

# Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources An Assessment of the Pisa Declaration



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In the spring of 2014, a workshop took place at the Italian National Council of Research in Pisa. The topic of this event dealt with policy development for grey literature resources. Seventy participants from nine countries took an active part in the workshop – the outcome of which produced what is today known as the Pisa Declaration.

This fifteen point document arising from the input of those who attended the workshop sought to provide a roadmap that would help to serve diverse communities involved in research, publication and the management of grey literature both in electronic and print formats.

140 information professionals representing 74 organizations from 30 countries have endorsed the Pisa Declaration

Translated and published  
in 21 languages

## What impact has this document had on library and information practice?

**Initial contact**

**Question 1**

How did you first come to endorse the Pisa Declaration?

Answer Choices	Responses
I attended the workshop where the Pisa Declaration was drafted	18.84% 11
I was made aware via the GreyGuide Portal and Repository	3.33% 2
I was alerted by GreyNet International	59.23% 35
I was alerted by colleagues	18.84% 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>

**Primary concerns**

**Question 2**

Indicate the Organizational point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choices	Responses
Greater commitment to open access by governments and organizations	60.78% 31
Greater cooperation and coordination among organizations engaged in the production, use, collection and management of grey literature	65.67% 34
The use of persistent identifiers and open metadata standards for grey literature	43.14% 22
Other (not specifically mentioned in the Declaration)	3.92% 2
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>51</b>

**Research & Education**

**Question 3**

Indicate the Research and Educational point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choices	Responses
New forms of recognition and reward for quality grey literature materials by governments, universities and other institutions	44.68% 21
Improved standards in the production and bibliographic control of grey literature	46.47% 19
Development and implementation of interoperable standards in the management of grey literature	51.08% 24
Development of good practice guides for the production, dissemination, and evaluation of grey literature	63.87% 30
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>47</b>

**Legal aspects**

**Question 4**

Indicate the Legal point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choices	Responses
Changes to legal deposit and copyright law that enhance the capacities of libraries, collecting services and educational institutions and programs to collect and provide access to grey literature, particularly non-commercial public interest materials	75.00% 33
Addressing legal obstacles to the dissemination of grey literature	56.00% 22
Further strides in licensing grey content for both commercial and non-commercial purposes	13.64% 6
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>44</b>

**Financial issues**

**Question 5**

Indicate the Financial and Sustainable point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choices	Responses
Identifying available funding for research involving grey literature	34.89% 15
Increased support for collection development and long term preservation of grey literature	55.82% 25
Increased investment in infrastructure and new technologies for accessing and saving print and digital literature	63.64% 28
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>44</b>

**Technical points**

**Question 6**

Indicate the Technical point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choices	Responses
Strategies to tackle link rot and enhance the stability and accessibility of online content	44.19% 19
Systems for linking data and other non-textual content to their grey literature publications together with interoperability standards for sharing grey literature	83.72% 36
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>43</b>

**New translations**

**Question 7**

Is there a language not listed above in which the **Pisa Declaration** should be translated and published?

If so, please indicate here

**Pisa Declaration on Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources**

**Now in 21 languages**

Language	Count
Armenian	1
Bulgarian	1
Croatian	1
Czech	1
Dutch	1
English	1
French	1
German	1
Greek	1
Hindi	1
Hungarian	1
Italian	1
Japanese	1
Korean	1
Macedonian	1
Russian	1
Slovak	1
Spanish	1
Turkish	1
Yagalog	1

**Public awareness**

**Question 8**

Have you had the opportunity to promote public awareness to the Pisa Declaration? If so,

Answer Choices	Responses
By publishing it on your organization's website	15.93% 7
By mentioning it at a conference or meeting	72.97% 27
By referencing it in a publication	32.43% 12
By translating it in one of the above mentioned languages	15.93% 7
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>37</b>