

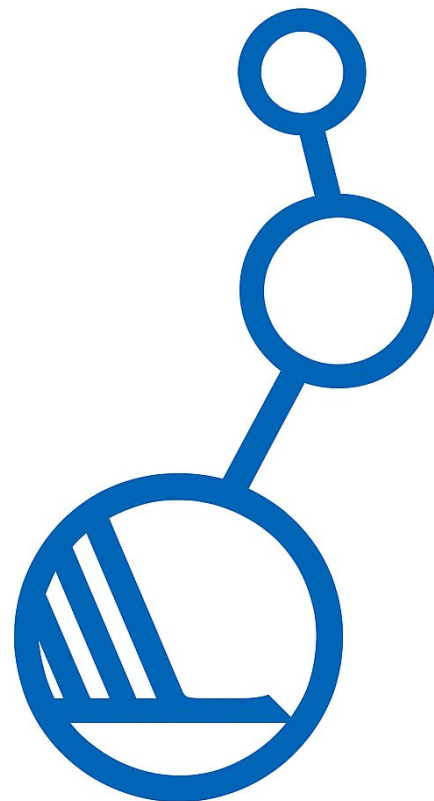
Nordic-Baltic Dataverse Hub (NAISH)

Kickoff Meeting
Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
21–23 April 2026

Introduction to NAISH and the kickoff meeting

Philipp Konzett

UiT The Arctic University of Norway



Contents

01
Welcome and practical information

02
Goals, objectives, and scope

03
Background, motivation, and
relevance

04
Implementation

05
Expected results

06
The kickoff meeting

01

Welcome and
practical information



Welcome and thanks!

- ★ Warm welcome to everyone joining the NAISH kickoff meeting – in person or virtual.
- ★ Thank you to KTU and the team of Vaidas and Audronė for hosting and stepping up as local organizers.
- ★ Grateful to the organizing committee for pulling everything together.
- ★ Special thanks to my colleagues Rieke, Mara, and Melanie at UiT and to Vaidas, Audronė and the local team at KTU for their dedicated work.

The local organisers

Vaidas Morkevičius

Audronė Telešienė

Andrius Blažinskas

Viktorija Bliūdžiūtė

Diana Burbienė

Antanas Štreimikis

Giedrius Žvaliauskas



Center for Data Analysis and Archiving (DAtA center), Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Kaunas University of Technology

Social event and meals

21 April

16:30–18:30 Social event
Guided tour

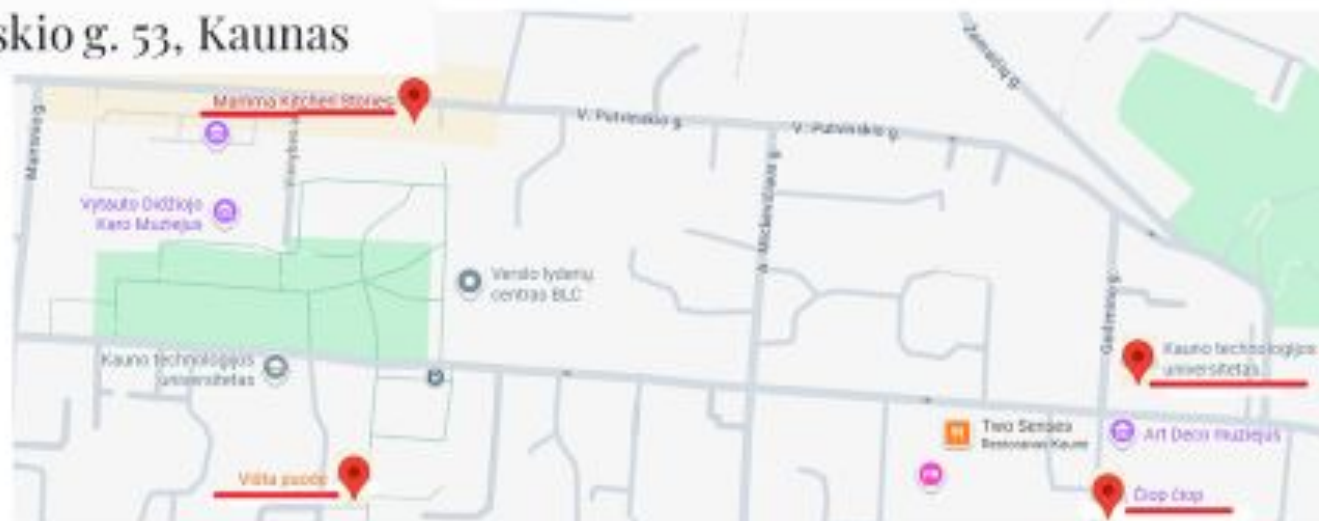
19:00 Dinner
Mamma Kitchen Stories
V. Putvinskio g. 53, Kaunas

22 April

12:00–13:00 Lunch
Višta puode
S. Daukanto g. 23, Kaunas

19:00 Dinner
Čiop čiop
Gedimino g. 44, Kaunas

21 April 19:00 Dinner:
Mamma Kitchen Stories
V. Putvinskio g. 53, Kaunas



22 April 12:00-13:00 Lunch.
Višta puode
S. Daukanto g. 23, Kaunas

22 April 19:00 Dinner:
Čiop čiop
Gedimino g. 44, Kaunas



Question:

How to pronounce the project acronym (NAISH)?

Suggested answer:

*/naɪs/ – as in English *nice**

02

Goals, objectives, and scope of NAISH



A map of the Nordic-Baltic region, showing the outlines of Iceland, the British Isles, Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Finland), and the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania). The landmasses are light blue, and the surrounding waters are white. The text is overlaid on the map.

The **main goal** of the project is
to establish and lay the foundation
for the **long-term**
operation of a **Nordic-
Baltic collaboration**
on research data
repository
infrastructure



The proposed hub will serve as a **highly collaborative partnership** among **existing and aspiring** research data **repositories based on the Dataverse software** in the Nordic and Baltic countries.



The hub will support its members in building and sustaining the **organizational, human, and technological capacities** required to operate and sustainably grow FAIR-enabling **Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs)**.

The NAISH consortium

Partners from six countries:

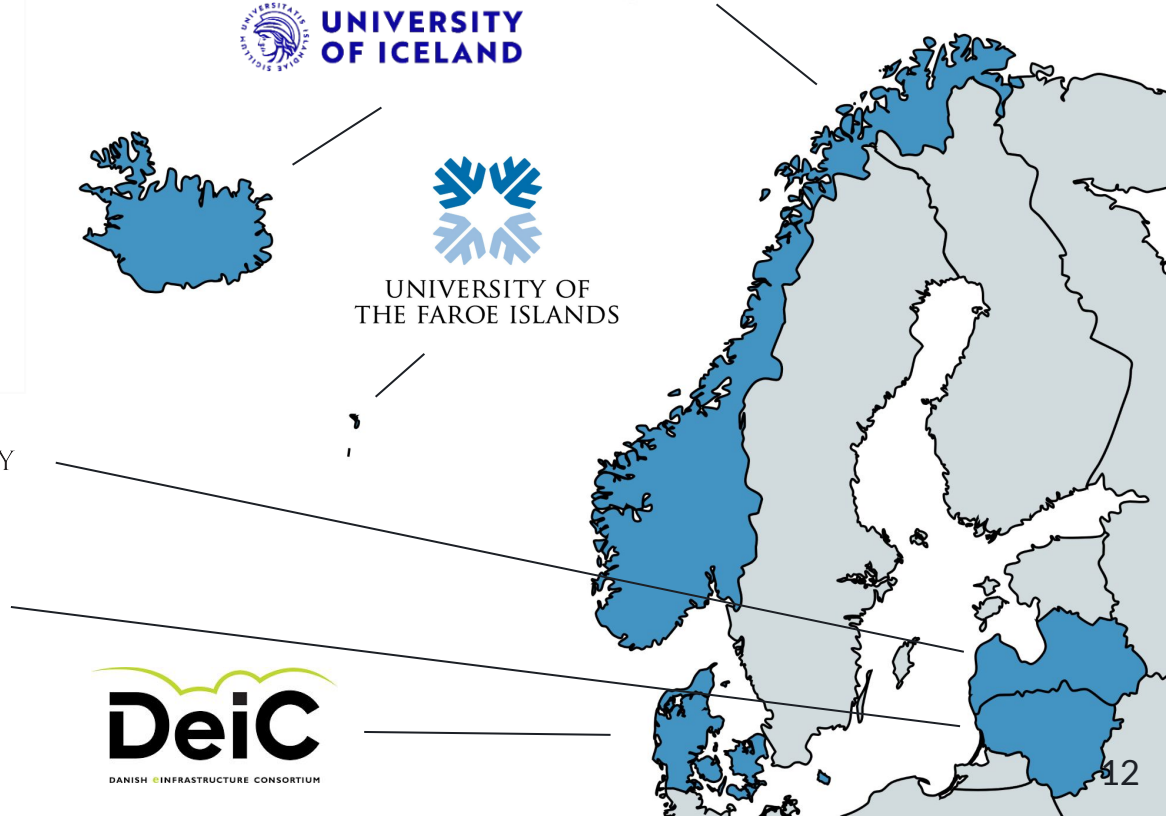
- Iceland (HI)
- Faroe Islands (Setur)
- Norway (UiT)
- Denmark (DeiC)
- Lithuania (KTU)
- Latvia (RSU)



kaunas
university of
technology



UNIVERSITY OF
THE FAROE ISLANDS



Our Dataverse-powered repositories

DataverseNO

A **national generalist research data repository** in **Norway**, hosted by UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT) in collaboration with 16 partner institutions



DATICE

A **research data service and archive** for **Icelandic** research data, hosted by the University of Iceland (HI), in collaboration with all Icelandic universities

DeiC Dataverse

The **Danish national repository for research data**, owned by the Danish e-infrastructure Consortium (DeiC), and provided to all Danish research institutions

LiDA

The **Lithuanian national virtual digital infrastructure** for **social sciences and humanities** data, hosted by Kaunas University of Technology (KUT)

RSU Dataverse

An **institutional research data repository** for researchers at Rīga Stradiņš University (RSU), hosted by RSU

TROLLing

A **domain-specific international repository** for data from **Language and Linguistics**, hosted by UiT



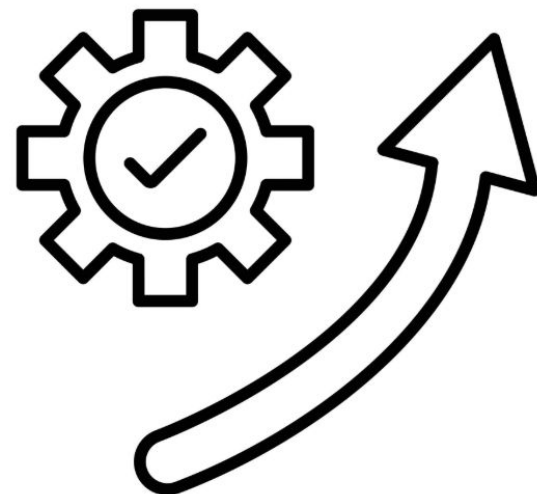
The **derived** goals of the project

Goal 1

Empower the project partner institutions (to establish and) **enhance** their repositories and **operate and develop** them in **more efficient and sustainable ways**.

Goal 2

Provide **better support to designated research communities** in conducting sound and accountable research aligned with the principles of Open Science.



The project will pursue the following **objectives**:

Common Resources

Develop and maintain shared resources to support collaboration and streamline operations across the hub

Federation

Prepare hub partners for and optimize federation in technology operations, development, and policies

Certification

Prepare hub partners for CoreTrustSeal (re-)certification

AI Integration

Foster the responsible and efficient integration of AI into Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs) across the hub

Human Capacity

Strengthen the competence and skills of repository staff and users

Advocacy and Outreach

Cultivate and exercise a unified Nordic-Baltic voice to influence research infrastructure priorities and engage with key stakeholders at multiple levels

Uptake and Growth

Drive adoption, innovation, and expansion of the hub and the Dataverse software among existing and potential hub participants and users

Scope & framework(s)

Addressing scope from three angles:

- Repository functions and activities
- Repository types
- Targeted communities

The proposed hub will pursue its goals and objectives within the scope of **capabilities and capacities** essential for the sustainable operation and development of FAIR-enabling **Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs)**.

To ensure feasibility and alignment with international best practices, the hub will follow the guidelines of the emerging **FIDELIS network**, particularly the Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (**FIDELIS TTRAM**).

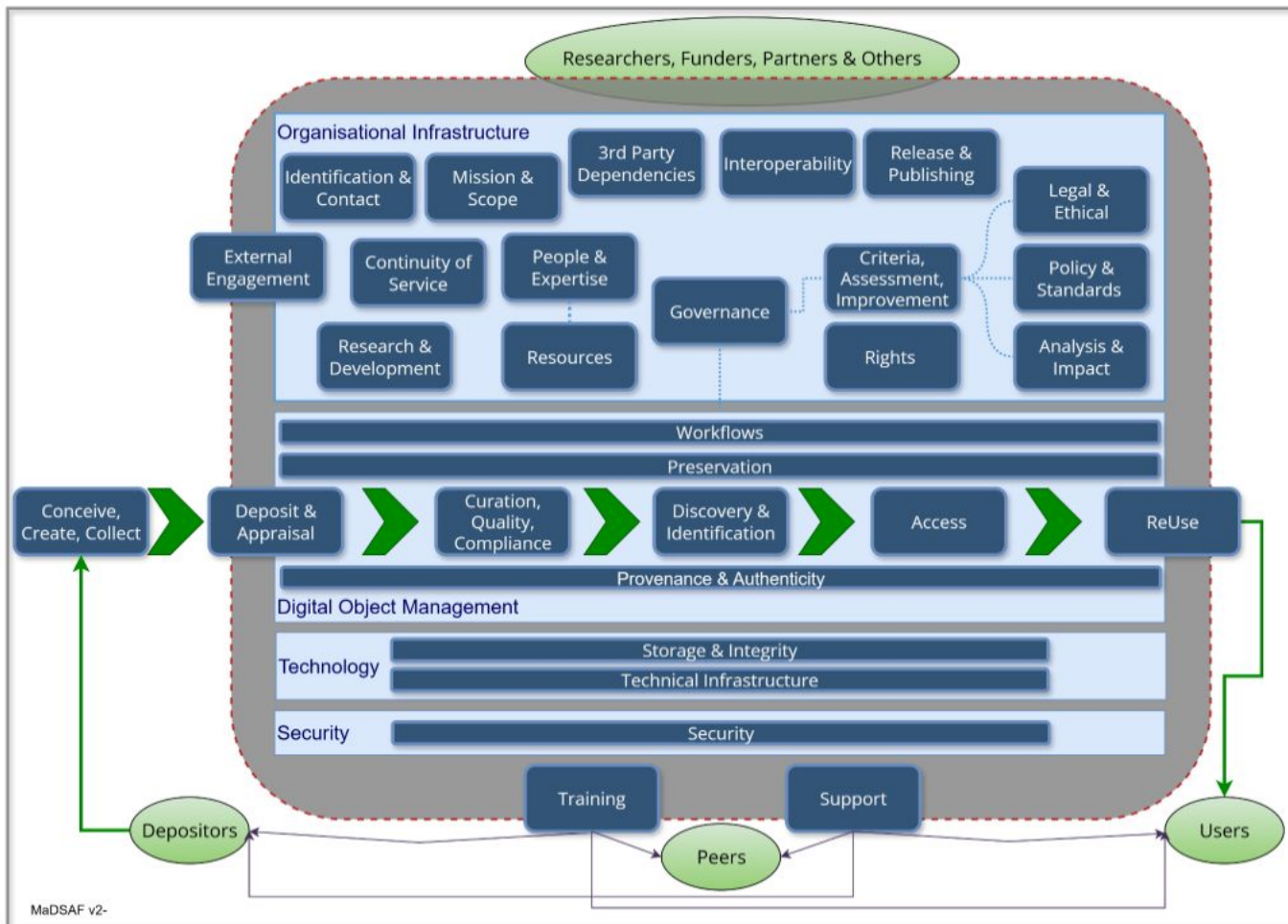


Repository functions and activities

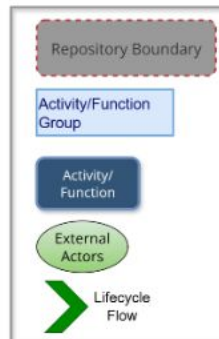
The **FIDELIS TTRAM** outlines **key repository functions and activities** and emphasizes how transparency in these areas fosters trustworthiness. These functions and activities are grouped into five main areas (L'Hours et al. 2025):

Area	Repository functions and activities
Context	Identification & Contact, Mission & Scope
Digital Object Management	Conceive, Create, Collect; Deposit & Appraisal ; Curation, Quality & Compliance ; Discovery & Identification ; Access; Reuse; Workflows; Preservation ; Provenance and Authenticity; Support
Organisational Infrastructure	Governance; Policy & Standards ; Rights ; Resources; People & Expertise ; Third Party Dependencies; Continuity of Service ; External Engagement; Release & Publishing; Interoperability; Legal & Ethical ; Criteria, Assessment, Improvement ; Analysis & Impact; Training ; Research & Development (R&D)
Technology	Storage & Integrity ; Technical Infrastructure
Security	Security

The project will address as many of these functions and activities as possible to achieve its goals and objectives.



- Dotted line: Strong connection
- Green Arrow: Flow to/from Actors
- Grey line: Support/Training Link



L'Hours, H., Kleemola, M., Parkes, O., Recker, J., Duvaud, S., van Horik, R., Alaterä, T. J., Liberante, F., Conzett, P., Kaartinen, H., Bäckman, S., & Esteves, E. (2025). FIDELIS TTRAMatrix Guide (v01.00). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17144141>



The diagram shows a vertical stack of components within a rounded rectangle with a dashed red border. At the top is a light blue box labeled 'Organisational Infrastructure'. Below it are two dark blue horizontal bars. Then is a dark blue box labeled 'Deposit & Appraisal' with a green arrow pointing right to a dark blue box labeled 'Curation, Quality, Compliance'. Below these are three more light blue boxes: 'Digital Object Management', 'Technology', and 'Security'. A red arrow points from the 'Deposit & Appraisal' box to the 'Organisational Infrastructure' box.

Organisational Infrastructure

AFo4 Deposit & Appraisal

Accepting custody of digital objects from depositors, transferring responsibility to the repository. It may also include appraising offered or requested deposits to ensure they meet established criteria for acceptance.

Suggestions for Transparent Information:

Documentation of compliance criteria applied at the point of deposits, whether automated or manually applied and the degree to which they are required or optional.

- Collections Development and Appraisal Policy
- Deposit Compliance Criteria
- Deposit Procedures
- Acceptable/Preferred File Formats List
- Reappraisal Plan, Data Management Plan
- Deposit licence (see also AF15 Rights)

How can TTRAM support our work?

The matrix can serve a high-level **reference framework** to support NAISH in

- **collecting** information in a logical, reusable way;
- **understanding** the wide variety of repository types and practices across repositories;
- **sharing** structured information for consultation and use;
- **mapping** gaps and needs;
- **designing** and **implementing** a functional network of mutual support and aligned practice.

FIDELIS builds on core principles (which in turn build on or inform other principles, standards, requirements (e.g., CoreTrustSeal) guidelines, good practices, recommendations, etc.)

FAIR

– digital objects

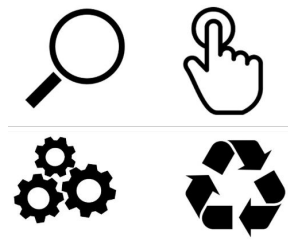
Findable

Accessible

Interoperable

Reusable

Wilkinson et al. 2016



CARE

– people

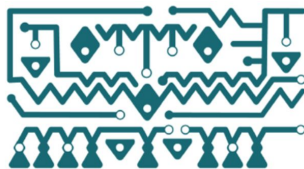
Collective Benefit

Authority to Control

Responsibility

Ethics

Caroll et al. 2020



TRUST

– repositories

Transparency

Responsibility

User Focus

Sustainability

Technology

Lin et al. 2020



POSI

– infrastructure

Principles of Open
Scholarly Infrastructure

Governance

Sustainability

Insurance

Bilder et al. 2025



Scope & framework(s)

Addressing scope from three angles:

- Repository functions and activities
- **Repository types**
- Targeted communities

The proposed hub will pursue its goals and objectives within the scope of **capabilities and capacities** essential for the sustainable operation and development of FAIR-enabling **Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs)**.

To ensure feasibility and alignment with international best practices, the hub will follow the guidelines of the emerging **FIDELIS network**, particularly the Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (**FIDELIS Matrix**).



Repository types

Commonly referred to **repository types** include:

Type	Criteria
Institutional	Affiliation
National vs. regional vs. international	Location
Generalist vs. disciplinary/ domain/specialist	Specialisation

These types influence the scope of repository's **organisational mission** and their **collections** including:

- **Digital objects types and content** accepted for deposit, curation, preservation and access
- The range of **users** served
- The necessary **skills and expertise** within the repository

(From L'Hours, 2026)

The hub will make sure to pay attention to all relevant repository types.

Scope & framework(s)

Addressing scope from three angles:

- Repository functions and activities
- Repository types
- Targeted communities

The proposed hub will pursue its goals and objectives within the scope of **capabilities and capacities** essential for the sustainable operation and development of FAIR-enabling **Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs)**.

To ensure feasibility and alignment with international best practices, the hub will follow the guidelines of the emerging **FIDELIS network**, particularly the Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (**FIDELIS Matrix**).



Targeted communities



The hub will serve existing and aspiring Dataverse-driven **repositories, repository staff, and designated repository communities** (e.g., depositors, (meta)data users) in Nordic-Baltic countries.



In the **initial phase**, the project will focus on strengthening collaboration and building trust among the **communities at the project partner organizations**. Establishing a **solid foundation of cooperation** is critical for the hub's success.

In the **final phase**, the hub will **expand** by recruiting and onboarding **new member organizations**, fostering growth and diversification.



03

Background, motivation, and
relevance



Background and motivation

- **High-quality data and robust research infrastructures (RIs)** are essential for Open Science and modern research.
- Key stakeholders (e.g., funders, EOSC) set **increasing expectations** for Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs) **to support long-term** interoperable, reliable, and ethical **data stewardship**, expressed in core principles such as FAIR, CARE, and TRUST.
- (Nordic-Baltic) repositories **differ in maturity and level of capabilities and capacities**.
- Existing collaborations (e.g., ESFRI, NordForsk projects) **don't address Dataverse-specific needs**.
- **A Dataverse-focused hub fills this gap** by enabling deeper alignment and shared development.
- Leveraging on a **common choice of Dataverse as the technological backbone** of our repositories increases efficiency, sustainability, and specialization.
- The hub brings together existing and emerging Nordic-Baltic installations to **set a new regional standard for collaboration**.

Relevance

- **NAISH strengthens Nordic-Baltic cooperation** on research data infrastructures.
- Builds **shared capacity, expertise, and long-term institutional sustainability**.
- **Enhances interoperability, quality, and trustworthiness** of Dataverse-based repositories.
- Creates **Nordic added value** through pooled resources, reduced duplication, and equitable collaboration.
- Aligns strongly with **strategic priorities of all partner institutions**.
- **Boosts regional competitiveness** in FAIR, Open Science, and trusted repository practices.
- Establishes a **lasting, sustainable framework** connected to European and global research infrastructure (RI) networks (e.g., EOSC, FIDELIS).

The NAISH idea is not new ...

... We already collaborate nationally and internationally within the Dataverse community.

... The concept of a regional Nordic-Baltic collaboration has been discussed on several occasions.

... The next slide – first presented at the DeiC Conference in 2024 – highlights some potential areas where I see – or at least saw a couple of years ago – such collaboration could make a real difference.

Possible topics for collaboration

Topic	Opportunities
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with Dataverse community on how to expose information through the Dataverse software
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate at national and Nordic level on training and up-skilling of data curators, e.g., through common training curriculum with flexible modular structure and recognized certification • Collaborate at national and Nordic level on competence and skills network initiatives • Collaborate at national and Nordic level on practical guidelines and tools to address IPR and data privacy issues for different use cases • Collaborate on implementation of metadata standards in Dataverse, both domain-specific ones and cross-domain approaches, such as DDI-CDI and CDIF
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with other national or Nordic organizations on a collective agreement on transfer of digital assets in case of service termination. For an example from the Social Sciences in the USA, see the Data-PASS partnership. • Collaborate strategically to increase funding opportunities at national, Nordic, and EU level to establish new and enhance existing generalist support services and community-driven open-source communities.
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool human and technological resources into a Nordic hub for containerized deployment (e.g., in a Kubernetes cluster) of Dataverse installations and integrated tools and services (e.g., ELNs, DMP tools), including data servers (e.g., GeoServer, THREDDS using protocols such as OPeNDAP) • Integrate these tools with a common Nordic research cloud catering for both HPH/Big Data and data from the “long tail” into a streamlined Nordic research commons infrastructure • Connect with national and Nordic AI initiatives such as NAIC (Norwegian AI Cloud), Norwegian AI Center

These previous conversations and ideas inspired the NAISH proposal;
... they can serve as input;
... but they shouldn't constrain the work we're embarking.

With the launch today, we're starting a new project, with a new plan for implementation.

04

Implementation



NAISH Work Plan

Achieving the project's goals and objectives will be driven by a structured combination of

- **Work Packages (WPs)** and
- **Focus Groups (FGs)**

to ensure effective collaboration, alignment, and delivery of outcomes.



Six Work Packages (WPs)

Organized in tasks with
defined objectives,
deliverables, and
milestones

Distribution of resources:

- WP1: 20%
- WP2: 15%
- WP3: 15%
- WP4: 30%
- WP5: 10%
- WP6: 10%

WP1 Common Hub Resources

- T1.1 Collaborative Platform
- T1.2 Guidelines, Templates,
and Checklists
- T1.3 Resource Development
Guidance
- T1.4 Technical Operations

WP2 Federation and Certification

- T2.1 Harmonisation and
Interoperability
- T2.2 Federation Guidelines
- T2.3 Certification Support
- T2.4 Enhancements to
Dataverse Software

WP3 AI Integration

- T3.1 FAIR Data Support for
AI
- T3.2 AI Support for
Repositories
- T3.3 Informed and
Responsible Use of AI

WP4 Human Capacity

- T4.1 Training Materials
- T4.2 Training Events and
Mentor Programme
- T4.3 Competence Network
- T4.4 Nordic-Baltic TDR
Training Curriculum
- T4.5 Nordic-Baltic Education
Program

WP5 Engagement, Outreach, and Advocacy

- T5.1 Hub Landscape Analysis
- T5.2 Community
Contributions and
Engagement
- T5.3 Outreach and Advocacy

WP6 Coordination, Sustainability, and Strategic Alignment

- T6.1 Management and
Administration
- T6.2 Sustainability,
Exploitation, and
Strategic alignment
- T6.3 Knowledge Transfer and
Resource Reuse

Two Focus Groups (FGs)

Cross-cutting and working across
all WPs to maximize the impact
of project activities

FG1 Repository Functions and Activities

Ensure that all relevant repository functions and activities (Organizational Infrastructure, Digital Object Management, Technology, Security) are addressed

FG2 Repository Types

Ensure that requirements and needs of all selected repository types (national, institutional, generalist, specialized) are covered

Work plan: Gantt chart

					Year 1												Year 2											
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					2026												2027											
WP	Title	Description	Lead	Contributors	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
WP1	Common Hub Resources	Objective: Develop and maintain resources																										
T1.1	Collaborative Platform	Establish a collaborative digital platform	Fredrik Sahlström (UiT)	Rieke Lo Madsen (UiT); Bolette (UiT)						D1.1																		
T1.2	Guidelines, Templates, and Checklists	Co-create standardized guidelines, templates, and checklists	Emma Walton (UiT)	Melanie Karlsson (UiT), Mara van der Ploeg (UiT)										MS1.1								MS1.2						
T1.3	Resource Development Guidance	Develop frameworks and guidelines for resource development	Rieke Lo Madsen (UiT)	Melanie Karlsson (UiT), Bolette (UiT)																								
T1.4	Technical Operations	Explore opportunities for joint technical operations	Philipp Konzett (UiT)	Obiajulu Odu (UiT), Rolf Arnesen (UiT)																	D1.2							
WP2	Federation and Certification	Objectives: 1) Prepare for Philipp Konzett (UiT)																										
T2.1	Harmonisation and Interoperability	Foster harmonization and interoperability	Rieke Lo Madsen (UiT)	Philipp Konzett (UiT), Nicolaj Pedersen Tanderup (UiT)																								
T2.2	Federation Guidelines	Develop federation guidelines	Melanie Karlsson (UiT)	Philipp Konzett (UiT), Vaidas (UiT)																		MS2.2						
T2.3	Certification Support	Provide certification support	Fredrik Sahlström (UiT)	Melanie Karlsson (UiT), Philipp Konzett (UiT)														MS2.1										
T2.4	Enhancements to Dataverse Software	Promote enhancements to dataverse software	Mara van der Ploeg (UiT)	Philipp Konzett (UiT), Vaidas (UiT)																		MS2.3						
WP3	Artificial Intelligence and TDRs	Objective: Foster the responsible use of AI																										
T3.1	FAIR Data Support for AI	Enhance machine accessibility	TBD	Obiajulu Odu (UiT), Sebastian (UiT)																					MS3.2			
T3.2	AI Support for Repositories	Leverage AI to improve repository management	TBD	Obiajulu Odu (UiT), Sebastian (UiT)																							MS3.3	
T3.3	Informed and Responsible Use of AI	Define strategies for the responsible use of AI	TBD	Obiajulu Odu (UiT), Mara van der Ploeg (UiT)										MS3.1		D3.1												
WP4	Human Capacity	Objective: Strengthen the human capacity																										
T4.1	Training Materials	Develop and maintain training materials	Sandra Boerman (DeiC)	Melanie Karlsson (UiT), Rolf Arnesen (UiT)					D4.1	MS4.1																		
T4.2	Training Events and Mentor Program	Organize targeted training events and a mentor program	Sandra Boerman (DeiC)	Mara van der Ploeg (UiT)						D4.2	MS4.2						MS4.4											
T4.3	Competence Network	Establish a hub-wide competence network	Sandra Boerman (DeiC)											D4.3	MS4.3													
T4.4	Nordic-Baltic TDR Training Curriculum	Design a Nordic-Baltic TDR training curriculum	Nicolaj Pedersen Tanderup (UiT)	Rieke Lo Madsen (UiT)																						D4.4		
T4.5	Nordic-Baltic Education Program	Explore the feasibility of a Nordic-Baltic education program	Nicolaj Pedersen Tanderup (UiT)	Audronė Telešienė (KTU)																								
WP5	Engagement, Outreach, and Advocacy	Objectives: 1) Cultivate a community																										
T5.1	Hub Landscape Analysis	Conduct a hub landscape analysis	Rene Belsø (DeiC)	Philipp Konzett (UiT), Vaidas (UiT)						MS5.1				D5.1														
T5.2	Community Contributions and Engagement	Foster community engagement	Rene Belsø (DeiC)			D5.2																						
T5.3	Outreach and Advocacy	Develop a strategic outreach plan	Sandra Boerman (DeiC)	Audronė Telešienė (KTU)						D5.3																		
WP6	Coordination, Sustainability, and Evaluation	Objectives: 1) Ensure effective coordination																										
T6.1	Management and Administration	Oversee project governance	Philipp Konzett (UiT)	Rieke Lo Madsen (UiT), Rolf Arnesen (UiT)	MS6.1	D6.1	MS6.3			D6.2																		
T6.2	Sustainability, Exploitation, and Strategy	Explore funding streams and sustainability	Philipp Konzett (UiT)	Mara van der Ploeg (UiT), Rolf Arnesen (UiT)																								
T6.3	Knowledge Transfer and Resource Management	Facilitate knowledge transfer and resource management	Emma Walton (UiT)	Mara van der Ploeg (UiT)																								
FG1	Repository Functions and Activities	Focus Group 1 ensures the quality of data																										
FG2	Repository Types	Focus Group 2 ensures the quality of metadata																										

Work plan: overview of deliverables

Deliverable	Description	WP	Task	Due	Progress	Comments
D1.1	Collaborative hub platform	1	T1.1	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
D1.2	Feasibility and risk assessment of joint technical operations	1	T1.4	M16 2027-06	Not started ▼	
D1.3	Collection of common hub resources	1	T1.2	M58 2030-12	Not started ▼	
D2.1	Federation guidelines	2	T2.2	M35 2029-01	Not started ▼	
D2.2	CoreTrustSeal support-kit	2	T2.3	M38 2029-04	Not started ▼	
D2.3	Feasibility report on continuity planning	2	T2.3	M45 2029-11	Not started ▼	
D2.4	Final status report on addressing Dataverse certification support gaps	2	T2.4	M51 2030-05	Not started ▼	
D3.1	Guidelines for responsible AI use	3	T3.3	M11 2027-01	Not started ▼	
D3.2	Roadmap for FAIR data support for AI	3	T3.1	M32 2028-10	Not started ▼	
D3.3	Roadmap for AI-supported repository functions	3	T3.2	M36 2029-02	Not started ▼	
D4.1	Training material development and maintenance plan	4	T4.1	M5 2026-07	Not started ▼	
D4.2	Guidelines for peer mentoring	4	T4.2	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
D4.3	Competence network activity plan	4	T4.3	M9 2026-11	Not started ▼	
D4.4	Nordic-Baltic TDR training curriculum	4	T4.4	M22 2027-12	Not started ▼	
D5.1	Hub landscape analysis report	5	T5.1	M10 2026-12	Not started ▼	
D5.2	Engagement and uptake plan	5	T5.2	M3 2026-05	Not started ▼	
D5.3	Outreach and advocacy plan	5	T5.3	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
D5.4	Final engagement and outreach report	5	T5.3	M60 2031-02	Not started ▼	
D6.1	Quality plan and risk monitoring framework	6	T6.1	M2 2026-04	Not started ▼	
D6.2	Data management plan	6	T6.1	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
D6.3	Sustainability and exploitation plan	6	T6.2	M60 2031-02	Not started ▼	

Work plan: overview of milestones

Milestone	Description	WP	Task	Due	Progress	Comments
MS1.1	First selected common guideline, template, or checklist ready	1	T1.2	M10 2026-12	Not started ▼	
MS1.2	Second selected common guideline, template, or checklist ready	1	T1.2	M18 2027-08	Not started ▼	
MS2.1	First draft of CoreTrustSeal support-kit ready	2	T2.3	M14 2027-04	Not started ▼	
MS2.2	First version of federation guidelines ready	2	T2.2	M17 2027-07	Not started ▼	
MS2.3	Dataverse certification support capabilities and gaps report ready	2	T2.4	M18 2027-08	Not started ▼	
MS2.4	Status report #1 on addressing Dataverse certification support gaps ready	2	T2.4	M27 2028-05	Not started ▼	
MS2.5	Status report #2 on addressing Dataverse certification support gaps ready	2	T2.4	M39 2029-05	Not started ▼	
MS3.1	First draft of guidelines for responsible AI use ready	3	T3.3	M9 2026-11	Not started ▼	
MS3.2	First draft of roadmap for FAIR data support for AI ready	3	T3.1	M20 2027-10	Not started ▼	
MS3.3	First draft of roadmap for AI-supported repository functions ready	3	T3.2	M23 2028-01	Not started ▼	
MS4.1	First training resource ready	4	T4.1	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
MS4.2	First training event held	4	T4.2	M7 2026-09	Not started ▼	
MS4.3	Competence network launched	4	T4.3	M10 2026-12	Not started ▼	
MS4.4	First mentor session held	4	T4.2	M12 2027-02	Not started ▼	
MS4.5	Feasibility report for Nordic-Baltic education program ready	4	T4.5	M28 2028-06	Not started ▼	
MS5.1	Hub landscape analysis survey results ready	5	T5.1	M6 2026-08	Not started ▼	
MS5.2	Engagement and outreach progress reviewed	5	T5.2	M27 2028-05	Not started ▼	
MS5.3	Outreach and advocacy progress reviewed	5	T5.3	M28 2028-06	Not started ▼	
MS6.1	Project governance in place	6	T6.1	M1 2026-03	Delayed ▼	
MS6.2	External Advisory Board in place	6	T6.1	M1 2026-03	Delayed ▼	
MS6.3	Project kickoff meeting held	6	T6.1	M2 2026-04	In progress ▼	
MS6.4	Project final event held	6	T6.1	M60 2031-02	Not started ▼	

Enthusiastic project team: WP leaders, FG leaders, main contact persons

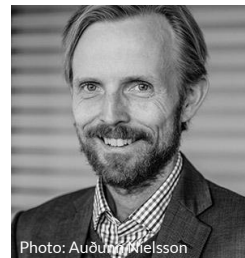


Philipp Konzett
UiT
PI | lead of WP2
and WP6 |
main contact
person for UiT



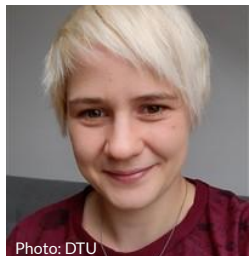
Rieke Lo Madsen

UiT
Lead of WP1



Kjartan Ólafsson

HÍ
Lead of WP3 |
main contact
person for HÍ



Hannah Mihai

DeiC
Lead of WP4



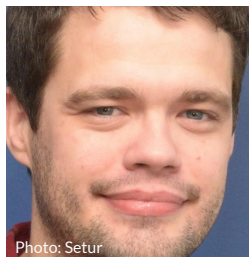
Rene Belsø

DeiC
Lead of WP5 |
main contact
person for DeiC



Brigita Perchutkaite Vollstedt

DeiC
Lead of FG1



Jóhannus Kristmundsson

Setur
Main contact
person for Setur



Vaidas Morkevičius

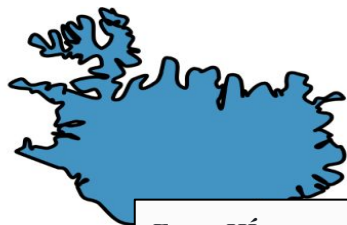
KTU
Lead of FG2 |
main contact person
for KTU



Ingre Karlovská

RSU
Main contact
person for RSU

Enthusiastic project team: participants (a selection?)



From HÍ:
Kjartan Ólafsson
Sindri Sævarsson

From Setur:
Jóhannus Kristmundsson
Regin Fjallsbak

From UiT:
Andrea Cornelia Gerecht
Emma Walton (NTNU)
Fredrik Sahlström (NTNU)
Karl Magnus Nilsen
Kseniia Maltceva
Lotte Dahl
Mara van der Ploeg
Melanie Karlsson
Obiajulu Odu
Philipp Conzett
Rieke Lo Madsen
Rolf Andersen
Sebastian Tendstrand Iversen

From DeiC:
Anne Sofie Fink Kjeldgaard
Bo Nygaard Bai
Brigita Perchutkaite Vollstedt
Hannah Mihai
Nicolaj Pedersen Tanderup
Rene Belsø
Sandra Boerman
Asbjørn Skødt (KU)
Falco Hüser (KU)
Steen Hagensen (KU)

From KTU:
Audronė Telešienė
Giedrius Žvaliauskas
Ineta Simonaitė
Viktorija Bliūdžiūtė
Vaidas Morkevičius
Antanas Štreimikis
Andrius Blažinskas
Diana Burbienė

From RSU:
Agate Jarmakoviča
Ingre Karlovskā
Ludmila Ziediņa
Zigmunds Zitmanis

Map created with MapChar
under a Creative Commons
Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0
International License

05

Expected results



Expected results

- The hub **enhances** availability, interoperability, and sustainability of **Nordic-Baltic research data repositories**.
- **Strengthens** high-quality, transparent, and impactful **research across disciplines**.
- **Advances Open Science** and supports data-driven solutions to **societal challenges**.
- Builds strong **human, organizational, and technological capacity**, including AI-enabled workflows.
- Supports CoreTrustSeal **(re-)certification** and long-term repository excellence.
- Creates a strategically aligned, complementary, and sustainable **regional collaboration**.
- Improves researchers' **access to FAIR data** and fosters cross-border **innovation and partnerships**.

06

The kickoff meeting



Build a **shared understanding** of NAISH's goals, objectives, and work plan.

Launch the strategic, organizational, and technical **work across** all **WPs**.

Why
are
we
here?

Establish **common approaches, starting points, and collaboration practices** for the hub.

Connect partners across the Nordic-Baltic region and strengthen our emerging community.

Gather input that shapes NAISH's roadmap for the first project phase. **How to get started?**

How we will achieve this?

A focused, collaborative, workshop-driven kickoff



Last-minute
replacement for
Mercé Crosas



WP/FG-based working sessions

each combining

- **introductions,**
- **guided workshops,** and
- **takeaway presentations**



Social and informal events and interaction

to support **networking** and
build the **foundation for**
long-term **collaboration**

Keynotes by Hervé L'Hours and Slava Tykhonov

providing **expert framing** for
our technical and strategic
directions

Introducing our keynotes



Hervé
L'Hours

Associate Director,
Repository & Data
Infrastructure Services
Harmonisation at UK Data
Archive / UK Data Service

- Extensive experience in developing and operating trusted research data repositories.
- Lead author of the FIDELIS TTRAM, a core framework for assessing repository trustworthiness.
- Strong expertise in FAIR-enabling TDR practices, certification, and sustainability planning.
- Through his work in FIDELIS, connects NAISH to European coordination efforts and EOSC-aligned practices.



Slava Tykhonov

Head of Artificial
Intelligence and
Interoperability at
CODATA

- A recognized Dataverse Ambassador and major contributor to Dataverse's technical evolution.
- His expertise in AI, interoperability, and Dataverse-integrated automation, can bring insight crucial to WP2 and WP3.
- Can help bridge NAISH with global metadata and technical-standards initiatives.
- With his knowledge of technical operations in distributed Dataverse deployments, he can help guide the hub's shared technical strategy.



Your voices matter!

Our project description provides **high-level guidance**.

The kickoff is where we figure out the **concrete approaches** and decide how to get the work started in our WGs and FGs.

Please contribute actively by asking questions, sharing input, and adding comments or concerns, whether aloud or in our collaborative notes.

kutt.to/naish

Thank you!

Looking forward to
getting started!



SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND DIRECTIONS

13:00-14:25

SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND DIRECTIONS

Chair: Philipp Conzett

Responsible for [collaborative notes](#): Rieke Lo Madsen

13:00-13:30

Introduction to NAISH and the kickoff meeting

Philipp Conzett | [Zoom](#)

13:30-13:45

Q&A / Discussion

13:45-14:15

Keynote 1: FIDELIS Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (TTRAM)

Hervé L'Hours | [Zoom](#)

14:15-14:25

Q&A / Discussion



& discussion

References

Bilder, G., Lin, J., & Neylon, C. (2025). The Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructure (v2.0, 2025). The Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructure.

<https://doi.org/10.14454/G8WV-VM65>

Carroll, S. R., Garba, I., Figueroa-Rodríguez, O. L., Holbrook, J., Lovett, R., Materechera, S., Parsons, M., Raseroka, K., Rodriguez-Lonebear, D., Rowe, R., Sara, R., Walker, J. D., Anderson, J., & Hudson, M. (2020). The CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance. *Data Science Journal*, 19(1).

<https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2020-043>

Conzett, P. (2024). DataverseNO: Building TRUST through collaboration. DeiC Conference 2024, Kolding, Denmark.

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14007617>

Kleemola, M., & L'Hours, H. (2025). FIDELIS Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (TTRAM) 1.00 Webinar Presentation. Zenodo.

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17455823>

L'Hours, H. (2026). FIDELIS Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (TTRAM). Workshop 2: Structuring and understanding the activities, functions, and processes of repositories and archives. 20th International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC26). 16th February 2026, Zagreb.

L'Hours, H., Kleemola, M., Parkes, O., Recker, J., Duvaud, S., van Horik, R., Alaterä, T. J., Liberante, F., Conzett, P., Kaartinen, H., Bäckman, S., & Esteves, E. (2025). FIDELIS TTRAMatrix Guide (v01.00). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17144141>

Lin, D., Crabtree, J., Dillo, I., Downs, R. R., Edmunds, R., Giaretta, D., De Giusti, M., L'Hours, H., Hugo, W., Jenkyns, R., Khodiyar, V., Martone, M. E., Mokrane, M., Navale, V., Petters, J., Sierman, B., Sokolova, D. V., Stockhause, M., & Westbrook, J. (2020). The TRUST Principles for digital repositories. *Scientific Data*, 7(1). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-020-0486-7>

Wilkinson, M. D., Dumontier, M., Aalbersberg, I. J., Appleton, G., Axton, M., Baak, A., Blomberg, N., Boiten, J.-W., da Silva Santos, L. B., Bourne, P. E., Bouwman, J., Brookes, A. J., Clark, T., Crosas, M., Dillo, I., Dumon, O., Edmunds, S., Evelo, C. T., Finkers, R., ... Mons, B. (2016). The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. *Scientific Data*, 3(1), 160018. <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18>

Acknowledgment

NAISH is funded by the **NordForsk** Nordic Research Infrastructure (RI) Hub Programme under the Grant Agreement no. 228319 and by the **project partner institutions**:

UiT The Arctic University of Norway
Danish e-Infrastructure Consortium – DeiC
University of Iceland

University of the Faroe Islands
Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania)
Rīga Stradiņš University (Latvia)

