

Daniel Bútora  
Minister

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Dear Minister,

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic supports and fully welcomes the Lund Declaration on Maximising the Benefits of Research Data.

We are joining the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in calling for reinforcing, accelerating, and maximising the benefits of FAIR and open research data in Europe, within scientific communities and through research infrastructures, to increase the overall research and innovation performance of the European Research Area and strengthen the outreach and impact on industry and society.

The „Lund Declaration“ is fully in accordance with the Slovak National Strategy for Open Science 2021-2028 (hereinafter also as the National Strategy). The National Strategy is the first long-term strategic document that introduces the implementation of open science principles in the Slovak scientific environment. It enhances the availability of Slovak science results and changes the system of research and evaluation processes towards greater transparency, reproducibility and integrity. It undertakes to create a sustainable paradigm of participation of all stakeholders in research in Slovakia in the implementation of open science global principles in disseminating, mutual sharing, reusing and making research outputs available in Slovakia.

To us the research data represents both – a necessity, but also a huge benefit and potential for the whole Slovak R&D environment. We perceive the research data as a foundation, the initial element from which information, knowledge, ideas, innovation, and ultimately breakthroughs emerge. Discovery and knowledge are at the end of scientific research.

Open science and FAIR data are among our priorities.

Therefore we commit ourselves to meeting the goals of the “Lund Declaration” and notably to support reusability of high-quality data across all research domains for all relevant stakeholders through the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic will promote and encourage the ongoing and future activities focused on embedding the Open Science and FAIR principles among the Slovak research and development ecosystem in order to enable efficient and open research.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'M' followed by a small flourish.

Dear Mr.

**Mats Persson**

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