



The Saami Council decides on the following Sámi Ownership and Data Access principles (SODA):

1. **Collective Benefit:** Ensure that the collection, storage, and use of Sámi research data contribute to the collective benefit of the Sámi people and their communities. Data should be used in ways that support Sámi rights, interests, and cultural values, and contribute to the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the Sámi communities.
2. **Sámi Authority to Control:** Recognize and respect the authority of the Sámi people and their representative institutions to govern and control their data. Researchers should obtain free, prior, and informed consent from the relevant Sámi communities and institutions before collecting, storing, or using data, and should involve them in decision-making processes related to data management and sharing.
3. **Sámi Ownership:** Acknowledge the rights of the Sámi people and their representative institutions to own and control their data. Develop guidelines on data ownership, specifying the rights and responsibilities of data owners, and outlining procedures for transferring or sharing data ownership in accordance with the wishes of the Sámi communities and institutions involved.
4. **Sámi Responsibility:** Acknowledge the responsibility of researchers, institutions, and data custodians to ensure that Sámi research data is collected, managed, stored, and used in a manner that upholds the rights, dignity, and cultural values of the Sámi people. This includes adhering to relevant legal frameworks, ethical guidelines, and Sámi cultural protocols when handling data, as well as maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of Sámi individuals and communities.
5. **Sámi Ethics:** Ensure that all aspects of the research data lifecycle, including collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination, are guided by ethical principles that prioritize the well-being, dignity, and autonomy of the Sámi people. This includes using culturally appropriate methods, respecting Sámi knowledge systems and worldviews, and acknowledging the potential impacts of research on Sámi communities and individuals.

By including ownership as part of the Sámi Research Data Storage policy/guideline, researchers and institutions can better ensure that the rights and interests of the Sámi people are respected and protected, while promoting ethical and responsible research practices related to research in Sápmi.