

Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)

Knowledge transfer practices

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The Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)



- * **Multiple activities:**

- * Funding & support of 10 Federal Scientific Institutions (FSI)
- * Coordination (national & international)
- * Management of Belgian participation in space research programmes
- * Management of national research programmes

- * **Annual Budget: Approx 600 M€**

- * **Staff: Approx 2700 (incl FSI's)**

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Contractual obligations in the frame of research programmes



- * **Intellectual Property** : owner of the research results is the research institute carrying out the work generating the result
- * **Dissemination of research results as fast as possible**
- * **Open access**: research results should be made available in a freely accessible institutional deposit (institutional open access repository)
- * **Follow-up committee**:
 - * For each funded project
 - * objective : to follow actively the project and to promote the valorisation of the research by the exchange and provision of data and information, giving advice, suggesting possibilities to valorise the research, etc.
 - * Composition: potential users of the results (policy makers, scientist, industry, ...)
 - * Working modalities (nr of meetings, ...) to be proposed by the researchers

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Contractual obligations



* Reporting :

- * Annual: scientific and administrative
- * Final report:
 - * published (hardcopy and BELSPO website)
 - * in English
 - * covers whole project
 - * sent to all users and interested parties



* Transfer of data to BMDC (Belgian Marine Data Centre)

- * Online database <http://www.mumm.ac.be/datacentre/>
- * Transfer on yearly basis
- * Embargo of 24 months

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Project level



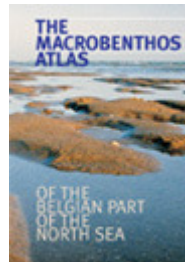
- * **Valorisation activities needs to be defined in the research proposal**

- * **What all projects do:**

- * Scientific publications
- * Participation in conferences, symposia, ... (poster/presentation)
- * Dedicated project website

- * **What some projects do:**

- * Organise workshops/conferences to present their results
- * Publish specific books/atlas for general public/policy maker



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* **Science Connection:**

- * Belspo magazine
- * 5 times/year; 20.000 ex.
- * General public
- * French/Dutch
- * http://www.belspo.be/belspo/organisation/publ_science_en.stm



* **Programme/thematic website**

- * www.belspo.be/BRAIN-be
- * www.belspo.be/Northsea
- * ...

* **Ad-hoc activities**

- * Organisation of conferences
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