



Discussing the challenges of data policy with the RDA

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[The RDA Fourth Plenary Meeting](#) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, is now just under one month away!

Take a look at this video to find out what delegates at the previous meeting had to say about the challenges relating to data policy.

Patricia Clarke, senior policy analyst at [the Irish Health Research Board](#), is the first speaker (2:57-9:35). She highlighted some of the work being done to tackle the specific challenges surrounding the preservation and sharing of medical data.

Mercè Crosas, director of data science at Harvard University's Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Massachusetts, US, was the next speaker during the panel session (09:48-19:13). She talked about [the Harvard Dataverse Network](#) and gave an overview of the guidelines she and her colleagues have developed for data publishing.

Simon Hodson then provided the audience with an overview of the work done by [the Committee on Data for Science and Technology \(CODATA\)](#) (09:27-29:19), which is an interdisciplinary scientific committee of [the International Council for Science \(ICSU\)](#). As executive director of the committee, he explained how CODATA works to improve the quality, reliability, management, and accessibility of data important to all fields of science and technology

Carlos Morais-Pires, scientific officer at [the European Commission Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology \(DG Connect\)](#), also highlighted the importance of the research community in defining how policies are actually put into practice (29:27-36:17).

Ross Wilkinson, executive director of [the Australian National Data Service](#), gave the final presentation of the session (36:24-40:05) in which he argued that research data outputs are an important factor in calculating 'return on investment'.

More videos from the RDA Third Plenary Meeting are available [here](#). Also, you can read more about the event in our feature article '[A deluge of data in Dublin](#)'.

- Andrew Purcell

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