Open Research Statement

EUt+ Open Research Statement

The European University of Technology, (EUt+) is an alliance of eight European universities of technology who share a common vision of a human-centred approach to technology and the ambition to establish a new type of higher education institution on a confederal basis. Through EUt+, the partners are committed to creating a sustainable future for students and learners in European countries, for the staff of each of the institutions and for the territories and regions where each campus is anchored.

Research, actively engaged with the University's academic life, engaged with its communities and regions, its students, and citizens, is a vital element of the new university's connections to the wider research ecosystem and the communities and regions in which EUt+ is present.

From the outset, EUt+ has committed to an ambitious vision for Open Research.

- We believe that research outputs should be publicly and freely available at the point of presentation.
- We believe that research outputs must be available to researchers, teachers, businesses, charities, and philanthropies, the public sector, and the citizen with no restriction on reproduction and distribution save the author's control over the integrity of the work and the right to be properly acknowledged.
- We believe that free availability means, easily accessible, permits users to read, download, copy, distribute, search or mine, link to, index, or any other lawful purpose with appropriate IP protections and licences such as Creative Commons and with proper acknowledgement of the producer.
- We believe that Open Research makes our research more accessible, improves research progress, makes research more transparent and accountable, and more responsive to societal challenges.

- We believe that Open Research fosters research quality by promoting research integrity, reproducibility, and replicability.
- We believe that our research outputs should be made available without the need for specialist technologies, using open standards and that data be FAIR (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable).
- We believe that research data should be shared under the following principle: "As Open as Possible, as Closed as Necessary".
- We believe that research outputs include research results, research data, research methodologies, software, exhibitions, and performances, and other products of normal academic enquiry.
- We believe an Open Research ecosystem is good for research, researchers, citizens and EUt+. We believe that appropriate protection of any intellectual property is not in conflict with the principles of Open Research.

We commit to Open Research by:

- Maximising the proportion of our research outputs, including FAIR data, that are available in Open Access repositories/outputs at the point of presentation, supporting the implementation of Plan S in appropriate Open Access Journals and supporting Green OA in preference[1].
- Developing an Open-research-permissive IP protection regime to support industrial and commercial partners to convert research outputs into impactful research outcomes.
- Supporting the use of humane, fair, transparent, and responsible use of indicators for research evaluation and career progression.
- Integrating Open and Citizen Science methods into our curricula to provide our students with the skills and training in Open Research to enable them to flourish in this new environment.
- Publishing detailed data on our institutional research performance.

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[1] Whether these are OA or not, we do not endorse the publication in predatory journals accepting low-quality works that do not contribute to increasing the knowledge of the scientific community. We do not support hybrid journals.

- Developing an Open Educational Resource (OER) policy, the creation and dissemination of OERs and aim to support creators and users of OERs equally.