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# FAIR Data Maturity Model

14th RDA Plenary session - Workshop #5

23rd October 2019

# Agenda

14:30 – 14:40	Welcome, objectives of the meeting
14:40 – 14:45	Roundtable
14:45 – 14:50	State of play
14:50 – 14:55	Development – First phase
14:55 – 15:00	Development – Second phase
15:00 – 15:45	Panel discussion   Consensus
15:45– 15:50	Development – Next steps
15:55– 16:00	Next steps and Q&A

# Context

The principles are **NOT** strict

- **Ambiguity**
- Wide range of **interpretations** of FAIRness



Different **FAIR Assessment** Frameworks

- Different metrics
- No comparison of results
- No benchmark

# FAIR

**SOLUTION** is to bring together **stakeholders** to build on **existing approaches** and **expertise**

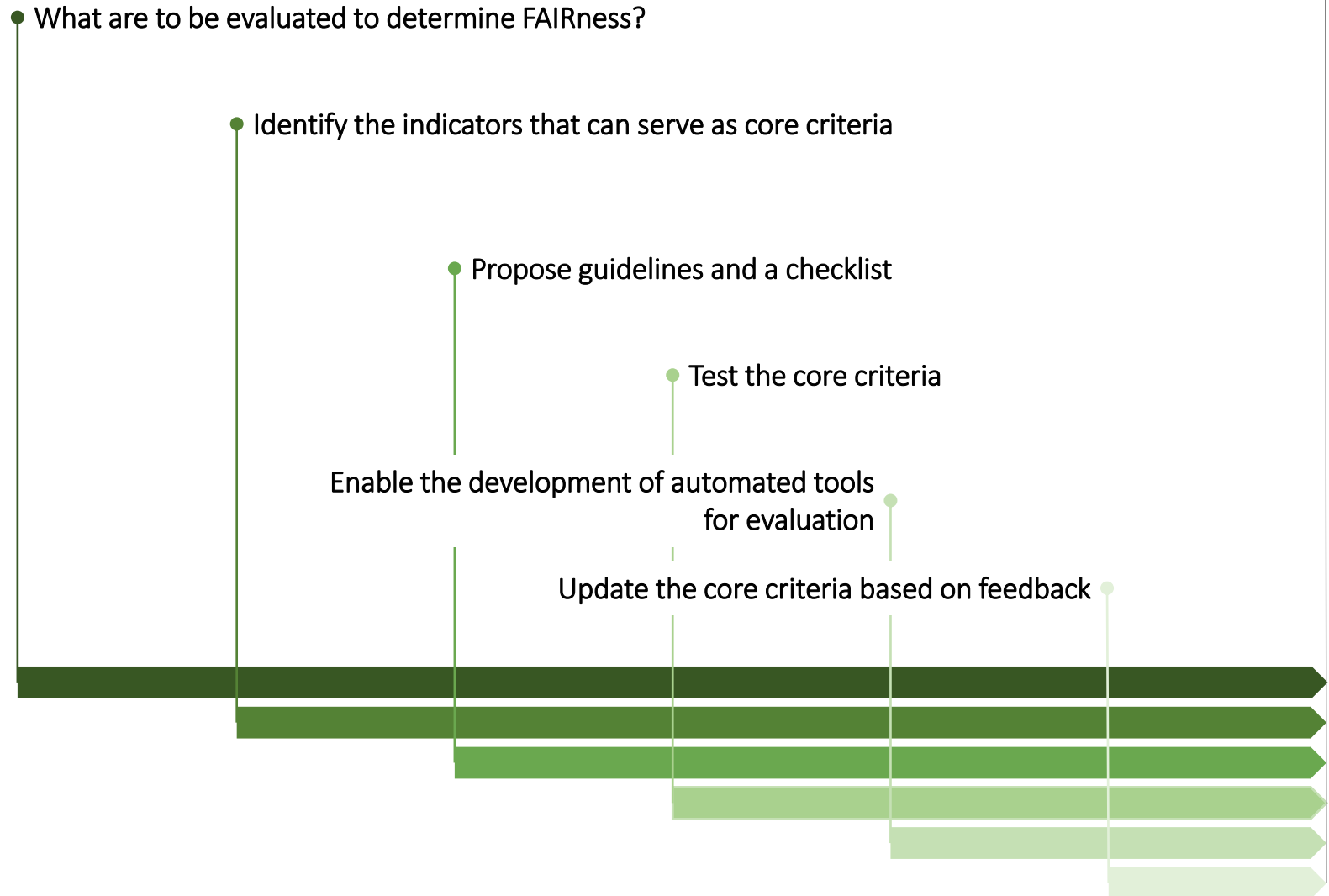


- Set of **core assessment criteria** for FAIRness
- FAIR **data maturity model & toolset**
- FAIR data **checklist**
- RDA recommendation

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# Objectives

## FAIR data maturity model



# Scope

BUT the Working Group does NOT have the purpose to ...

- ⊗ **develop yet-another-evaluation-method:** the core criteria are intended to provide a common ‘language’ across evaluation approaches, not to be applied directly to datasets.
- ⊗ **define how the core criteria need to be evaluated.** The exact way to evaluate data based on the core criteria is up to the owners of the evaluation approaches, taking into account the requirements of their community
- ⊗ **revise and re-design the FAIR principles**

# Roundtable

## By show of hands

- Which region?
- Your role
  - Researcher
  - Librarian
  - Infrastructure manager
  - Policy developer
  - Research funder
- Introducing the editorial team

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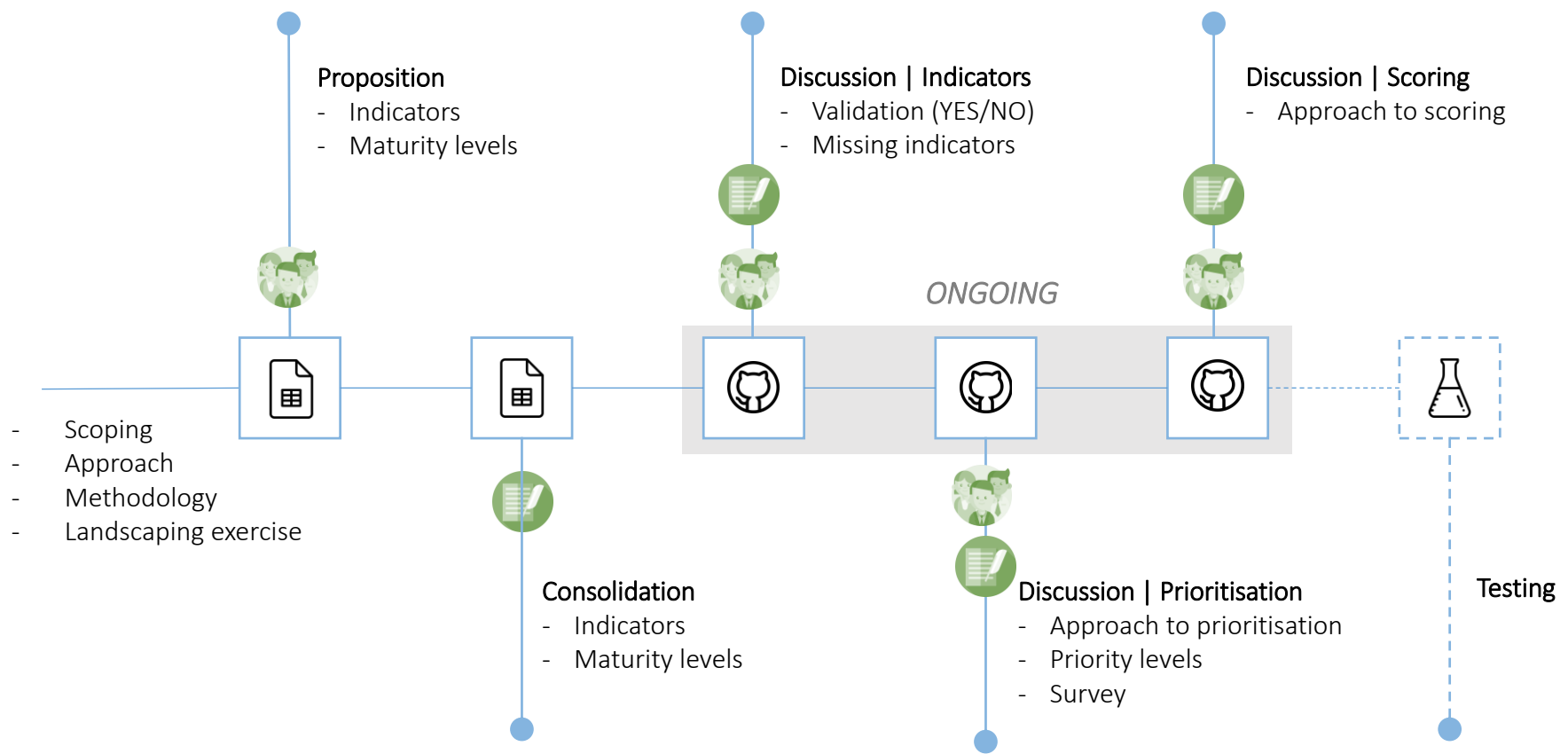


State of play



# State of play

 Editorial team  
 Working group



# State of play

- ❗ Goal is to finalise indicators and priorities
- ❗ Indicators and priorities will be further used in their current state
- ❗ Indicators and priorities will be re-evaluated after the testing phase



# Development

## *First Phase*

# Overview | Indicators & levels

- Under discussion
- Provisionally agreed

F

- F1 (Meta)data are assigned globally unique and persistent identifiers
- F2 Data are described with rich metadata
- F3 Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- F4 (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

A

- A1 (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communication protocol
- A1.1 The protocol is open, free and universally implementable
- A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation where necessary
- A2 Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

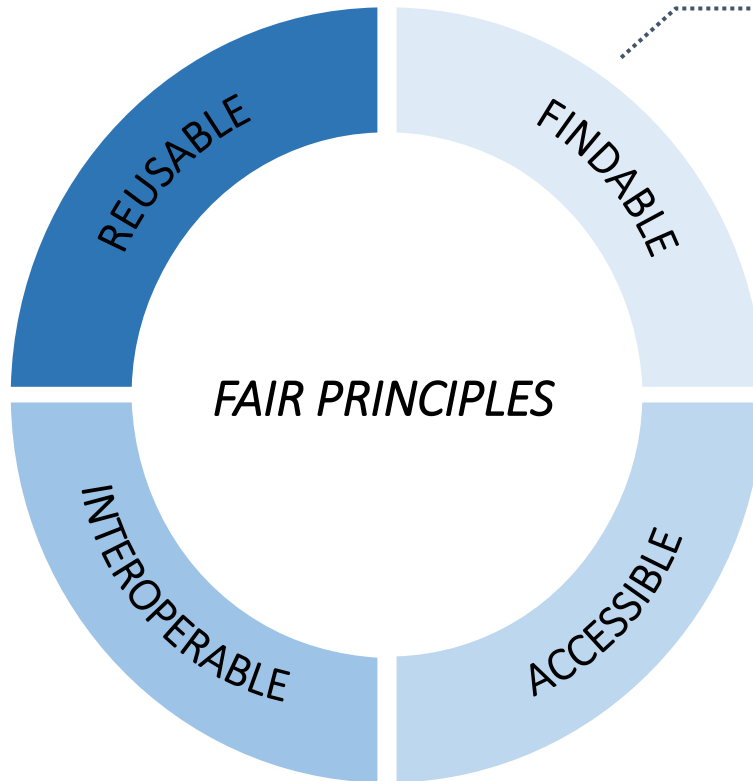
I

- I1 (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation
- I2 (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow the FAIR principles
- I3 (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

R

- R1 (Meta)data are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
- R1.1 (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
- R1.2 (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
- R1.3 (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

# Overview | Indicators & levels



## Indicators for Findability

- [F1-01M] Metadata is identified by a persistent identifier
- [F1-01D] Data is identified by a persistent identifier
- [F1-02M] Metadata is identified by a universally unique identifier
- [F1-02D] Data is identified by a universally unique identifier
- [F2-01M] Sufficient metadata is provided to allow discovery, following domain/discipline-specific metadata standard
- [F2-02M] Metadata is provided for the discovery-related elements defined by the RDA Metadata IG, as much as possible and relevant, if no domain/discipline-specific metadata standard is available
- [F3-01M] Metadata includes the identifier for the data
- [F4-01M] Metadata is offered/published/exposed in such a way that it can be harvested and indexed

\* The full list of indicators can be found on the following [GSheet](#)



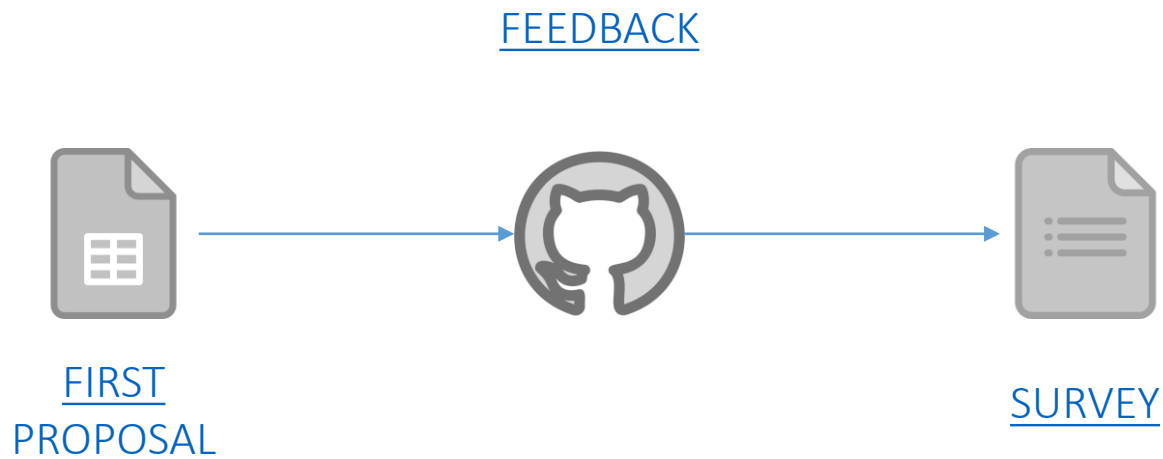
# Development

## *Second Phase*

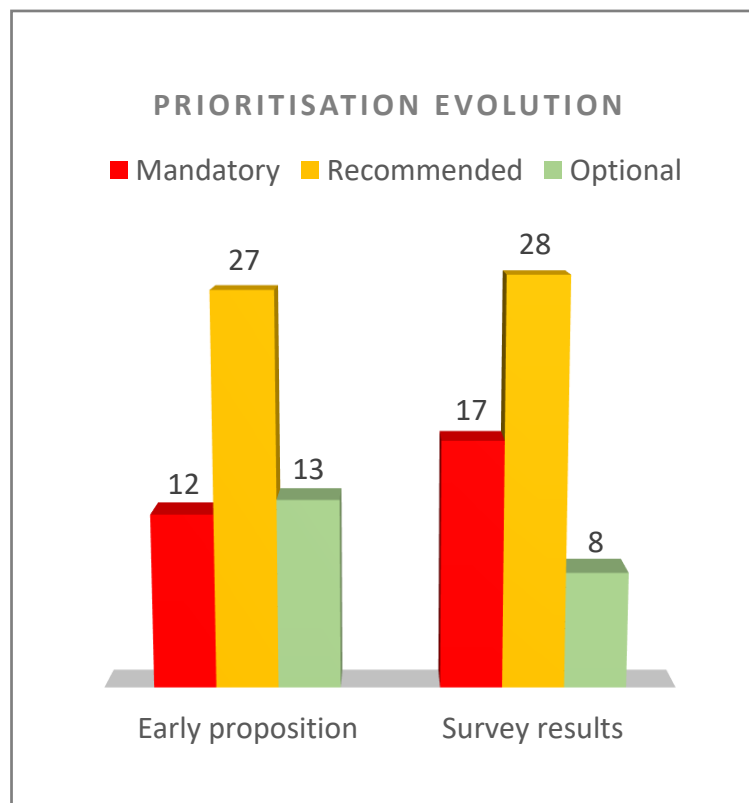
# Development | Weighting

**Weighting** the indicators, developed as part of the WG, following the [key words for use](#) in RFC2119

- › **Mandatory**: indicator **MUST** be satisfied for FAIRness (Essential)
- › **Recommended**: indicator **SHOULD** be satisfied, if at all possible (Important)
- › **Optional**: indicator **MAY** be satisfied, but not necessarily so (Useful)



# Development | Weighting



**30**  
participants

**Notable results\***

- Metadata for discovery > **recommended** (F2)
- Metadata for reuse > **mandatory** (R1)
- (Machine-understandable) knowledge representation > **mandatory** for metadata & **recommended** for data (I1)
- All references to data > **optional** (I3)

\* Results can be accessed [here](#)

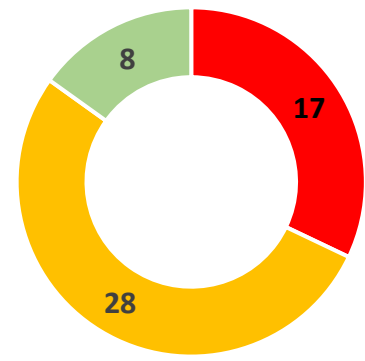




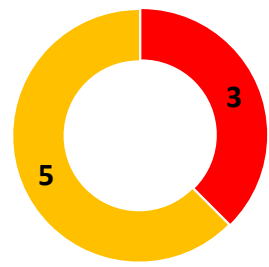
# Development | Weighting Stats

Distribution of the weight of the indicators

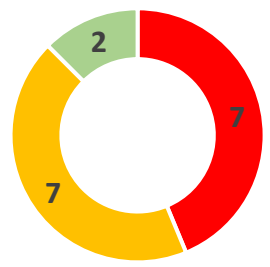
- Mandatory
- Recommended
- Optional



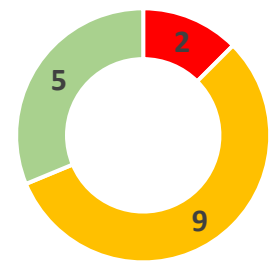
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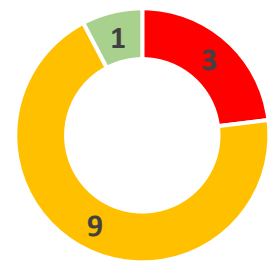
FINDABLE



ACCESSIBLE



INTEROPERABLE



REUSABLE



# Discussion

# Indicators | Discussions

Four discussion topics to choose from, one to be addressed today;

1

Identifier to point to data or a landing page

2

Machine-processable data versus human access

3

Linking and referencing

4

Two-speed FAIRness



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# Indicators | Discussions

1

Identifier to point to data or landing page?

A	OPPOSED VIEWS	B
FAIRness requires separate unique and persistent identifiers for metadata and data	Data published with an identifier (e.g. DOI) pointing to a landing page with embedded metadata and a URL to access the data can also be considered FAIR	

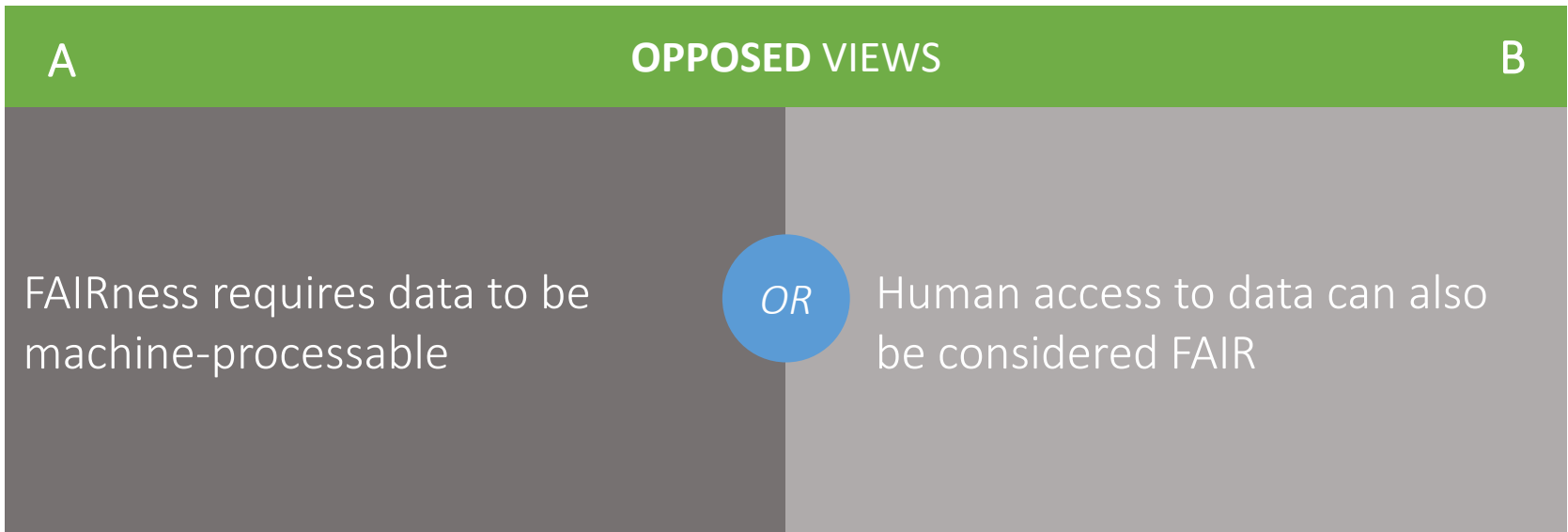
OR



# Indicators | Discussions

2

Machine-processable data versus human access



# Indicators | Discussions

3

Linking and referencing

A	OPPOSED VIEWS	B
<p>FAIRness requires rich linkages between metadata and other metadata, between metadata and other data between data and other data</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>Metadata and data that have no links to other metadata and other data can also be considered FAIR</p>	



# Indicators | Discussions

4

Two-speed FAIRness

A	OPPOSED VIEWS	B
FAIRness should aim for the same level of FAIRness for all domains in the long term	<p>OR</p> <p>Different communities need to be able to define their own target FAIRness levels</p>	





# Development

*Next steps*



# Development | Scoring

As presented during Workshop #3

## Core assessment criteria to evaluate and compare FAIRness

- › FAIRness report for a resource under evaluation
  - › Indicators classified per importance



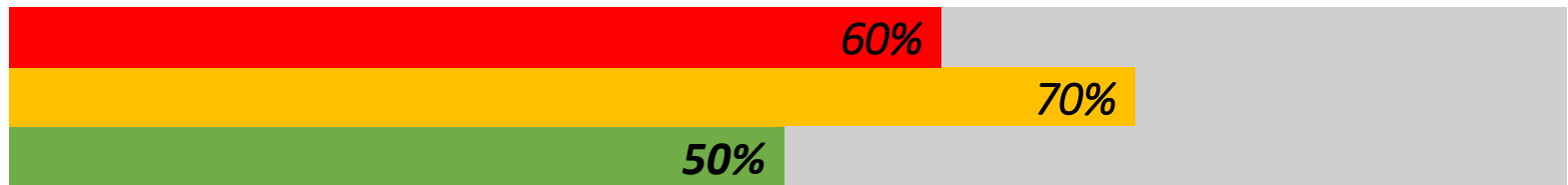
- › FAIRness score per principle [to which the indicator pertain]
- › FAIRness score for the FAIR areas
- › FAIRness score across the FAIR areas, possibly?
- › Documentation of the results

# Development | Scoring\*

Triple overall FAIR score and levels for FAIR areas

*May be too crude and could be misused*

## OVERALL FAIRness



- Mandatory
- Recommended
- Optional

\*Proposal discussed on [GitHub](#)



# Development | Scoring

## FAIRness per area

	Mandatory	Recommended	Optional
Level 0	○		
Level 1	●		
Level 2	●	◐	
Level 3	●	●	
Level 4	●	●	◐
Level 5	●	●	●

- None of the indicators are satisfied
- ◐ Half of the indicators are satisfied
- All indicators are satisfied



# Development | Guidelines, checklist and next steps



## GUIDELINES

- Context
- Framework
- Indicators
  - *Description*
  - *Examples*
  - *Prioritisation*
- Utility and utilization
- Integration with other initiatives
- Continuity



## CHECKLIST

**Summary of the guidelines;** focus on the key elements considered to be FAIR compliant and improve reusability

# Testing the set of indicators

As presented during workshop #3, **we identified two levels of testing;**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Level

- Test whether the indicators are aligned with the current methodologies to measure FAIRness
  - i) Indicator(s) not present in the methodology but in the core set of assessment criteria
  - ii) Indicator(s) present in the methodology but not present in the core set of assessment criteria

In scope for the WG

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Level

- Owner of methodologies to test the core set of assessment criteria (i.e. Indicators with their methodology and a given dataset)

In scope for future work



Next steps

# Next steps

- › We encourage you to share any feedback in the [GitHub](#)
  - › Indicators
  - › Prioritisation
  - › [Scoring](#)
  - › Next steps

## WORKSHOP #6

4 December 2019

09.00 - 10.30 CET | *Morning session*

17.00 - 18.30 CET | *Afternoon session*

# Resources

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/fair-data-maturity-model-wg>

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **Case Statement**

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- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **GitHub**

<https://github.com/RDA-FAIR/FAIR-data-maturity-model-WG>

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **Collaborative document**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gvMfbw46oV1idztsr586aG6-teSn2cPWe\\_RJZG0U4Hg/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gvMfbw46oV1idztsr586aG6-teSn2cPWe_RJZG0U4Hg/edit#gid=0)

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **Indicators prioritisation**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mkjElFrTBPBH0QViODexNur0xNGhJqau0zkL4w8RRAw/edit>

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **Indicators prioritisation survey results**

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=11hyAYCKz\\_NV0Ob9-vIPqjN9LCarOFmc3](https://drive.google.com/open?id=11hyAYCKz_NV0Ob9-vIPqjN9LCarOFmc3)

- › RDA FAIR data maturity model WG – **Mailing list**

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Thank you!