

## Horizon 2020 PSF: Expert Panel for the Specific Support of Malta



### Niels Stern (Chair):

Niels Stern is Head of License Management at the Royal Danish Library which includes the responsibility for the national license negotiations in Denmark. Furthermore, he works as an independent expert for the European Commission on issues related to Open Science, e.g. evaluation of project applications and review of H2020 projects. Niels Stern has more than fifteen years of experience in academic publishing – since 2007 involved in Open Access publishing. A subject that he has written articles and reports about, e.g. "[A landscape study on open access and monographs](#)" together with Dr. Frances Pinter and Eelco Ferwerda. Beginning his career in academic book publishing he moved on to work as Head of Publishing at the Nordic Council of Ministers where he among other things developed and implemented an open access policy and repository. Niels Stern holds an MA in Literature and Nordic

languages (Univ. of Copenhagen) and an MA in Communication (Goldsmiths College, Univ. of London).

### Daniel Spichtinger (Rapporteur):

Daniel Spichtinger is an independent consultant working on the field of open access. From 2012-2014, he was a policy officer (as of 2014 senior policy officer) for open access to scientific peer-reviewed publications and research data at the European Commission. In this capacity he contributed to the development of open access policies in Horizon 2020, including for instance the design and implementation of the Open Access to Research Data Pilot in Horizon 2020. As part of his job, he also developed relations and facilitated inter-institutional and policy dialogue with external stakeholders and other EU institutions. This also involved information and awareness raising on open access, e.g. through public presentations and trainings. He was also responsible for managing several EU funded projects in this area, e.g. RECODE.

He is familiar with European level legislation on the subject including the Horizon 2020 regulation, the Recommendation on Access to and Preservation of Scientific Information and the proposed provisions for open access in Horizon Europe. He is also familiar with legal tools in some Member States (e.g. "Zweitveröffentlichungsrecht" in Germany).





**Robert Van der Vooren (Expert):**

Robert van der Vooren is one of the Netherlands' most experienced advisors in the field of Open Data and Research Data Management. Robert has a background in public administration (University of Twente) with a specialisation in healthcare. He worked in academic hospitals as financial advisor and project leader. Since 2014, he has focused on universities' science policy. In 2014, he was the interim head of research and valorisation of the Dutch University Association (VSNU). During his appointment at the VSNU, he contributed to the Dutch science vision and coordinated the societal cost-benefit analyses of universities. In 2015, Robert started as the national project leader for Dutch universities in an ambitious plan to realise open access publications with a unique negotiations model. In two years time, the number of open access publications in the Netherlands increased with roughly 20%.

During the Dutch Presidency of the European Union in 2016, Robert fulfilled a preparatory role in the Amsterdam Call for Action. Robert frequently visits foreign negotiators and directors for open access negotiations. For the Radboud University in Nijmegen, he has led a research data management project for two years. In 2018 he was named special advisor of the Working Group on Open Science 2.0 of the European Universities Association. More recently, Robert has worked on consultancy projects for EWI in Flanders, HEA in Ireland, Science Europe in Belgium, CESSDA in Norway and several higher education organisations in the Netherlands. At the moment he is leading a study about transitional costs for the Dutch National Open Science consortium and participating in a study about transformative open access agreements for the European University Association.

**Natalia Manola (Expert):**

Natalia Manola has been the Managing Director of OpenAIRE ([www.openaire.eu](http://www.openaire.eu)) since 2009, with an extensive knowledge and experience in open science policies, both in their design and implementation. In particular, OpenAIRE operates a 34-member network in all Europe, aligning open access policies among its members, providing a living platform for exchanging practices on policy design and specificities.



- In addition to OpenAIRE, Natalia Manola currently participates in the following high-level committees:
- National advisory committee for open science for the General Secretariat of Science and Technology in Greece (rapporteur).
- Open Science Policy Platform (OSPP), an EC High Level Advisory Group to Commissioner Moedas to provide advice about the development and implementation of open science policy in Europe.
- Currently appointed in the European Open Science Cloud Executive Board for the implementation of open science in Europe.

Her experience on the legislative frameworks are related to OpenAIRE's legal studies and her participation in a H2020 project - FutureTDM (which aimed to develop policy and legal frameworks to reduce the barriers of TDM uptake in Europe).