

# Statement of data access policy and data management for EUROVOLC TA projects

## Management of data generated during the EUROVOLC TA projects:

1. The general rule is that the data collected or generated during a EUROVOLC TA activity, will be owned by the user (i.e. the team that generated it). However, if a TA proposal requests scientific collaboration with the TA provider during the access activity, then the data ownership should be shared by the user and the provider. In such cases a joint ownership agreement should be signed before the access starts.
2. The Principal Investigator identified in the proposal is responsible for management of the data generated in the TA project.
3. The data generated in the TA project should be made openly accessible to users external to the TA project after an embargo period, which cannot be longer than 3 years. However, exceptions to the length of the embargo can be made if the data are part of an academic thesis. The data format should follow the accepted community standards of the European Plate Observing System (EPOS). In cases where data formats are different from those already defined in EPOS, a document defining the formats must be provided as part of the final report of the TA activity carried out.
4. The metadata for the data generated in the TA project must be implemented and submitted as part of the final report at the end of the TA project. The metadata should follow the accepted community standards of EPOS, so that they can be made discoverable through the EPOS Volcano Thematic Core Service (VO-TCS) portal. In cases where metadata are formats different from those defined in EPOS, a document defining the standard must be provided as part of the final report of the TA activity carried out.
5. The rules of data access (i.e. anonymous, registered, or authorized) should be defined by the user in the TA proposal.
6. Conditions 3 and 4 must be validated by the EPOS VO-TCS before the reimbursement of the costs of the TA projects.

## Existing data in the providers data bases:

- The general rule is that existing data from the TA providers data bases, which are relevant to support the TA activity and requested by the user (as described in the TA proposal), will be made accessible to the user. In cases where the data and/or metadata from the provider's networks are not fully quality checked or processed, the access will be granted on a case-by-case basis. The data provided as they are, must be for the user exclusively and have not to be distributed to a third party. Access limitations may also apply if some of the provider's data are part of an ongoing academic project.