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Walking the talk about Open Science and Research Integrity in Greece

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Since January 2025 the first coordinated nation-wide effort, to raise the awareness of the Academic and research community on Open Science (OS) and Research Integrity (RI), has been taking place in Greece. This effort is being led by the Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (HEAL-Link), a non-profit organization, centrally funded by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs of Greece (<https://www.heal-link.gr/en/home-3/>). HEAL-Link is comprised of 43 member-institutions, including the academic libraries of all Greek Universities and Research Centers, the National Library of Greece, and other key research-related institutions. Its mission is to unify all Greek academic and research libraries under a collaborative framework, enhancing access to global scholarly scientific information through publishers' agreements, supporting openness and data sharing, and offering services critical to the dissemination and sustainability of research outputs. This awareness-raising initiative is being delivered in the form of onsite seminars that conclude with an interactive session. The target audience is post-graduate students, researchers of all career levels, faculty members, librarians, and administrative staff of Greek Universities and Research Centers. The aims of the seminars are to provide basic knowledge on OS, RI, and Reproducibility, to inform about the ongoing efforts and existing tools that promote OS, RI, and Reproducibility in Europe and beyond, as well as to catalyse policies that incentivise good research practices and promote a research culture that builds societal trust in science. The seminars have kick-started in February 2025 from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. By the time this abstract is written, 13 seminars in 10 different Greek Universities have been already planned and there are expressions of interest from other four Greek Universities. The aim of this work is to present the strategy HEAL-Link followed to attract attention on the seminars and the input gained from the participants, either in real time – in the form of questions posed or comments expressed during the seminars – or asynchronously – via the assessment forms that are being circulated after each seminar.