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ACCoRD – A Community for Contract Regulation for Data

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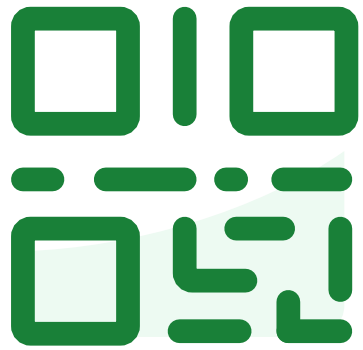
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A data contract defines how data is stored, managed, transferred and used

By working with stakeholders, ACCoRD will identify challenges, share best practices and create solutions to unblock data for UK research





What are the main issues and challenges that slow down the research data contracting process?



In your experience, what is the average time in weeks for a research data contract to be created, agreed and signed?

The Research Data Contracting Challenge



Contracting delays can have a  serious impact on research progress

Due to ..

Complex terminology

Multiple stakeholders, with different:

types of research data

contracting experience

disciplinary backgrounds

The need to ensure compliance

Other factors?

ACCoRD's aims:

To deliver:

- The evidence and roadmap needed to improve and standardize research data contracting
- The community of stakeholders and practitioners who will take this work forwards

ACCoRD's activities:



Delivered through:

- A survey
- 5 workshops
- Interviews
- Community building

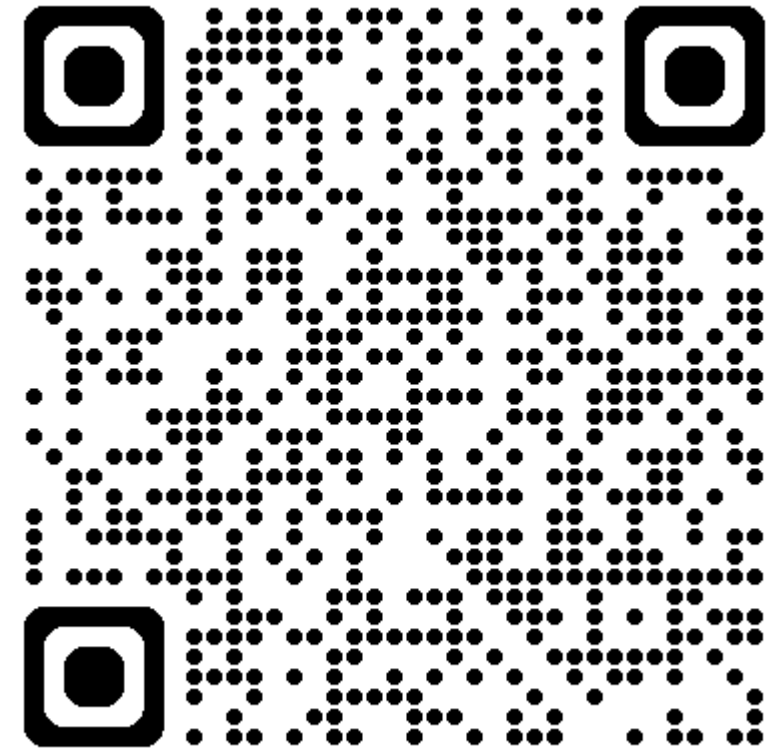


How you can help ..

Complete our
Questionnaire

Stakeholder identification
Best practice
Challenges
Community formation

(Identifying topics for
future ACCoRD
workshops)

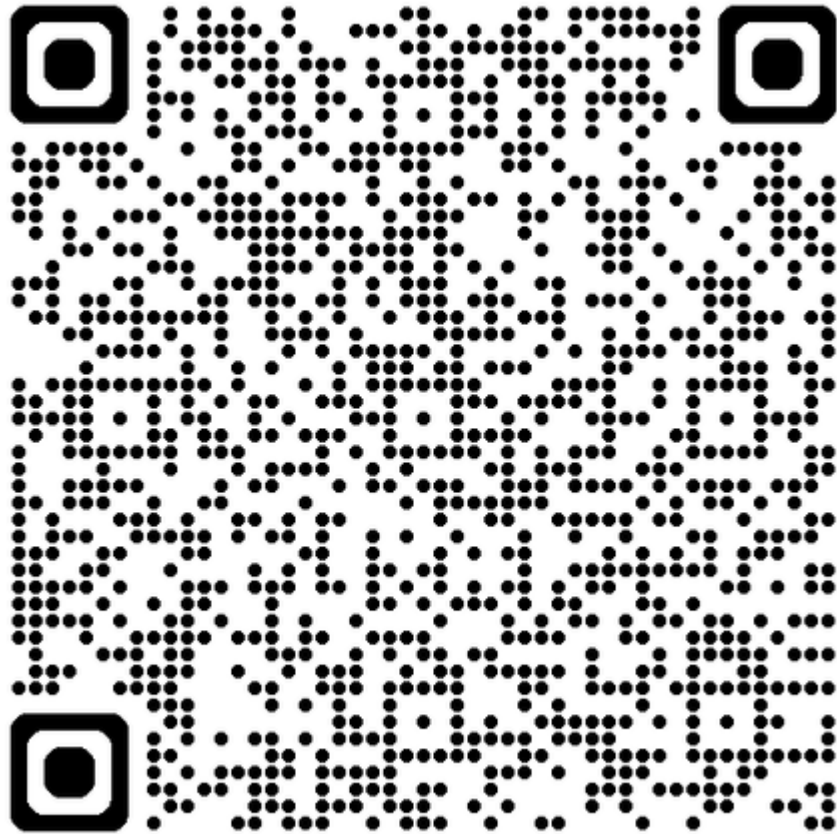


<https://tinyurl.com/accord-survey-ucl>



How you can help ..

Participate in our first workshop



Combining talks and break-out sessions

22nd October 2025

1.30pm – 5pm

London (10 minutes from Kings Cross)

<https://tinyurl.com/accord-workshop>



Join the Community

Sign up to join:

- The **UCL ACCoRD Community**
(active until August 2026)
- The **NCFS Network+ Research Data Contracts Community**
(from August 2026 onwards, but terms of reference will be explored as part of ACCoRD)



<https://tinyurl.com/accord-community>



Who are the stakeholders/stakeholder groups who should be involved in our research data contracting discussions?