

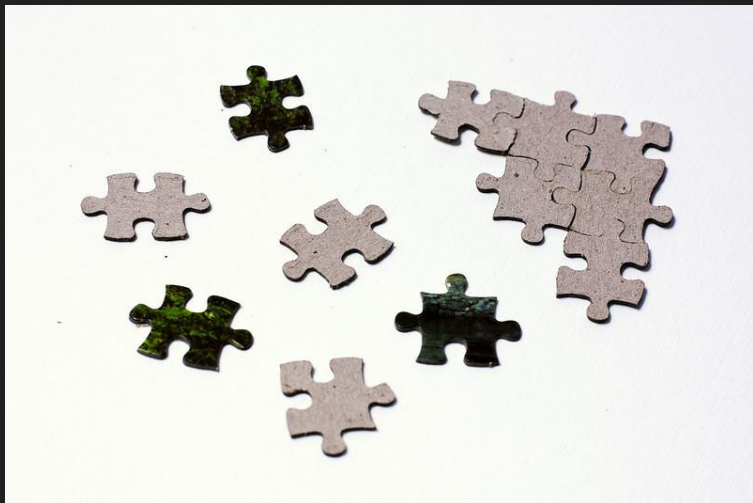
Improving Data Quality through Data Stewardship: An emerging Community of Data Stewards in Germany

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The why & how of a national community of data stewards



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- Many activities on RDM & data stewardship
 - NFDI, Section EduTrain
 - DINI/nestor AG Forschungsdaten
 - Data Competence Centers
 - Federal State Initiatives, ...
- Lack of
 - a clear definition of a data steward
 - integration of data stewards into research teams
 - professionalisation
 - career tracks
 - institutional strategic awareness

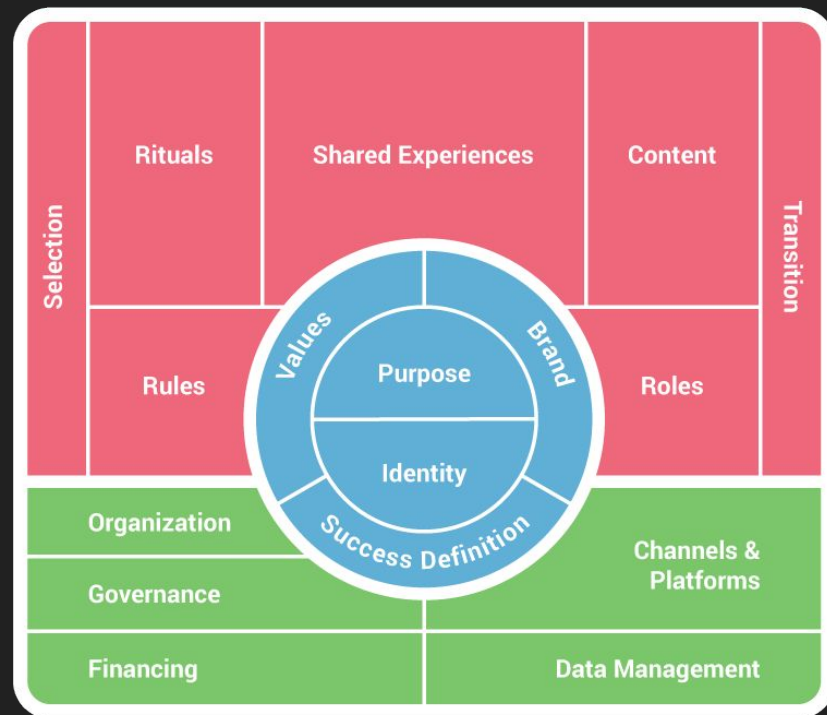
- **Realisation:** there is much more than just sharing experiences and knowing other fellows

The why & how of a national community of data stewards

- ★ [Data Stewardship in RDM](#) 2020
- ★ [DataStew](#) project 2022
- ★ [Data Stewardship goes Germany](#) (DSgG) 2022, 23, 24
- ★ [SFB-INF workshop](#) 2024

→ Community building exercise at DSgG 24 based on community canvas

→ **Three active working groups emerged**



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Vision

Data Stewardship as a strategic cross-cutting priority in the research ecosystem

- **Co-Creation**
- **Transparency**
- **Drive cultural change**
- **Professional Development:**
Strong national **networking** and beyond
- **Sustainability**

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Challenges

Exchange about common challenges, such as those related to

- Roles/ def. of Data Stewards
- Infrastructure & providers
- Internal communication
- Cultural change
- Finding RDM resources & get researchers to use tools
- Reaching people
- Legal questions
- ...

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Yellow pages & communication

Goals:

- Virtual space for stewards to communicate
- Easy access
- Community-driven

Needs:

- Involvement of members with a technical interest

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Please join!

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