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Much of the material included in this paper is not new and can be found in COPE Guidelines (as stated in the paper) and a variety of European Guidance documents including the UK Concordat and UKRIO Guidelines, and in the Montreal and Singapore Statements.

The important contribution is in the final part, 'Overcoming barriers to communication' which is a major challenge for the international research environment. The paper acknowledges this issue but does not really come up with solutions as to how this could be dealt with on a global scale. This is particularly challenging, as stated when researchers move from country to country with different privacy laws. Just referring to 'relevant federal and institutional policies' may not be sufficiently encompassing to make this a truly international document. The value would be enhanced if this aspect could be developed further.

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