

WP1 – Auto Ethnography

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Auto-ethnography in TIER2 – the aims

- Take an auto-ethnographic approach to study our own project as a case study.
- Ensure TIER2 adheres to state-of-the-art practices for reproducibility.
- Reflect upon the challenges, costs & benefits resulting from such reproducibility & transparency approaches in the context of international, multidisciplinary project consortia.
- This will lead to a final self-reflection report & feed into the synthesis of results obtained from the empirical work in WPs 3-5.

Auto-ethnography in TIER2 – the methods

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- Discussion sessions during every GA and the KoM
- Reproducibility Diaries

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Consortium survey prior to every GA

Ahead of every GA, all consortium members will be asked to fill out a short online survey reflecting on the reproducibility practices within the project. Data from these brief and individual reflections will feed into the plenary discussions during the GA.

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Discussion sessions during every GA and the KoM

During every GA a 30 – 45-minute session will be devoted to reflecting on reproducibility practices, potential and challenges within the TIER2 project. The session will consist of a plenary discussion moderated by Tony and Serge, taking the answers to the pre-GA survey as input for discussions. The session will be audio-recorded and field notes will be taken, constituting part of the data for the self-reflection report. D1.3.

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Reproducibility Diaries

During the project lifetime, five consortium members will be asked to keep a ‘reproducibility diary’, reflecting on their reproducibility practices and perceptions, both related to TIER2 and beyond. They will be asked to complete a diary entry every quarter, i.e. four times a year. Diary entries are free in form, length and content. They will be collected through shared online documents.

Any volunteers?

First general discussion

For the next five minutes:

In pairs (for those in Amsterdam) or individually (for those joining online)

- Think about one of the tasks that you will be most involved with in TIER2. Then discuss:
 - What does reproducibility mean in your context?
 - What reproducibility challenges do you anticipate?
 - How could these be addressed?
 - What would you need to reach maximal reproducibility of this task?

Post your answers to this padlet: REDACTED

Collective brainstorm

Thinking about TIER2's core empirical tasks:

- who do we envision to reproduce these tasks or benefit from the efforts to optimise reproducibility (e.g. data or protocol availability)?
- What would these actors need to benefit maximally from our work?
- What costs are involved for TIER2 and its members?