

# Addendum to the Terms of Reference for the FAIR Reference Group in 2026

This document is an addendum to the [Terms of Reference for the FAIR Reference Group 2023–24](#), which was extended until the end of 2025<sup>1</sup>.

The addendum provides an updated mandate for the FAIR Reference Group and its working groups in 2026. The addendum has been prepared based on the results achieved so far concerning progress in the implementation of the National Strategy for Data Management based on the FAIR Principles.

## For the Action Plan 2026

- The action areas may be adjusted, if relevant, as a consequence of the results from previous reports.
- Action areas that are no longer deemed relevant may be recommended for closure
- Knowledge sharing with university leadership or other relevant stakeholders is given increased attention, including via an annual meeting for the FAIR Reference Group and all the working groups.
- Consider developing a concrete monitoring mechanism to measure progress in implementing the strategy, which can be used in communication with leadership and others.

## For the 2026 Annual Report

- A concrete review of the effects or progress since previous reports is requested.
- A general account of the implementation and progress of the [strategy](#) since its publication in 2021 is requested.
- A more detailed report is requested concerning the need for a national competence center to support the cross-institutional development of FAIR competencies at universities, including possible organisational models for such a center, and a national solution for long-term preservation of research data to support the implementation of the strategy.
- The FAIR Reference Group and its' working groups are asked to evaluate their own function and the need for any changes that could increase progress in the work and counteract potential overlaps in monitoring the strategy implementation<sup>2</sup>.

If the working groups are to continue their activities beyond 2026, a new addendum will be prepared based on the 2026 annual report.

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<sup>1</sup> Mandateperiode II.

<sup>2</sup> This has been added to give the working groups an opportunity to reflect on changes in group composition over time, as well as their experiences with thematic overlaps.