

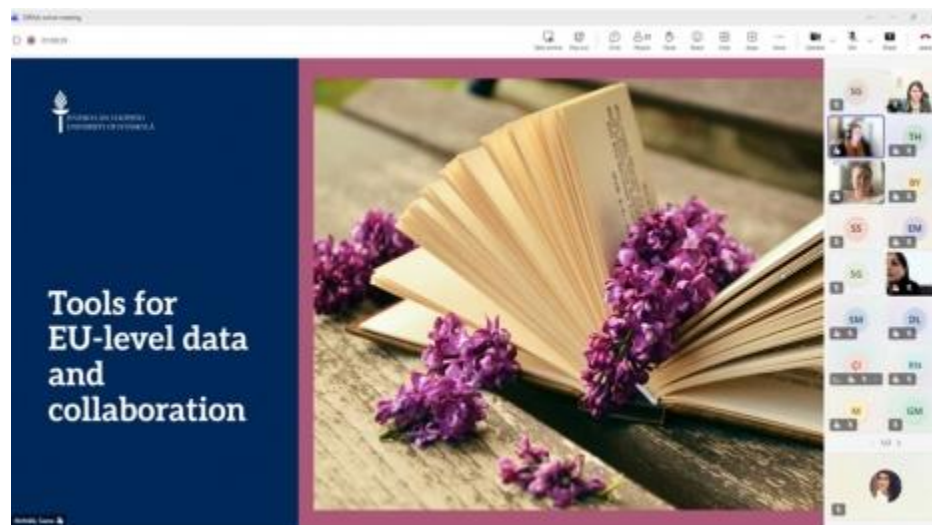
Online Seminar on the DIRNA Project

An online seminar was held on February 23, 2026, with the participation of partner universities as part of Work Package 4 of the DIRNA project. The seminar was organized under the moderation of Aytac Misgarli, Director of the Library and Information Center of Khazar University. Kati Clements and Saana Mehtälä, representatives of the University of Jyväskylä (Finland), served as trainers.

The topic of the seminar was "International Repositories, Rankings and Research Funding: The Impact of Open Research Practices on International Grants and Partnerships." The seminar featured discussions on the principles of open science, international publishing standards, and the importance of transparent dissemination of research outputs.

In addition, information was provided on the European Union's requirements regarding open sharing of research results, FAIR data management principles, as well as the European Open Science Cloud and Open Research Europe platforms. Participants were informed about UFO portal used at the national level and the significance of scientific journal rankings for doctoral students, and key bibliometric indicators related to academic publications were explained.

The seminar, which was received with great interest by participants, concluded with discussions on the topic and a question-and-answer session.



Openness and rankings

There are various established ratings of HE institutions, where organisations are ranked based on specific metrics (eg. Shanghai, THE)

EU does not specifically endorse the use of ranking systems, but there are various data analysis / comparison tools to inform country level / cross-country data in regards to different indicators

- E.g. [European Higher Education Quality Indicators \(EHEQI\)](#)

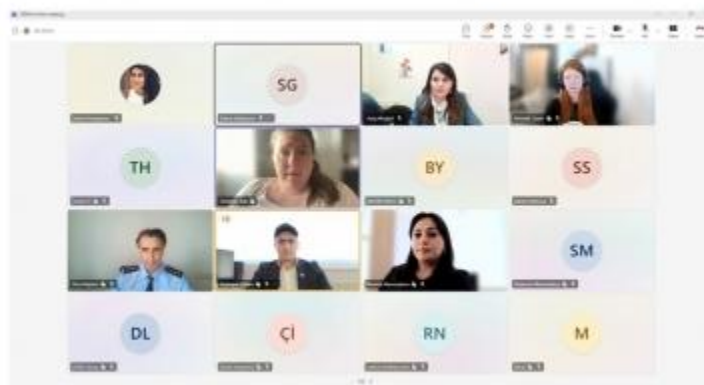
However, artificial, quantitative data often naturally falls to a specific order / way of classification

At the same time, citation counts and publication openness affect the funding of universities

E.g. the [JCR](#) (Journal Citation Reports) is used to track the "value" of publications channels for funding purposes (state funding from the Ministry of Education and Culture), but is also used to motivate individual researchers

Share of top 10% most cited research publications (2020)

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EOSC, Open Research Europe and EU Open Research Repository

DIRNA

Platform	What it is	Main Purpose	What it provides
European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)	A federated European digital research ecosystem	Provide access to FAIR data, cloud services & tools	Data discovery, cloud computing, storage, interoperable services
Open Research Europe	EU's open-access publishing platform	Publish articles from EU-funded research with open peer review	Open access articles, transparent peer review (for Horizon-funded researcher)
EU Open Research Repository	A Zenodo-based repository for EU-funded outputs	Deposit digital research outputs (data, software, reports)	Storage, preservation, FAIR metadata, compliance checks (regarding Horizon projects)

Research and data

Publication → outputs

Repository of existing outputs

European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
Open Research Europe
EU Open Research Repository