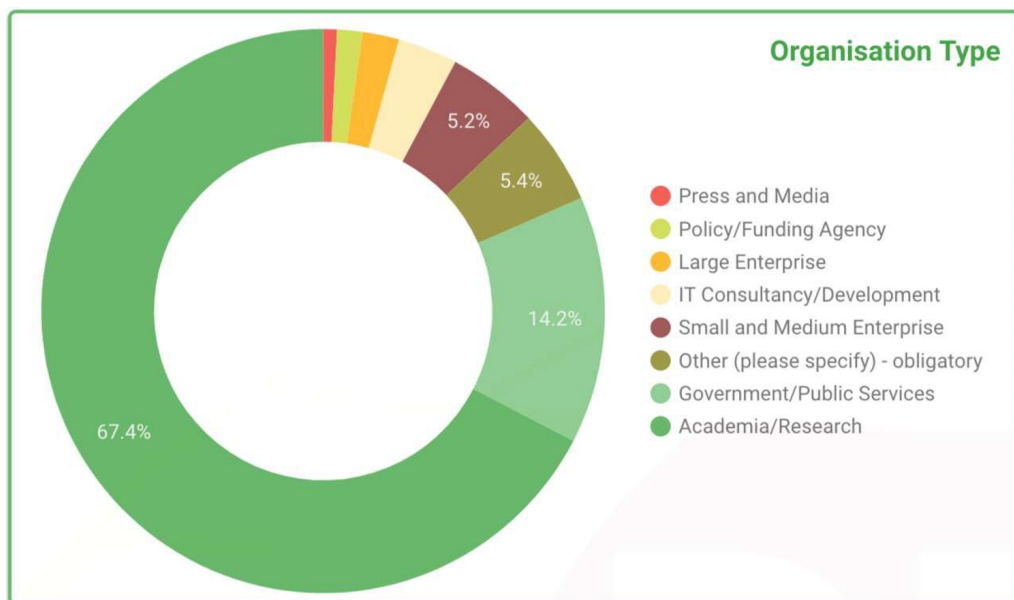


# Research Data Sharing without Barriers: The role of the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and RDA Austria

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The Research Data Alliance (RDA) is a global organization dedicated to supporting researchers and innovators to develop the policies, programs, and tools necessary to eliminate the social and technical barriers to data sharing and re-use. RDA is committed to providing a community-driven neutral space in which its members can connect and explore viable solutions that address the grand challenges of our data-dependent society. With more than 7,300 members globally representing 137 countries, RDA includes researchers, scientists and data science professionals working in multiple disciplines, domains and thematic fields and from different types of organisations across the globe.



**Fig. 1:** Who is RDA

In this talk we will present the mission and structure of RDA and the role served by the emerging regional nodes such as RDA Austria. RDA Austria is a new national RDA node dedicated to representing emerging research and data management communities throughout Austria. It operates as a formal participant of RDA Europe, linking Austrian data management initiatives and RDA Working and Interest Groups, providing assistance in adoption of RDA recommendations, and allowing Austrian stakeholders to benefit directly from RDA Europe support mechanisms. These new connections will bring key Austrian issues to the global data management table, and global discussions back to Austria.