

The Netherlands' response to the first draft of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science

Dear Madam, Sir,

Please find in the two attachments to this email the Netherlands' response to the first draft of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science:

- Attachment 1: The Dutch appreciation of and general reflections on the first draft of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science.
- Attachment 2: The text of the first draft itself, to which we added some specific remarks and suggestions at paragraph and text level.

For this response, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science in close cooperation with the National UNESCO Committee in the Netherlands consulted main stakeholders and experts in the field of open science in the Netherlands in a digital and a written consultation. We highly appreciate their active participation in the consultation and their valuable feedback. The Netherlands' response includes the input from these consultations.

From the consultations we can say that in the Netherlands there is a shared attachment of importance to the development of a UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and this first draft was met with enthusiasm and with appreciation for quality of the document's content and wording. The rich feedback from the consultations solely consists of suggestions to further strengthen the text through highlighting certain aspects of open science or by making them more explicit.

Should there be any questions regarding our response, please don't hesitate to let us know.

To conclude, I would like to thank you for accepting our request for an extension of the deadline of 31 December. These are challenging times. I wish you and your colleagues to take care and stay safe, and look forward to meeting you again in Paris some day when improved circumstances allow.

All the best of wishes from the Hague.

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