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Share Family becomes a supporter of the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information

The [Share Family Advisory Council](#) is pleased to announce that the Share Family has signed the Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information as a supporter. By joining the Declaration, the Share Family reaffirms its commitment to openness, interoperability and reuse as essential principles for the production, management and sharing of open metadata, research and bibliographic information.

Launched in Europe in 2024, the Barcelona Declaration calls on organizations that produce, use or support research information to make openness the default, and to work collectively towards infrastructures, systems and services that enable open research information. Its objectives underline the importance of ensuring that information about research outputs, contributors, affiliations, funding and related data can be accessed, connected and reused through open standards and identifiers.

By signing the Barcelona Declaration, the Share Family reinforces its contribution to an open research information landscape and to the broader movement for sustainable, transparent and community-governed knowledge infrastructures. The signature confirms the role of the Share Family community in promoting shared responsibility for the creation, maintenance and reuse of high-quality metadata in support of research, learning and cultural heritage discovery.

This commitment is reflected in the [Share Family principles](#), [Open Metadata Policy](#) and [LOD Platform technology](#), which together support a mature bibliographic ecosystem grounded in openness, interoperability and cooperation, enabling data to be connected, enriched, exchanged and reused beyond individual institutions, while facilitating interoperability with third-party systems, including local LSP/ILS environments.

Promoted and driven by the Share Family Advisory Council, its working groups and the international community of participating institutions, with the support of [Casalini Libri](#) and [@Cult](#), the Share Family continues to advance the practical adoption of Linked Open Data, open metadata and collaborative data management, assisting the transition towards an open bibliographic and research information landscape.

Further information is available on the [Share Family website](#), the [Share Family Wiki](#) and the [Barcelona Declaration website](#).