

DataverseNO Access and Use Policy

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Purpose of this Policy

The document outlines DataverseNO's commitment to facilitating maximum access and use of research data published in DataverseNO, describes the mechanisms DataverseNO implements to fulfil this commitment, and provides those accessing Datasets from DataverseNO with guidance on determining usage rights associated with each Dataset.

Dissemination of Content

The goal of ensuring dissemination of Datasets published in DataverseNO is fundamental to DataverseNO's mission. In order to uphold DataverseNO's commitment to facilitating access and use of research data published in DataverseNO, DataverseNO disseminates its contents through as many means as possible, including:

- Facilitating the indexing of Descriptive Metadata by search engines.
- Providing and publishing URLs for harvesting (OAI-PMH) of individual collections on all levels.
- Providing persistent URLs and assigning Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) for reliable citing and discovery of published Datasets.
- Registering Descriptive Metadata with the DataCite DOI Fabrica (<https://doi.datacite.org/>) for discovery of the content by harvesters and individuals seeking public information about Datasets.

DataverseNO is committed to investigating and implementing new methods for further dissemination of its contents as warranted.

Access to Content

Datasets published in DataverseNO are discoverable and openly available to anyone with access to the Internet. DataverseNO (by owner) is responsible for secure archiving and data availability for at least 10 years after assigned DOI. However, the intent for DataverseNO is to ensure access to archived data in a long-term perspective. Items are archived in formats that can be opened and read using freely available software. Additionally, items may also be archived in their original format.

Tracking Use of Service

DataverseNO uses web analytics services which collect information, including device information and IP addresses, using cookies or similar technologies. In some cases, the information collected will be transmitted to, and stored by, web analytics service providers (e.g. Google, Inc., “Google”) on their servers, e.g. in the United States. The web analytics service providers (e.g. Google) will use this information to support the owner of DataverseNO in evaluating use of the DataverseNO website, compiling reports on website activity for website operators, and providing other services relating to website activity and Internet usage. The web analytics service providers (e.g. Google) may also transfer this information to third parties where required to do so by law, or where such third parties process the information on behalf of the web analytics service providers (e.g. Google). In other cases, web analytics information will be stored on the servers owned by the owner of DataverseNO, or on servers run by third parties on behalf of the owner of DataverseNO.

Some of the web analytics services may provide means which allow DataverseNO users who do not want their usage data collected to block usage data collection. Google Analytics, e.g., allows users to block usage data collection by installing the Google Analytics opt-out browser add-on (<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>). This add-on instructs the Google Analytics JavaScript (ga.js, analytics.js, and dc.js) to prohibit sending information to Google Analytics. Please note that refusing the use of cookies or disallowing JavaScript, either by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser or by installing various third-party add-ons or extensions, may impede the ability to use the full functionality of this website. Blocking of usage data collection is in any case the sole responsibility of the DataverseNO users.

Users of DataverseNO consent to the collection and storing of data about the users by web analytics services (e.g. Google) in the manner and for the purposes set out above.

Copyright and Licensing

Creators of Datasets deposited in DataverseNO to which copyright applies retain copyright unless otherwise stated. If a Dataset is under copyright, a user may use the Dataset in accordance with the terms asserted by the copyright owner.

If copyright terms for, or ownership of, the submission change, it is the responsibility of the Depositor to notify DataverseNO of these changes.

Datasets in DataverseNO may be in the public domain or under a license that explicitly allows specific uses of the content. DataverseNO requires that Depositors define a license for their Dataset at the time of submission, and licensing information is displayed in the Descriptive Metadata for each Dataset. Creative Commons (that is, in this case CCo or CC BY) licenses are currently recommended as these licenses are emerging as best for facilitating Dataset reuse. The default license for archived research data in DataverseNO is Creative Commons CCo – “No Right Reserved”, accompanied by the following wording: “Our Community Norms as well as good scientific practices expect that proper credit is given via

citation. Please use the data citation above, generated by the archive”. The CCo license is considered best for optimal reuse of research data. However, given the complicated and evolving nature of Dataset licensing, Depositors may also define another license than CCo by defining the terms of use when depositing their data. In line with the intention of DataverseNO to provide maximum public access to unrestricted research data, DataverseNO promotes licenses that are recommended for the re-use of research data, and only accepts licenses providing access to deposited data in one form or another.

In case non-compliance with any access and use license other than CCo (or equivalent) is discovered, DataverseNO informs the contact person for the dataset. The use of the dataset must be terminated immediately at the initial demand by DataverseNO. If the use is not terminated, DataverseNO may bring action against the user.

DataverseNO (by owner) waives any and all rights DataverseNO might have with respect to Descriptive Metadata in DataverseNO. To the extent that DataverseNO’s own contributions to selecting and arranging Descriptive Metadata may be protected by copyright, DataverseNO (by owner) dedicates such contributions to the public domain pursuant to a CCo Public Domain Dedication.

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Contact researchdata@hjelp.uit.no with questions or to request an addition or revision to this policy.

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