

# Forum 3: Designing a FAIR-Compliant Repository System:

## Looking FAIR-Compliance from a socio-technical perspective

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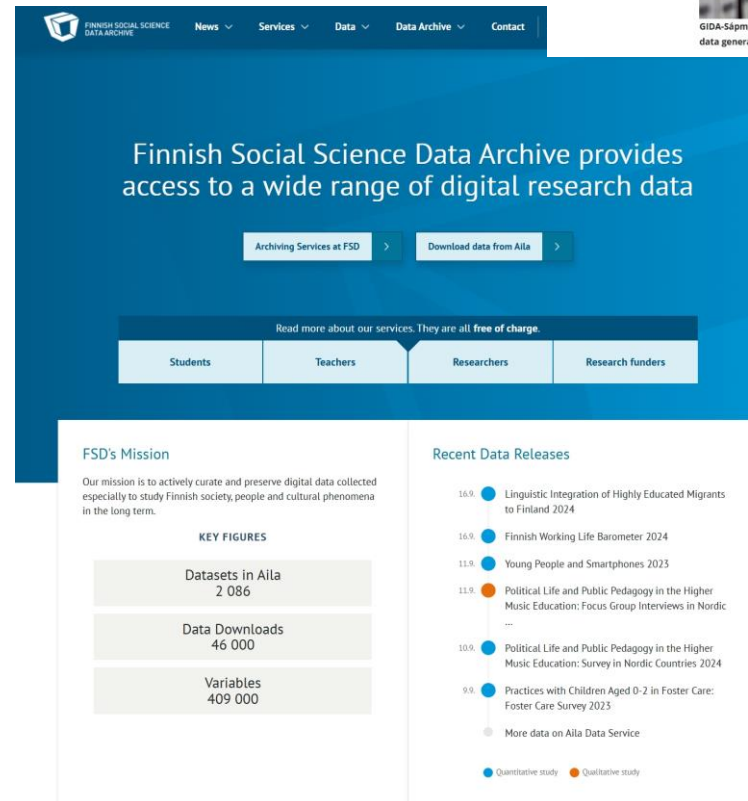


**User-centered systems are important.**

**If researchers can't *find* repositories or *publish* easily, FAIR dies in practice even if the checklist passes.**

# Regional Context Matters in FAIR Design – Examples from Finland

- Beyond global standards (e.g. ORCID, metadata principles), how does FAIR manifest locally?
- What counts as Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable in Finland?
- After building repositories, success depends on the Human Layer → user support & communication.



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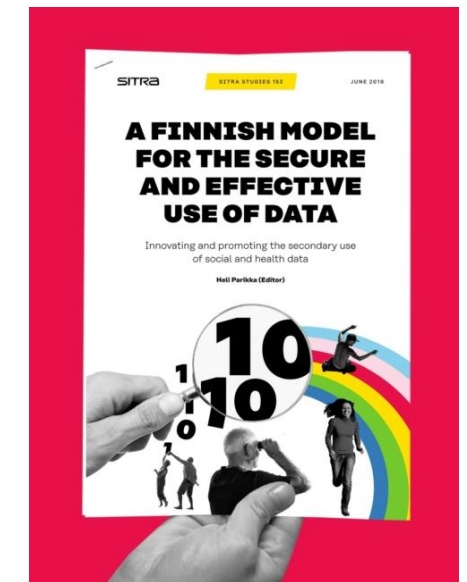
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# Helpful Principles and Concepts for Repository Design

- **FAIR Principles:** Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable (Wilkinson et al., 2016)
- **TRUST Principles** for making repositories trustworthy – Transparency, Responsibility, User focus, Sustainability and Technology (Lin et al., 2020)
- **CARE Principles** for Indigenous Data Governance – Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility, and Ethics (Carroll et al., 2020)
- Service design – helpful methods for implementing FAIR/TRUST/CARE in ways people can actually use i.e. putting the user at the center
- Infrastructural Inversion – focusing on the important but invisible aspects of a repository (e.g. metadata crosswalks and repository policies). Does the ‘invisible’ work? What type of users do these aspects prioritize? Is the design intentional? (Bowker & Star, 1999; see also Narlock et al., 2024)

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