registration

Registration is available

[on Zoom](#).

Background

Science Europe is undertaking a comprehensive exploration of the roles played by research funding and performing organisations in advancing Open Science and its links to research assessment. This webinar launches a report with the key findings of a survey among Science Europe's Member Organisations. The report reveals the strategic approaches they adopt, as well as their activities related to research assessment, monitoring, and evidence gathering.

During the webinar, members of Science Europe will reflect on the initial insights gained from the survey and discuss how these findings can facilitate mutual learning, promote policy alignment, and strengthen the role of open science in shaping research policies.

The results of this survey will also guide upcoming initiatives, including member workshops and a tender for further information to contextualise and expand upon the survey's findings. These efforts aim to develop strategic recommendations to further advance open science policies and practices.

This webinar is a unique opportunity to engage with the findings, discuss their implications, and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on the future of open science and research assessment.

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Presentation of Survey Results

Presentation of the Member Survey results

- **Bregt Saenen**, Senior Policy Officer at Science Europe
- **James Morris**, Senior Policy Officer at Science Europe

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Reflection on Survey Results

Initial Reflection on the results of the Member Survey

- **Sean Sapcariu**, Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)
- **Jolanta Šinkūnienė**, Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)
- **Agnes Ponsati**, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

15.00–15.30

Questions & Answers

About the Speakers and Moderators

Speakers and moderators are listed in order of appearance on the programme.



Lidia Borrell-Damián
Secretary General of Science Europe

Lidia Borrell-Damián is Secretary General of Science Europe, the association representing national public organisations that fund and perform research in Europe. She is responsible for the organisation's strategic development and implementation of action plans.

Her experience covers a range of Research and Innovation and Higher Education policy priorities, namely EU Framework Programme; European Research Area; International Co-operation; research infrastructures; research ethics and integrity; research assessment processes; university-business co-operation; regional innovation; gender and diversity; Open Science; doctoral education; and, energy science policy.

She holds a Doctorate in Chemistry (Chemical Engineering Specialty; Solar Energy) from the University of Barcelona (1995). She worked at the European University Association (EUA) during 2006–2019, serving the last five years as the Director for Research & Innovation. She was Director of Research at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, (Barcelona, Spain, 2003–2005).

Formerly, she was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Western Ontario (London, Canada, 1999–2001) and at North Carolina State University (Raleigh, USA, 1997–1998). She was an Assistant Professor at the University of Barcelona from 1990–1998.



Bregt Saenen
Senior Policy Officer for Open Science at Science Europe

Dr. Bregt Saenen has been Senior Policy Officer in charge of Open Science matters at Science Europe since 2021. He has previously worked for several membership and policy organisations, including the European University Association, DG EMPL of the European Commission, SOLIDAR and the EU office of the International Labour Organization. Bregt has a Doctorate in EU Studies from Ghent University in Belgium and was a visiting researcher at New York University. He also has a Master of Science in EU Studies from Ghent University, as well as a Master and Bachelor of Arts in History.



James Morris

Senior Policy Officer for Research Culture at Science Europe

Dr. James Morris is a Senior Policy Officer at Science Europe working broadly on the topics of Research Culture, Research Assessment, and Research Infrastructures. He joined Science Europe in 2019 and has a background in marine and molecular biology and an interest in science communication. Before joining Science Europe, he was a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions post-doctoral fellow at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences. He holds a PhD in Marine Science from the University of Southampton, UK.

At Science Europe, he leads activities aimed at improving the conditions for high-quality research and the evolution of research cultures. He has led the development of recommendations on research assessment processes and was a member of the Drafting Team of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA).



Sean Sapcariu

Programme Manager at the Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

Sean Sapcariu is a programme manager at the Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR), responsible for strategic programmes and research culture initiatives. He has led the implementation of a narrative CV template across FNR funding programmes, co-produced a video with DORA giving guidance to evaluators on responsible research assessment techniques, and helped organise the 2021 Science Europe High Level Workshop on Research Culture.

Internationally, he sits on the DORA Steering Committee, the GRC Working Group on Responsible Research Assessment, and co-chairs the Science Europe Working Group on Research Culture. Before joining the FNR, Sean completed his PhD studies at the University of Luxembourg in Biology and worked as a Liaison Officer in the Strategy and Planning Office of the University of Luxembourg Rectorate.



Jolanta Šinkūniene

Member of the Expert Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Lithuanian Research Council (LMT), co-Chair of the SE Working Group on Research Culture

Dr Jolanta Šinkūniene is a professor in linguistics and a director of the Institute of English, Romance and Classical Studies at Vilnius University, Lithuania. She is also a member of the Expert committee of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Research Council of Lithuania as well as a co-chair of the Science Europe Working Group on Research Culture. Jolanta's research interests focus on academic rhetoric, disciplinary cultures, research publication practices, evaluation of research, academic identity aspects.



Agnès Ponsati

Director of the Unit of Information Resources for Research at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

Agnès Ponsati has been the Head of CSIC's Unit of Information Resources for Research since 1994, only interrupted by a period from 2017 to 2018 when she was the Director of the Division of Processes and Digital Services at the Spanish National Library. She holds a degree in Hispanic Philology and a diploma in Librarianship and Documentation from the University of Barcelona.

She is a specialist in automated library systems in distributed networks, as well as in the management and co-ordination of library services and collections at hybrid-digital research libraries, and has been a member of the SCOAP3 Global Council representing the Spanish library consortia, of the LIBER Executive Board (2017–2021), SPARC Europe Executive Board (2018–2021), and Science Europe's Working Groups on Open Access (2011–2021) and Open Science (2022). She is currently part of the commission in charge of defining the 2024–2028 strategic plan of REBIUN (Network of University and Scientific Libraries).