

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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