

Moving the Conversation From Access to Evaluation

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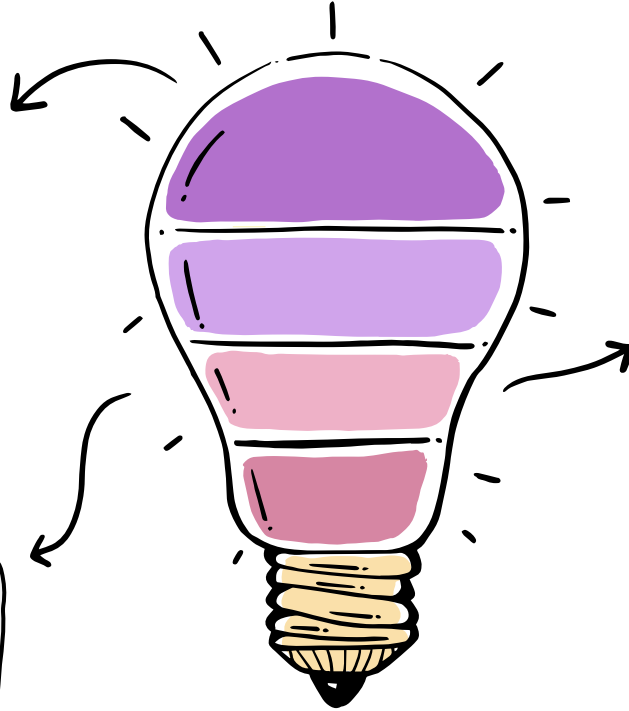


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What's changed in Open
Science & the World?



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What does this mean
for how we trust &
evaluate research?

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What are the "new"
information literacies
needed to navigate Open?

Open Science & the World – What's Changed?

The World

Urgent global challenges: Covid-19, climate change, SDGs

Plan S

Funders driving Open Access

Preprints

Early & faster sharing of research

Society

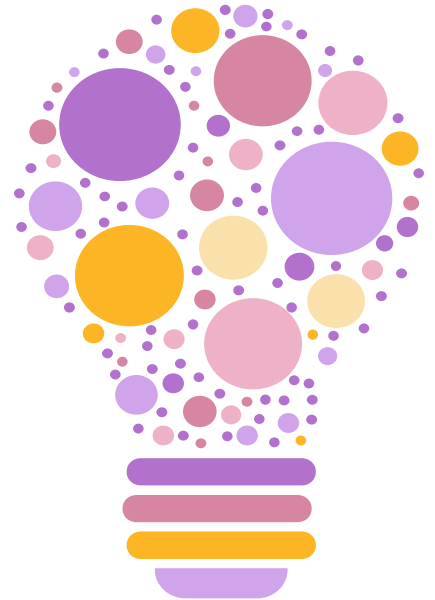
Increased public interest in Science

Trust

High profile retractions – trust in the scholarly record?

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Shift away from evaluating research based on publication venue



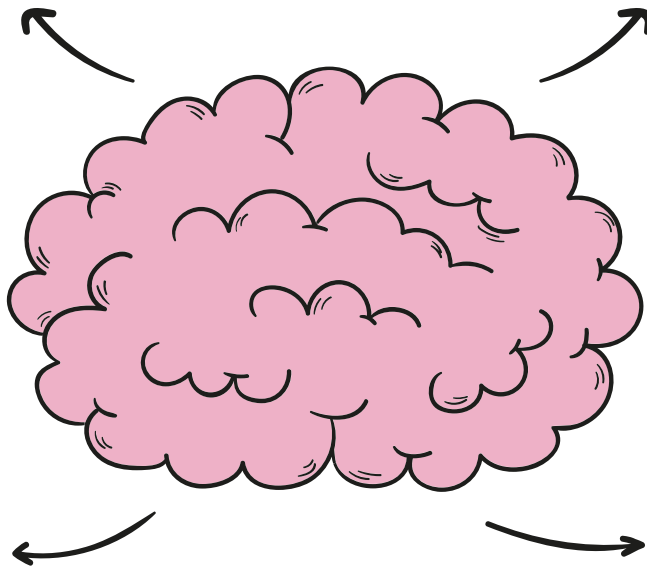
Implications

The reducing role
of publisher as
“gatekeeper”

Wider dissemination
of non peer-reviewed
research

New users of & uses
for Science beyond
the academy

Our proxies for
quality & trust are
changing



Turning Challenges into Opportunities

1

Do we over-rely on peer review, a system that is becoming unsustainable as we continue to publish more & more?

2

Is there now a new opportunity for truly empowering our citizens through fostering broader digital and critical literacies?

3

How can we best leverage the benefits of openness to drive and enable research integrity and validation?

4

How do we rethink and co-create a fairer publishing ecosystem that rewards and promotes the “right” things rather than “publish or perish”?

New Enablers of Trust

With new channels & forms of dissemination where do we place our trust instead of in the “high impact”, gate-keepered, peer-reviewed article?

Openness & Transparency

Responsible & Trustworthy Science Communication

Empowering citizens with digital, evaluative & information literacies

Openness & Transparency



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Europe PMC improves discoverability of preprints

Europe PMC now includes the full text preprints supported by Europe PMC funders

Open science is at the heart of Europe PMC, providing access to open content and data. Recognising the role that preprints play as a way for life science researchers to openly and rapidly share their findings, Europe PMC has made over 420,000 preprint abstracts from 24 preprint servers discoverable alongside journal publications. Following the success of the [COVID-19 full text preprints initiative](#), which currently includes over 31,000 full text COVID-19 preprints, Europe PMC is expanding the number of searchable full text preprints to include those [supported by Europe PMC funders](#). Overall this new project aims to increase the discoverability of science reported in preprints, expand the collection of full text preprints for future analyses, as well as improve visibility of preprints supported by Europe PMC [funders](#).



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Biological Sciences
Research Council



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Refinement & Reduction
of Animals in Research



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Transforming
mental health
through research



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Care and support
through terminal illness



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“As an archive of scholarly content, Europe PMC contributes to longevity and continued access to scientific data and findings presented in preprints.

We believe that preprints can remove barriers to open science and Europe PMC is committed to making the science reported in preprints more widely discoverable”

Open Science practices can increase public trust in science



Rosman T, Bosnjak M, Silber H, Koßmann J, Heycke T. Open science and public trust in science: Results from two studies. *Public Understanding of Science*. June 2022. doi:[10.1177/09636625221100686](https://doi.org/10.1177/09636625221100686)

Table 1. Survey questions (Study 1).

ID	Wording	Response format	M	SD	Positive responses (%)
SQ1	How important do you think it is that scientific results are made available to the public free of charge (e.g., on the Internet)?	7-point scale, <i>not important at all</i> to <i>very important</i>	5.96	1.19	87.2
SQ2	How important do you think it is that the following scientific results are made available to the public free of charge (e.g., on the Internet)? • SQ2c: Study materials, datasets, and analysis code of individual studies	7-point scale, <i>not important at all</i> to <i>very important</i>	5.09	1.32	64.3
SQ3	My trust in a scientific study increases when I see scientists publicly sharing their study materials, their datasets, and their analysis code.	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	5.25	1.26	74.0
SQ4	My trust in a study from the field of psychology increases when I see scientists publicly sharing their study materials, their datasets, and their analysis code.	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	5.11	1.28	68.7
SQ5	My trust in a study from the field of medicine increases when I see scientists publicly sharing their study materials, their datasets, and their analysis code.	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	5.36	1.25	76.6
SQ6	My trust in a scientific study increases when I see that it was funded publicly (instead of by a commercial company).	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	4.74	1.47	53.4
SQ7	My trust in a study from the field of psychology increases when I see that it was funded publicly (instead of by a commercial company).	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	4.70	1.49	53.2
SQ8	My trust in a study from the field of medicine increases when I see that it was funded publicly (instead of by a commercial company).	7-point scale, <i>do not agree at all</i> to <i>fully agree</i>	4.81	1.49	56.9

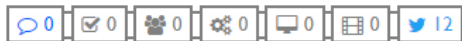
Comparative analysis of retracted pre-print and peer-reviewed articles on COVID-19

 Manraj Singh Sra, Mehak Arora, Archisman Mazumder, Ritik Mahaveer Goyal,

 Giridara Gopal Parameswaran,  Jitendra Kumar Meena

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.07.12.22277529>

This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should not be used to guide clinical practice.



 Previous

Posted July 12, 2022.

“The increased adoption of pre-prints results in faster identification of erroneous articles compared to the traditional peer-review process”

Responsible & Trustworthy Science Communication

Opinion

Sometimes Science Is Wrong

Research is a self-correcting process, but that fact is often lost on the public

By Michael D. Lemonick

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“In scientific research, the newest thing is often the least definitive - we have seen this over and over with COVID -with science reported, then revised, as more information comes in”

“Even when the research is published in a major, peer-reviewed scientific journal, it can still turn out to be wrong, no matter how carefully it’s done”



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<https://council.science/current/blog/tbb-webinars-takeaways>

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Six Takeaways on Science Communication from our Talk Back Better Webinar Series

Last week, the ISC concluded its successful webinar series on science communication. Nick Ishmael-Perkins, Senior Consultant at the ISC and host for the series, sums up the key takeaways from our weekly sessions that took place from May to June 2022.

**“Research institutions need to
be designed better for trust**

**Too many institutions approach trust as
an inherent right and don't invest in the
relationship building or transparency
that underpins that”**



[Un]Truths

Trust in an Age of Disinformation



EXPLORING TRUST IN
EXPERTISE

Trustworthy, Reliable And Engaging Scientific Communication Approaches

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Science Communication: Communicating Trustworthy Information in the Digital World



Jason H. Pridmore [+1 more instructor](#)

Post-truth, fake news and misinformation are internet-age phenomena that raise suspicion of the **credibility and reliability of (scientific) information**. While news media have been suffering from a decline of trust in general, the negative consequences for scientific communication are particularly severe, because these can be abused to promote propaganda and conspiracies. In Europe, the media is one of the least trusted democratic institutions (Edelman Trust Barometer, 2018). At the same time, the media is also the most important or common communication channel translating and disseminating scientific information from researchers to the general public.

The **TRESKA project members** have taken on the challenge to study this challenge for the European Union, under the Horizon 2020 funding scheme. The **work plan listed on this page** provides insight into how the consortium aims to do this.

Project name: Trustworthy, Reliable and Engaging Scientific Communication Approaches

Project Acronym: TRESKA

Project number: 872855

Project Coordinator: Erasmus University Rotterdam

Start Date: January 2020

Duration: 28 Months

Contact: [tresca\[at\]eur.nl](mailto:tresca[at]eur.nl)

Research results: [Cordis page](#)

Empowering citizens with digital,
evaluative & information literacies

The background of the slide is a vibrant blue with a complex, abstract pattern of overlapping circles and organic shapes in various shades of blue. On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of a dark grey road with white dashed lines, receding into the distance. Along the right edge of the road, there are three black streetlights of varying heights, each with a single arm extending over the road.

Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy

Creating Strategic Collaborations
for a Changing Academic Environment

ACRL, 2013: <http://acrl.ala.org/intersections>

“Every librarian in an academic environment is a teacher”

“All roles in an academic library are impacted and altered by the changing nature of scholarly communication”

How can we expect students and citizens to be able to source, evaluate & use research and information without understanding the publishing processes behind it, and the scholarly ecosystem it emanates from?

New Information Skills & Literacies

Understanding the
scientific method

Understanding peer
review

Ethical use of
information

Critical thinking &
evaluative literacy



Data Literacy

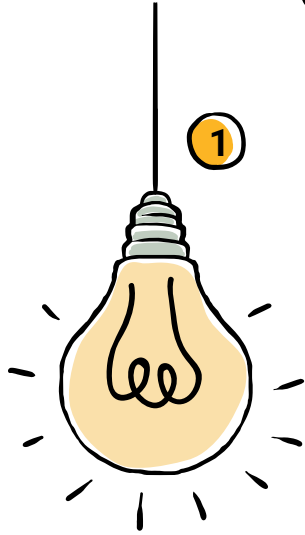
Copyright literacy

Media Literacy

Science communication
& public engagement

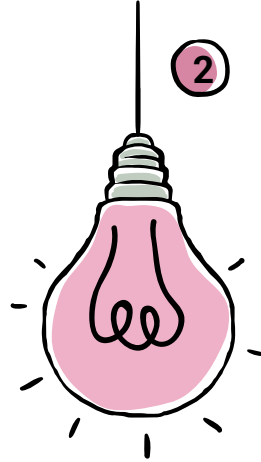


How can Open Science support an evidence-based culture?



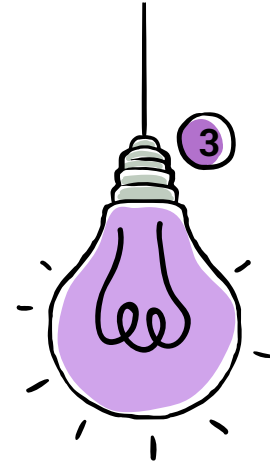
**Information is
Power**

With power comes responsibility



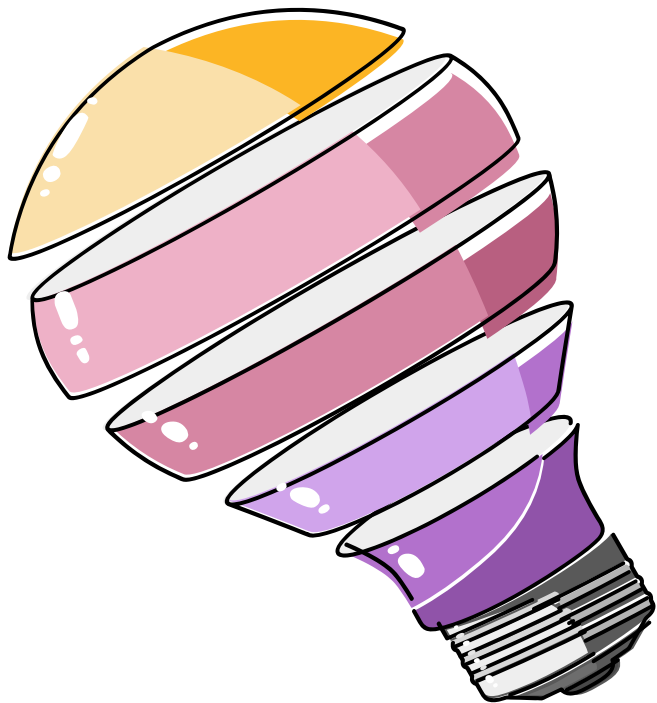
**Transparency enables
Trust**

But it's not everything



**Collaboration with
our communities**

Shared values, shared
responsibilities



Thank you :-)



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