Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)   **Enhanced Publications Project (EPP)**

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1. **What does EPP stand for?**
EPP stands for Enhanced Publications Project, an endeavor to capture and cross link metadata, research data, full-text, and post-publication data related to GreyNet's collection of conference preprints in the OpenGrey Repository
http://www.opengrey.eu/search/request?q=greynet

2. **What is meant by cross-linking?**
Because of diverse and varied formats, research data require a robust data archive for storage, retrieval, and preservation. DANS Archive provides such capabilities. Cross-linking takes place when persistent identifiers assigned to GreyNet's records in DANS become part of the metadata in the OpenGrey Repository. In turn, the persistent identifier or handle assigned to GreyNet records in the OpenGrey Repository is included in its corresponding DANS record. Cross-linking thus allows the user to navigate easily among the full range of available data and information contained in an enhanced publication.

3. **What are the preferred formats for research data?**
Research data is considered first and foremost to be reusable, statistical data in formats such as Excel, SPSS, etc. Also accompanying these primary data files are other accepted files such as audio-visual, text files, spreadsheets, statistical files, databases, and the like. Often such data are too extensive for the page confines on a published article; however they are integrally related to the research. DANS provides online access to a list of preferred and accepted file formats
http://www.dans.knaw.nl/sites/default/files/file/EASY/DANS%20preferred%20formats.pdf

4. **Is DANS the only data archive for GreyNet related research?**
The author/researcher may opt to submit his/her research data to another national or resident data archive. If so, the author/researcher is responsible to provide GreyNet with the persistent identifier assigned to the record so that GreyNet can complete the cross-linking.

5. **Who is responsible for the input of research data?**
The author/researcher can submit his/her data to GreyNet, who in turn will input the research data and carry out the cross linking. Or, the author/researcher can directly input his/her data in DANS or another data archive of choice. In such cases, the full-text paper and accompanying data file(s) should be uploaded at the same time the data record is created. Text entered in the "Description field" should aim to describe the research data. Also the term 'grey literature' should be included in the "Subject field". Further, links to both OpenGrey www.opengrey.eu and GreyNet www.greynet.org should be included in the "Relation field". To facilitate direct data entry in the DANS Archive, visit
http://www.dans.knaw.nl/sites/default/files/file/factsheets/Factsheet%20Your%207%20steps%20to%20sustainable%20data%20DEF.pdf

6. **Is retrospective input of research data welcome in the DANS Archive?**
Yes, all research data related to GreyNet's collection of conference preprints from 1994 till the present are actively solicited for entry in DANS.

7. **Who stands to benefit from open access to research data?**
First and foremost the authors and researchers, who are then followed by other stakeholders in the information chain. Open access to research data inherently contributes to the review process, visibility of grey literature, and scholarly communication within and among the sectors of government, academics, business and industry. While the author/researcher may opt for restricted access to their data, non-restricted open access is preferred.