

2ND EUROPEAN DATA ACCESS FORUM

Session 4. Panel session:

How useful is the notion of “circle of trust” concept ?

A vision for the future.

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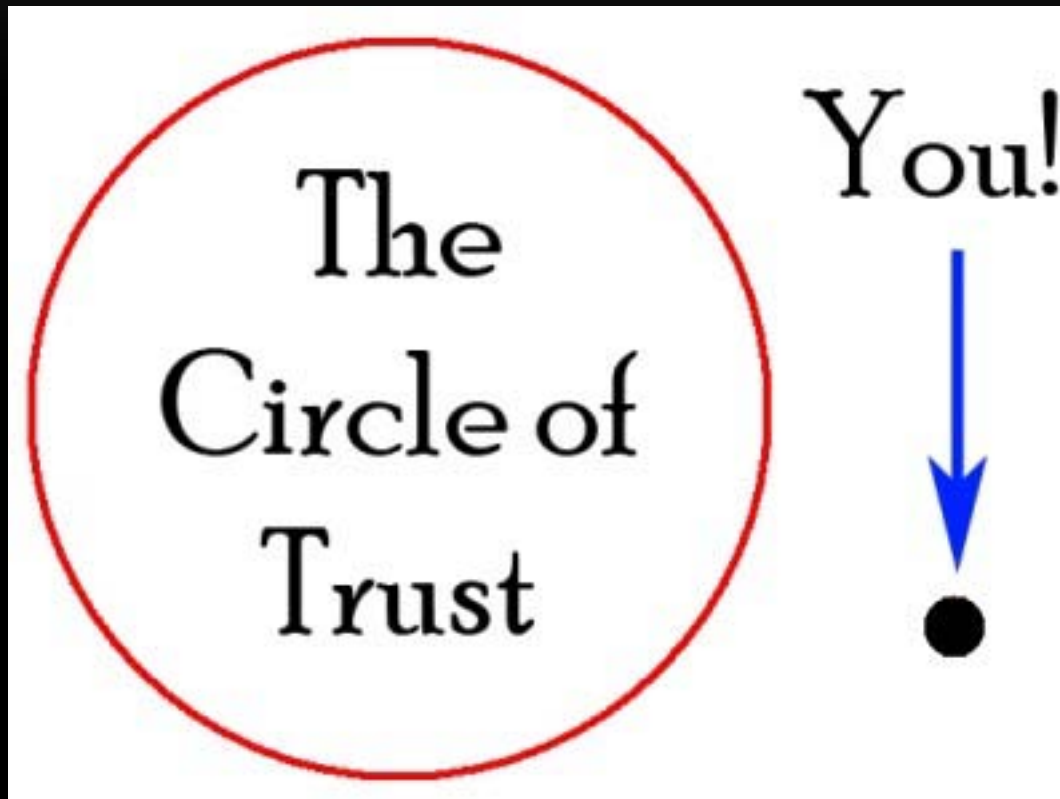
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1. INTRODUCTION

- for sharing microdata services i.e. exchange of microdata or providing access to confidential microdata a concept for basic requirements is necessary
- Relevant for researchers
- Necessary for data provider
- A must for international microdata access

2. Concept of “circle of trust



2. CONCEPT OF "CIRCLE OF TRUST"

- each member is accepted according to the same rules and conditions that are approved by all members
- confidentiality rules and security requirements but also to competence and legal aspects
- preconditions for the institution itself or for technology that is providing the access

3. MEASURES TO GAIN TRUST

- These measures can be:
- share best practices
- collection and documentation of rules and protocols for transparency
- cooperation agreement
- harmonised contracts for microdata access
- guidelines for the treatment of microdata requests
- catalogue of rules to check which institution is approved to access microdata
- Researchers Passport

3. MEASURES TO GAIN TRUST"

- security concept and accreditation guidelines for safe centres
- list of security and user demands for a remote access system
- anonymisation concept for scientific use files
- rules and protocols for the transmission of microdata
- guidelines for statistical disclosure methods and output checking
- common understanding of responsibilities and similarities

4. OUTLOOK

- in terms of trust it is important to consider what already exists and to build on that
 - see European Commission
- i.e. contracts, training for researchers, existing infrastructure, accreditation criteria
- development of gaining trust, experience and competences

5. Discussion

- Why (how) should countries transmit or provide access to their data without obligation by law?
- What kind of guidelines should be in place to encourage countries to provide access to their data?
- Is there already a preferred mode of access that makes it more easy to establish trust and therefore allow to share the data?