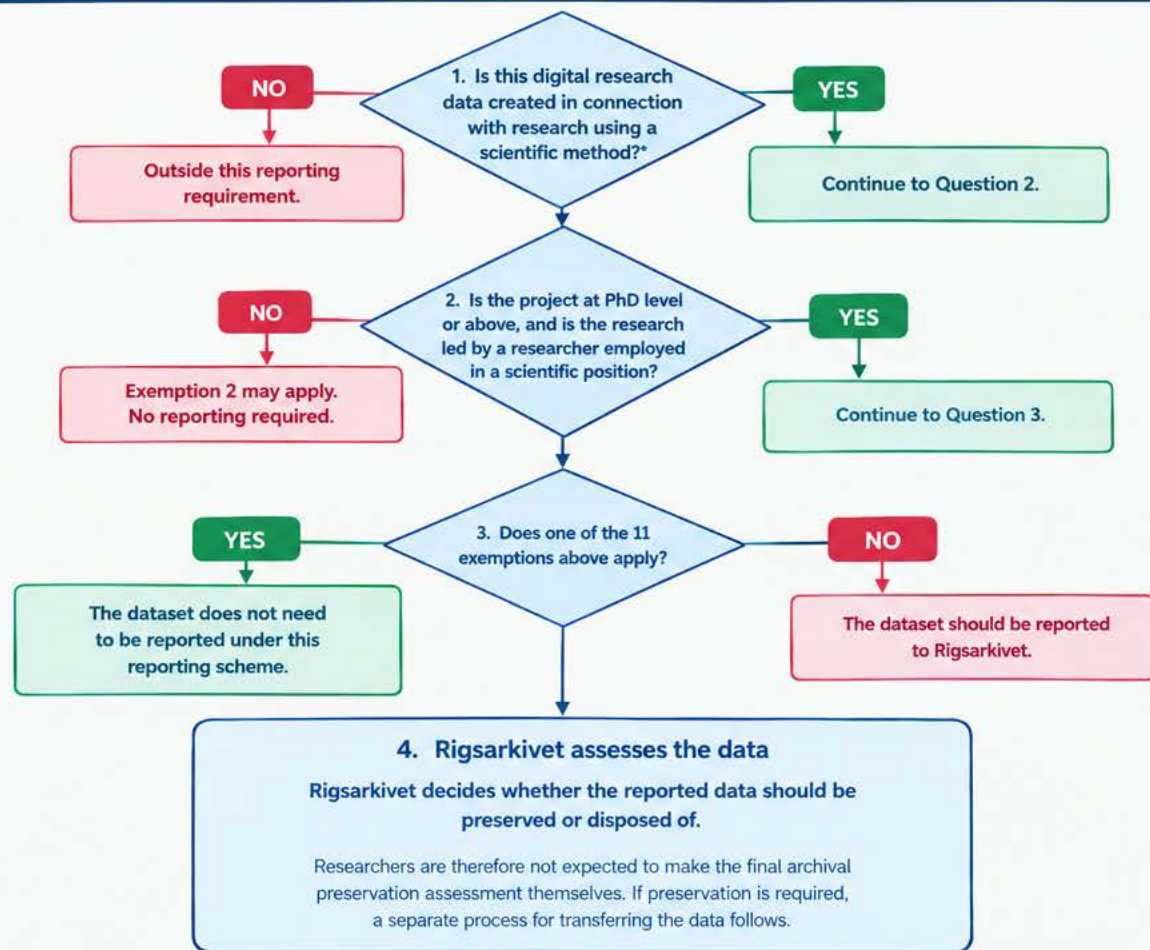


Reporting of Digital Research Data

Decision flowchart



About the guidance

These guides are based on:

"Vejledning til anmeldelse af digitale forskningsdata skabt af statslige myndigheder Bekendtgørelse nr. 7 af 6. januar 2026".



Example: EU and externally funded collaborative projects

EU funding or participation in a collaborative project (e.g. Interreg) does not in itself exempt research data from reporting. Consider the research data for which the university has rights and/or responsibility and then assess whether one of the exemptions applies.



Digital research data

Digital research data refers to data created in the course of research using a scientific method, as well as the associated documentation explaining the nature of the data, how it was generated, and its overall purpose.

The 11 exemptions

Research data do NOT need to be reported when:

- 1 Already reported:** The data have previously been reported to Rigsarkivet and no new data have been added.
- 2 Below PhD level:** The project is below PhD level, or the leading researcher is not employed in a scientific position. Data from approved PhD projects must be reported.
- 3 Pilot study:** The data are from a pilot project intended to test research design, methods or feasibility before a primary project. The subsequent primary project remains subject to the reporting requirement.
- 4 Private background data:** The data are background data provided by a private company, institution or association. New research data subsequently created by the public research institution may still be subject to reporting.
- 5 Background data in co-financed research:** Existing background data contributed by an external partner in a co-financed project are exempt. Data generated by the public research team itself are not covered by this exemption merely because the project is co-financed.
- 6 Repeatable experiments or simulations:** The data result from experiments or simulations that can be recreated and are not uniquely bound to time, place or environment. Rigsarkivet notes that human experiments are generally considered non-repeatable and should therefore be reported.
- 7 Administrative register linkage:** The data are created solely by linking existing administrative registers. If the register data are enriched with new, unique research data, such as questionnaire data, the exemption no longer covers those new research data.
- 8 Complete dataset already covered by legal deposit:** The entire dataset has been published in material covered by the Danish Legal Deposit Act. Publication of an article based on the data is not sufficient; the exemption concerns the dataset in its entirety.
- 9 Literary texts:** The data consists exclusively of reproductions of literary texts already covered by legal deposit and have not been enriched with new research data.
- 10 Existing public archives:** The data are based exclusively on archival records already transferred, or due to be transferred, to a public archive, without the addition of unique new research data.
- 11 Cultural heritage collections:** The data are based on collections held by state cultural heritage institutions and have not been enriched with new research data or new coding that adds value to the dataset.