

Info Sheet What is Open Research Data?

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Open Research Data (ORD) refers to the **publication and reuse of research data**. ORD supports and promotes:

- better, more effective research for the benefit of society as a whole
- **transparent, reproducible** research findings
- **collaboration** and **exchange** by facilitating knowledge sharing among disciplines and borders

2. The FAIR Principles for Open Research Data

The [FAIR Principles](#) play a crucial role in ORD. Applying them ensures that publicly available data is **findable, accessible, interoperable**, and **reusable**. This [Checkliste](#) helps assess how FAIR your data are.

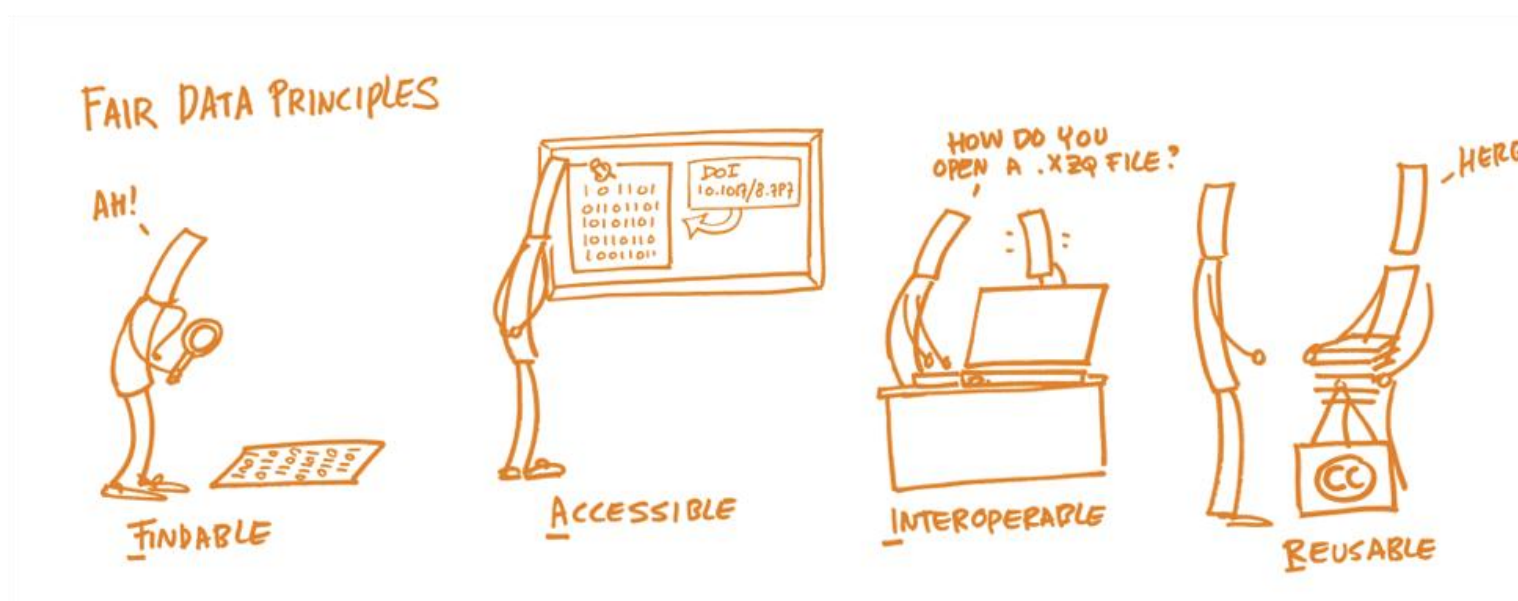


Bild: <https://www.openaire.eu/how-to-make-your-data-fair>

3. Publication and Search of Research Data

Research data is often **published in repositories** and can be **reused in various ways** – as a basis for a new study, for teaching, to enrich one's own data, or as inspiration for new ideas (Gregory et al., 2020).

[Forschungsdaten.info](#) lists Swiss research data repositories to help find a suitable repository for archiving and searching data.



4. National ORD Strategy in Switzerland

[Here](#) you can find the national strategy and action plan for Open Research Data by **swissuniversities**.