

# Terms & conditions of use – version 2

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These guidelines aim at defining the diffusion and utilization rules for the data of the database of the hydrogeological network H+. They should be approved by every external user before accessing the data. The data from the H+ database are under the license **CC BY International 4.0**. This license covers the data producers rights and stipulates the following conditions :

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Each of these conditions could be waived if the data owner gives the formal authorization. Nothing in this charter reduces or limits the moral right of the author(s).

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Additionally, every user external to the H+ network must accept the following terms & conditions of use to access the data.

1. The data are available on the H+ website (<https://hplus.ore.fr/en/>) in the section “Database”. The access to the data is free.
2. To access the database, the user needs a login and a password, provided on request on the website page <https://hplus.ore.fr/en/database/acces-database>.
3. When the data are inserted in the database, they are considered available without restriction for all users with previous access to the database.
4. The usual rules for data utilization and publication should be respected (quotations, acknowledgements...). The agreements will be previously obtained from the data suppliers. In any case, the data source must be mentioned in the publication or in the acknowledgements in the form of “Data from the national network of hydrogeological sites H+, <https://hplus.ore.fr/en>”.
5. In case of dispute, the H+ network supervisors will arbitrate.

6. Every data user must inform the data owner and submit to the owner every paper that uses the data, before transmission to a journal.
7. Every data user using data in a published paper commits to send a copy of his article to an H+ network supervisor.
8. The data users are not allowed to disseminate the data outside of the H+ network without the authorization of the H+ network supervisors. The only way to access the data is by the website of the H+ network.
9. All submitted DOIs associated to datasets stored in the H+ database are listed on
  - a. <https://hplus.ore.fr/en/database/doi-of-datasets>
  - b. <https://commons.datacite.org/doi.org?query=publisher%3ASNO+H%2B>.  
If using these datasets, please cite them as datacite organization or as following if using the H+ database :  
INSU CNRS. (2005). *Database of the H+ network of hydrogeological observatories*. SNO H+. <https://doi.org/10.26169/HPLUS.ALL>
10. Hydrogeophysical data from OZCAR (French network of Critical Zone observatories) and other national observing services are stored in the H+ database. They may be subject to special conditions of access and use. It's therefore advisable to enquire on the observatoies web sites before any use and access .

#### Technical recommendations

The H+ web portal is optimized for a display through the browser Mozilla Firefox/Chrome.

To read some documents, the user will need a PDF files reader and the Google Earth plugin.