

Regulations Governing the Open Science Commission

Adopted on July 2, 2026, by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences' Board of Directors and based on Article 9, Section 5 of the Academies' statutes.

Preamble

The **Open Science Commission (OSC)**, a non-permanent commission in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5 of the Statutes of the Swiss Academies, underlines the continued commitment of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences to build on achievements in the area of Open Research Data (ORD) and to advance Open Science after the resolution of the ORD Strategy Council in March 2026.

The Open Science Commission (OSC) is established to strengthen the adoption, understanding, and implementation of Open Science principles within research and innovation ecosystems. The OSC recognises that openness, transparency, accessibility, and reproducibility are foundational to scientific progress and societal benefit.

These organisational regulations define the purpose, structure, governing bodies, and procedures of the OSC to ensure it actively contributes to policies, best practices, advocacy, and capacity building related to open science.

These regulations are approved by the Board of directors and align with applicable statutes, policies, and legal frameworks governing the hosting organisation a+.

Art. 1 - Purpose and name

¹ The Open Science Commission serves as a central platform of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences to ensure exchange on Open Science topics in a national context and with a focus on research communities and service providers.

² The following names are to be used for the Open Science Commission in their respective languages:

- a. Kommission Open Science (KOS)
- b. Commission Open Science (COS)
- c. Commissione Open Science (COS)
- d. Cumissiun open science (COS)
- e. Open Science Commission (OSC)

Art. 2 - Objectives

¹ The Open Science Commission promotes the principles and practices of Open Science across research communities, institutions, and relevant stakeholders.

² The objectives of the Open Science Commission include:

- a. Advising on Open Science policies and strategies
- b. Supporting implementation of Open Research Data and Open Access publishing
- c. Fostering dialogue between researchers, funders, policymakers, research infrastructures and society
- d. Developing written resources like guidelines, and recommendations for Open Science
- e. Encouraging training and capacity building for Open Science competencies
- f. Serving as the jury for Swiss National ORD Prize

Art. 3 - Measures

To fulfil its objectives, the Open Science Commission undertakes the following measures:

- a. Drafting guidance documents, policy briefs, and implementation frameworks
- b. Monitoring developments in Open Science and reporting on trends
- c. Supporting discipline- or data specific communities aligned with Open Science goals
- d. Foresight activities (exploring long-term perspectives)
- e. Jury activities for the Swiss National ORD Prize

Art. 4 - Relationship between the Open Science Commission and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences

¹ The Open Science Commission functions as a central platform and jury of the Swiss National ORD Prize within the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

² The Open Science Commission provides reports and recommendations to the governing bodies of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

³ The Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences oversee the Open Science Commission and support it by providing administrative, logistical, and financial resources as approved in the a+ budget.

⁴ The agenda development shall be coordinated with the individual members of a+.

⁵ Representatives of individual members of a+ and members of the Working Group Open Science can be invited as visitors for specific topics.

Art. 5 - Membership

¹ Members of the OSC shall be individuals with recognised expertise, commitment to Open Science, and a demonstrated interest in advancing openness in science and innovation.

² Members shall be appointed for a term of three years with an option to be reappointed.

³ For the election of new members, the following criteria apply:

- a. Diversity of members: career level, gender, languages / regions, affiliation
- b. Diversity of research communities: balanced representation of the different disciplines and research communities.
- c. Diversity of methodological approaches to process data, such as big data, quantitative and qualitative methods, empirical methods, theoretical modelling, use of AI, etc.

Art. 6 - Composition

The OSC consists of the following bodies:

- a. Members' Assembly - all appointed members
- b. Co-Chairs - elected leaders responsible for content and coordination
- c. Two panels (Researchers & Service Providers)
- d. Scientific Secretariat - scientific and operational support.

Art. 7 - Members' Assembly

¹ The Members' Assembly shall

- a. approve activities and co-create the annual agenda
- b. elect the Co-Chairs, the Jury Chair and nominate new members
- c. review reports and recommendations
- d. adopt internal working procedures.

² Decisions of the Members' Assembly are taken by a simple majority of members present.

Art. 8 - Co-Chairs of the OSC

¹ The Co-Chairs are elected by the Members' Assembly for a term of one year.

² The Co-Chairs

- a. are responsible for the implementation of the OSC objectives
- b. preside over meetings
- c. coordinate with Scientific Secretariat
- d. represent the OSC externally.

Art. 9 - Scientific Secretariat

¹ The Scientific Secretariat is integrated into the Head Office of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

² The Scientific Secretariat

- a. supports the members of the commission on a scientific and an operational level
- b. organises meetings and assemblies (logistics, agenda and record keeping)
- c. oversees the budget and coordinates finances
- d. is responsible for communications
- e. serves as call coordinator and evaluation manager in the context of the ORD Prize
- f. organises the Award Ceremony of the ORD Prize
- g. prepares the annual report (together with the Co-Chairs)
- h. cultivates contact between the commission and the Working Group Open Science a+.

Art. 10 - Funding and Resources

¹ The activities of the OSC are funded according to the budget approved by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

² The Scientific Secretariat of the OSC shall prepare an annual budget proposal.

Art. 11 - Meetings

¹ Ordinary meetings of the OSC shall be held at least two times per year.

² Additional meetings, including those of panels, working groups and the prize jury, will be arranged as needed.

³ In person meetings will take place in Bern with an option to join online.

Art. 12 - Reporting

¹ The OSC shall produce an annual report summarising its work, outputs, and recommend actions.

² The annual report shall be approved by the Board of Directors and made publicly available.

Art. 13 - Revision

¹ Amendments to these regulations may be proposed by the Co-Chairs or a majority of members.

² Revisions require approval by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences' Board of Directors.

Art. 14 - Evaluation

¹ For the period of 2026-2028 applies a transitional clause.

² An evaluation is conducted at the end of the multi annual planning period 2029-2032.

Art. 15 - Entry to force

These regulations enter to force upon being approved by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences' Board of Directors on July 2, 2026.

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