



## OSC-W Newsletter April 2026

### **Hello Open Science Community,**

No, your calendar isn't wrong; this "April" edition of the OSC-W newsletter is arriving in March. There are some great events and funding opportunities next month that we just couldn't wait to share with you!

*P.S. As always, the newsletter looks much better if you click the "Online version" link at the top of this mail.*



Invitation: Join the  
WUR Dialogue on  
Academic Freedom

## Event: Join the WUR Dialogue on Academic Freedom

### When:

Tuesday 7 April, 15:00 – 17:00

Wednesday 8 April, 15:00 – 17:00

**Where:** Omnia

**Registration:** See below

You are invited to join the WUR dialogues on academic freedom. These dialogues are meant to share experiences, reflect on our practices and the system, and explore potential change.

The dialogue will cover the following topics, which were raised as matters of concern by around 300 WUR colleagues and students who filled in a questionnaire on academic freedom:

- Financing structures: How is academic freedom limited by the way research is funded?
- What really counts at WUR: How do our internal policies, norms and incentives support or hinder academic freedom?
- In- and external pressure on research : How is academic freedom limited by in- and external pressure from clients, stakeholders, interested parties or colleagues, in- and explicitly?
- Limits to academic freedom: what cannot be claimed in the name of academic freedom?

Although these themes emerged prominently from the questionnaire, the dialogues are not limited to them; participants are actively invited to

introduce and explore additional relevant topics. The goal is to explore and create a deeper understanding of the realities we face and the concerns that matter most. From there, we will also explore what steps can be taken on individual, team, organisation, and system level.

Register here →

## ***Making the Links: Bridging Research Integrity & Open Science!***

APRIL 9TH, 2026  
AURORA ROOM  
VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT

**Register now!**



**RIOS** CENTER FOR  
RESEARCH INTEGRITY  
AND OPEN SCIENCE

### **Event: RIOS Symposium 2026**

**When:** 9 April 13:00 - 15:30

**Where:** VU Amsterdam, Aurora Room

**Registration:** See below

On the 9th April, RIOS: the Amsterdam Center of Expertise for Research Integrity & Open Science is organising their 2026 Symposium: **Making the Links: Bridging Research Integrity & Open Science.**

The symposium is open to all researchers and professionals interested in Research Integrity and Open Science from across the Netherlands.

Join a variety of breakout sessions and the keynote session “Change research practices from the inside out: why tools and policy aren't enough. Research culture is the engine of reproducibility – the CATALYST project”

More information →

**Building an Open Science Monitor**

The Netherlands has set up an ambitious programme to embed Open Science in knowledge-creating institutions and their activities. The development of a monitor and evaluation framework is essential for this programme.

In the development of the monitor, we want to actively involve stakeholders from the field in the field. In this infographic, we describe the process.

**Subproject 1: researching what should be in the Open Science monitor**

*What are we going to investigate?*

*How are we going to do that?*

- What is the current state of affairs?**
  - Evaluate existing monitors
  - Establish an overview of relevant institutional, national and international policies regarding Open Science
- What are the values/needs of stakeholders?**
  - Send out exploratory and validating survey to scientists
  - Create a Technical Advisory Board
  - Interviews and focus groups
  - Consensus-forming town halls
- What do we want to achieve in the monitor?**
  - Co-creation process with the following aspects:
    - In-Monitor Visualization
    - Alignment with policies and values
    - Alignment on (relative) impact

**Subproject 2: developing the Open Science monitor**

1. Co-creation with OS/NL to ensure long term sustainability
2. Selection of dashboard interface
3. Determining data to populate dashboard
4. Visualization & reporting of prototype

Want to know more? ...

Follow the project on OSF: <https://osf.io/zh9n3/overview>

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## Survey: The Dutch Open Science Monitor

Last year, Open Science NL funded the development of a National Open Science Monitor for the Netherlands.

As part of the project, the consortium is conducting a survey among researchers and support staff.

The survey should take around 5 mins to complete and will be used by the project to shape the final Open Science Monitor, so please fill it out!

*It looks like there was a problem with the link in the last newsletter, hopefully this one works better.*

Take the survey →



## Funding Call: WUR OpenUp your Education Grant


Are you a WUR teacher or employee, and do you have educational materials that are useful to other teachers and students? Or do you want to develop materials together with students? The OpenUp your Education Grant offers financial support and substantive guidance. You are invited to submit your application before **3 April 2026**.


You can apply for funding to:

- Create or adapt open educational materials, such as e-learning modules, instructional videos, discussion questions or quizzes;
- Reuse existing open educational materials into your course and tailoring them to your course context;
- Develop open (interactive) textbooks;
- Involve students in making educational materials as part of their learning, e.g., student-produced tutorials, cases, or explanatory materials.

All funded projects must result in outputs that are openly shared with an appropriate open license to support broad reuse.

Funding details

 Max €16,000 per project

 Application deadline: 3 April 2026

More information →



## Funding Call: Open and Sustainable Research Software 2026 (OSS 2026)

The Netherlands eScience Center, in partnership with Open Science NL, is offering dedicated Research Software Engineer (RSE) support worth up to €250,000 per project to help research teams improve the sustainability of their existing software.

Eight projects will be funded across two years, each receiving around **2,000 hours of RSE time** plus up to **€25,000** for workshops and community-building activities. The call welcomes applicants from all disciplines and all career stages – and for the first time, universities of applied sciences (hogescholen) are eligible to apply.

To be eligible, your software must already be publicly available and have a track record of use in research (evidenced by at least five publications or other outputs). Projects focused on developing new software are not eligible.

Key dates:

**9 April 2026:** Online information event

**14 May 2026,** 14:00 CET: Deadline project proposals

[More information →](#)

## That's all for now

Thank you for reading this issue of the OSC-W newsletter.

I hope you found the content interesting and good starting points for discussion.

I would love to hear your feedback on the OSC-W newsletter and your desires for the OSC-W as a whole. If you would like to share your (anonymous) opinion there is a form [here](#), or you can contact me directly at [ben.excell@wur.nl](mailto:ben.excell@wur.nl).

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