WG on Cost Recovery

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Background

• Basic funding of data infrastructure may not keep pace with increasing costs

• need to consider alternative cost recovery options and a diversification of revenue streams

• who will pay for public access to research data?
Cost components of a data publication

• Ensuring a publishable data product (annotation, metadata, codebooks, etc.): largely the responsibility of the researcher

• Quality assurance and review process: conducted in some instances by the publisher but also by the data repository

• Long-term preservation (archiving and access services): largely the responsibility of the data repository
Contribution to strategic thinking in this area

- conducting research to understand current and possible cost recovery strategies for data repositories

- particular attention to data repositories’ involvement in data publishing activities and examine such initiatives as a potential source of alternative revenue
Deliverables

• **report** providing conclusions and recommendations about the potential appropriateness of different cost recovery models to different situations and the potential of data publication initiatives fitting into a cost recovery strategy

• contribute findings to the **combined testing** of the various models/scenarios/mechanisms developed in the four Data Publishing Working Groups (cost components attached to steps in data publishing workflows)
Five areas of work

- A summary of current work on cost models;
- A survey of funding policies specifically relating to how the costs of data availability/publication may be recovered;
- A survey, by means of a questionnaire and case studies, of various existing approaches to cost recovery/business models (core of the WG);
- A survey of other stakeholders (publishers, researchers) to understand their position and policy in relation to charging models and their role in the publishing process;
- The outcomes of the Working Group on Workflows.
WG Membership

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