**Flemish data management plan (DMP) template**

This is a standardized DMP template for all Flemish funded research that contains the core requirements for data management planning.

To help you fill out this DMP, consult the (institutional) guidance, the [glossary](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16918375), or contact your institution’s research support team.

**General project information**

Project title:

Project abstract:

Research funding information:

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| **Creator and contributors** | | | |
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| **Version information** | | |
| Version of this DMP | Date of this DMP version | Changes made in this version compared to the previous version |
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**1. Research Data Summary**

1.1 List and describe all data and research materials that you plan to generate/collect and/or reuse throughout your research project (e.g. original, output, raw, processed, analyzed datasets).

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| Dataset reference | Description | New or reused | Data type | Digital Data format | Digital data volume (MB/GB/TB) | Physical volume |
|  |  | *Please choose from the following options:*   * generate new data * reuse existing data | *Please choose from the following options:*   * audiovisual * numerical * image * model * software * text * workflow * physical object * other | *For example: .csv, .pdf, .txt, …* | *Please choose from the following options:*   * <100MB * <1GB * <100GB * <1TB * <5TB * <10TB * <50TB * >50TB * NA |  |
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Guidance:

Start a new row in the table for each dataset that you will generate/collect or reuse during your research project and fill in the following information:

**Dataset reference**: provide an abbreviation or ID per dataset to be able to refer to it in other sections of the DMP.

**Description**: describe for each dataset its content and method of collection/creation (e.g. workflow, methodology, software used).

**New or reused**: indicate for each dataset whether it is newly generated within this research project or whether it existed already outside of the project.

**Data type**: select for each dataset one or more data types from the list.

**Digital data format**: indicate the format for each digital dataset.

**Digital data volume**: give an estimation of the upper limit of the volume for each dataset.

**Physical volume**: give an estimation of the physical volume of the research materials (for example the number of relevant biological samples that need to be stored and preserved during the project and/or after).

1.2 If you reuse existing data, specify the source:

☐ previous research from myself or my group

☐ publicly available data including journal papers and data repositories

☐ data from an academic, clinical or other not-for-profit collaborator

☐ data from an industry partner

☐ commercial data provider or other purchased data

☐ other, specify:

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1.3 Are there any ethical considerations for your project? If applicable, indicate your ethical approval number.

☐ No ethical considerations

☐ Human participants (e.g. interviews/surveys, experiments)

☐ Human bodily material or patient data

☐ Experiments on animals

☐ Research results that can be used for military or unethical purposes (dual use or violations of human rights)

☐ Other, specify:

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Guidance:

If any of the listed options apply to your project, you may need to seek ethical approval from your institution's ethical committee (EC). Be aware that the mentioned list is not exhaustive

1.4 Will you process personal data (data in scope of the GDPR)? If so, mention the dataset reference to which this applies. If applicable, provide a reference to the privacy register.

☐ Yes: I collect and process personal data

☐ Yes: I process existing personal data (including pseudonymous data)

☐ No

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Guidance:

Consult the DMP glossary for an elaborate explanation of what is “personal data”.

1.5 Do any of the following ethical and legal considerations apply to your research? If so, indicate to which dataset(s) they relate and which restrictions they imply.

☐ Potential for commercial valorization

☐ Material/data transfer agreements, research collaboration agreements, etc.

☐ Intellectual property rights

☐ Data ownership

☐ Other, specify:

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Guidance:

Contact your institution's legal department (e.g. Tech Transfer Office) for more information or guidance.

**2. Documentation and Metadata**

2.1 What documentation or other supporting material will accompany the data for it to be interpreted correctly? e.g. (Electronic) Lab Notebooks, README files, codebooks etc.

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2.2 How will metadata be provided for the data? If already known, list for each dataset which standard metadata schema will be used and/or what type of metadata will be provided.

☐ Provided in the data file

☐ Via a data storage or management platform

☐ Via a data repository

☐ As a separate file accompanying the data

☐ Other, specify:

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Guidance:

Repositories could ask to deliver metadata in a certain format, with specified ontologies and vocabularies, i.e. standard lists with unique identifiers. Please check target repositories’ metadata requirements.

**3. Data storage & back-up during the research project**

3.1 Where will the digital and physical data be stored during the project?

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Describe the storage locations and procedures that will be used for storing digital and physical data during research.

3.2 How will the digital data be backed up?

☐ I store my data on the institution’s storage for which back-up is provided by the institution.

☐ I make my own backups, for which I describe the procedure below.

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3.3 Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of.

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3.4 How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

* Define for each dataset who (role) has access to it and how, including secure data transfer between project partners during the project.
* When working with personal or otherwise confidential data, explain the pseudonymization procedures and other security measures (e.g. encryption, multi-factor authentication, etc.).

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3.5 What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

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**4. Data preservation after the end of the research project**

4.1 Indicate for each dataset how long it will be preserved after the research project is finished, and at which storage location. If you cannot preserve the data for at least five years (**or longer**, in agreement with other preservation policies that are applicable), clarify the reason for this.

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| Dataset reference | Expected preservation period | Which reason(s) do you have for not preserving this dataset?   * Not applicable * Privacy aspects * Legal or contractual restrictions * Commercial restrictions * Institutional policies * Other, specify: | Where will the dataset be preserved? |
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4.2 What are the expected costs for data preservation? How will these costs be covered?

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**5. Data sharing and reuse**

5.1 Specify for each dataset how it will be made findable or discoverable by others: access level, access conditions, location. If you cannot share the (meta)data, clarify the reason for this.

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| Dataset reference | Access level   * Open * Embargoed * Restricted * Metadata only * Closed | If access is not open, which reason(s) do you have for not opening up?   * Not applicable * Privacy aspects * Legal or contractual restrictions * Commercial restrictions * Institutional policies * Other, specify: | If access is not open, who will be able to access the data and under which conditions? | If applicable, where will the dataset be made findable and discoverable? |
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Guidance:

Access level\*:

* **Open**: immediately and permanently online, and free for all on the Web, without financial and technical barriers.
* **Embargoed**: metadata only access until released for open access on a certain date.
* **Restricted**: available in a system but with some type of restriction for full open access (e.g. login or data access request required).
* **Metadata only**: access is limited to metadata only.
* **Closed**: not findable or discoverable, i.e. stored on a private (institutional) platform.

\* modified from <https://vocabularies.coar-repositories.org/access_rights/1.1/>

5.2 When will the data be made available? For each dataset, state when it will be made findable and if an embargo is foreseen.

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Guidance:

This could be a specific date or an indication such as ‘upon publication of research results’, ‘after protection of intellectual property rights has been secured’, etc.

5.3 If already known, please specify the data usage licenses that you are going to assign to each dataset. Check your institutional guidance for more information.

☐ The default license of the repository, namely …

☐ A Creative Commons license, namely …

☐ An open source software license, namely …

☐ Other, specify:

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Guidance:

A data usage license indicates under which conditions the data can be reused. If no license is granted, the data cannot be legally reused. You may only release data under a license chosen by yourself if it does not already fall under another license that might prohibit that.

If there are restrictions for sharing the data, a data sharing agreement may be needed, which can be clarified under the category “other”. Contact your institution’s research support team for guidance.

5.4 For each dataset deposited in a repository, mention the persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, accession number, …) provided by that repository.

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Guidance:

This question is only applicable if there are already datasets deposited in a repository.

5.5 What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

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Guidance:

Additional resources might be needed to prepare data for deposit or to meet any charges from data repositories. If yes, explain how much is needed and how such costs will be covered.

**6. Responsibilities**

6.1 Who is responsible for managing the data and updating the DMP **during** the project? Please state a position and the current person in that position.

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6.2 Who is responsible for the data management **after** the project ends? Please state a position and the current person in that position.

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6.3 Who bears the overall responsibility of this DMP?

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