

Accountability Principles for Research Organisations

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This report

- develops a framework for analysing accountability from a normative and instrumental perspective
- allows think-tanks and research institutes to identify and balance their stakeholders;
- presents guidelines to assist the practical implementation of accountability principles

The versions available

- [Accountability Principles for Research Organisations Executive Summary](#)
- [Accountability Principles for Research Organisations Full Report](#)
- [Accountability Principles for Research Organisations Toolkit](#)

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