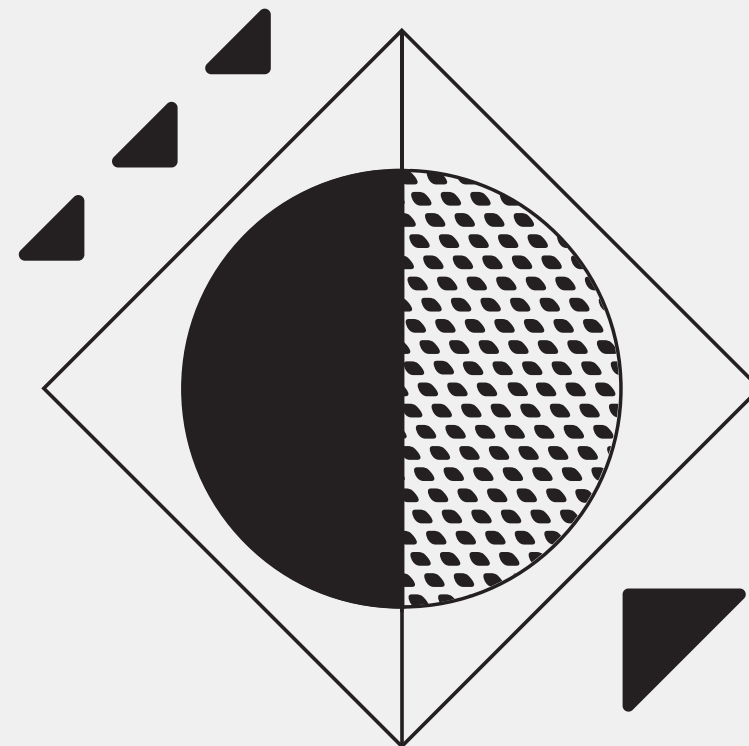


Co-Creating the National Training and Community Platform for Data Professionals

SURF Research Day



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Research Data Netherlands



- National coalition of data service providers and expertise networks
- Mission: promote implementation and long-term sustainability of FAIR research data in the Netherlands
- Training and expertise for data support staff / data professionals

10+ years of RDNL

- Training: Essentials 4 Data Support
- Training: GDPR 4 Data Support
- Dutch Data Prize for FAIR data in 3 disciplines (SSH, LSH, NES)

► <https://researchdata.nl/>

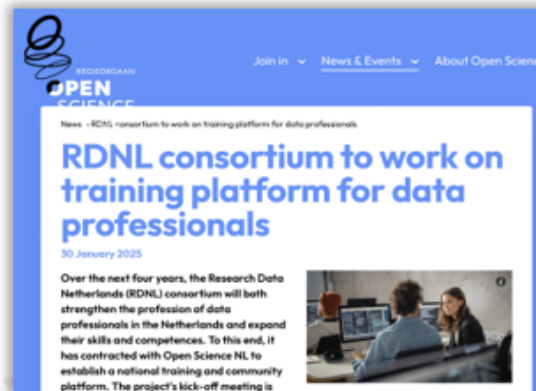


Training & community platform

2025-2028

Aim

Increase capacity of research data professionals in NL to enable the transition to Open Science



Outcomes

- ▶ Curriculum & training programme with certification for data professionals
- ▶ Online space connecting training with the community of data professionals
- ▶ Long-term plan for governance & sustainability

Project components



1. Building a curriculum



2. Training development



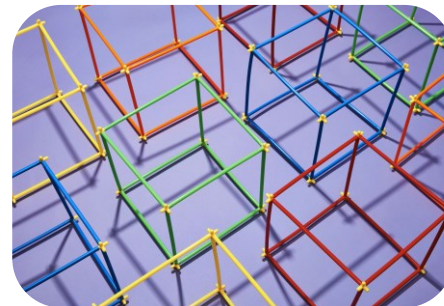
3. RDNL training



4. Community involvement



5. Governance & sustainability



6. Technical infrastructure

1. Curriculum: development process

Get **scope** of the curriculum clear

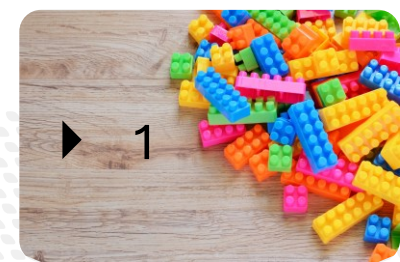
Analyse existing curricula and competency frameworks (ZonMW/NPOS, Skills4EOSC, FAIRsFAIR, NFDI, etc)

Draft curriculum and competency framework

Collect **input** at project meetings, events, (inter)national training providers

Internal **review**

Curriculum Deliverable, 31-12-2025



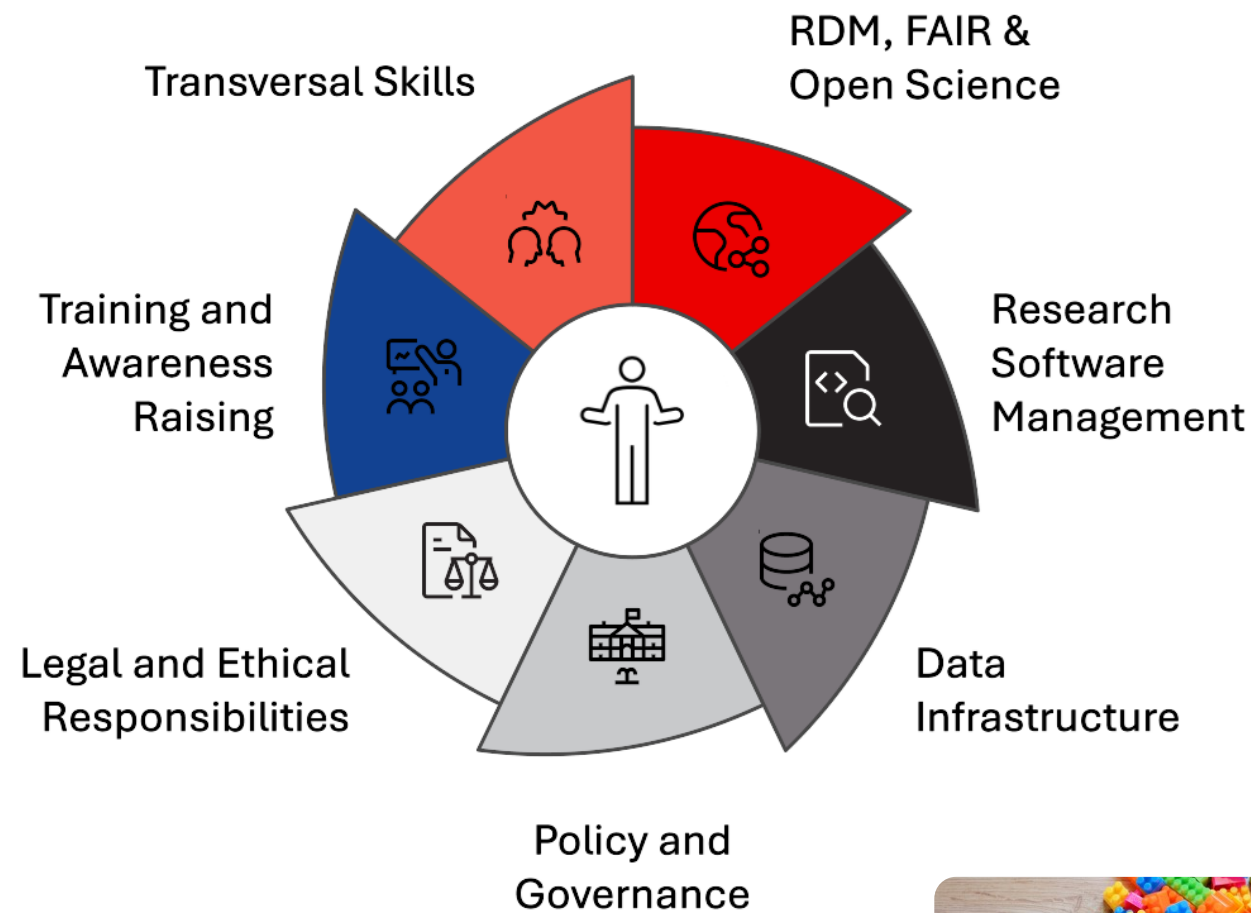
1. Curriculum v1.0



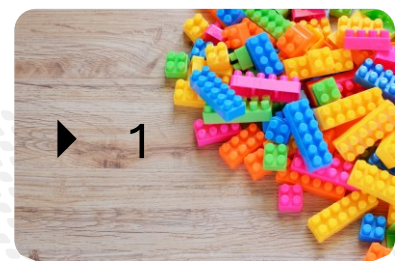
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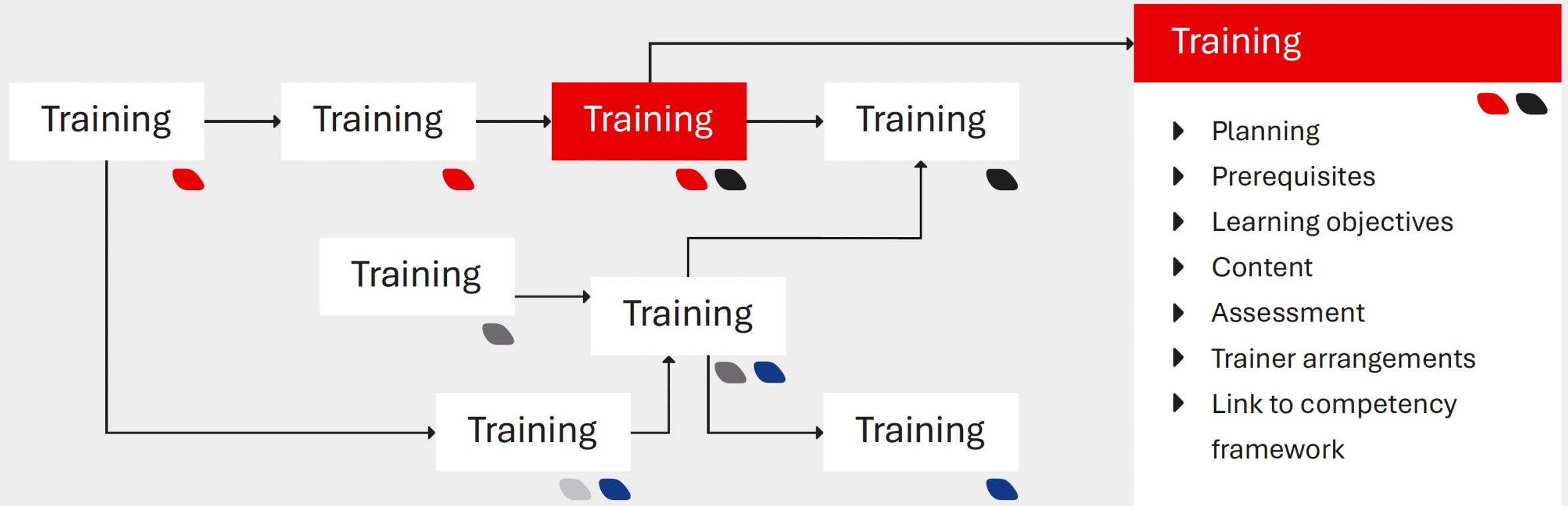
Data stewardship - Competency areas



<https://researchdata.nl/competency-framework/>



Training programme



RDNL Competency Framework



Essentials
4 Data
Support
(RDNL)

GDPR 4 data Support
(RDNL)

Advanced Anonymization and
Pseudonymization (DCC Spring Training Days)

FAIR Data Stewards
basics course (Health-RI)

Other (RDNL) offerings

Train-the-trainer course
(RDNL)

Practical pedagogical techniques for hands-on
workshops (DCC Spring Training Days)

Data / software carpentry

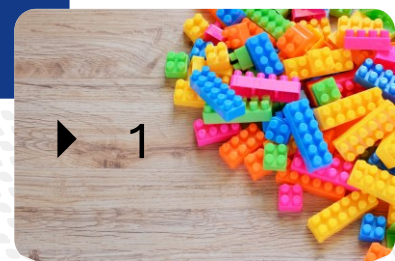
Research Software Support training
(eScience Center)

FAIR data management
(DCC-PO)

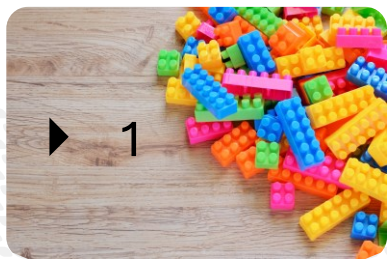
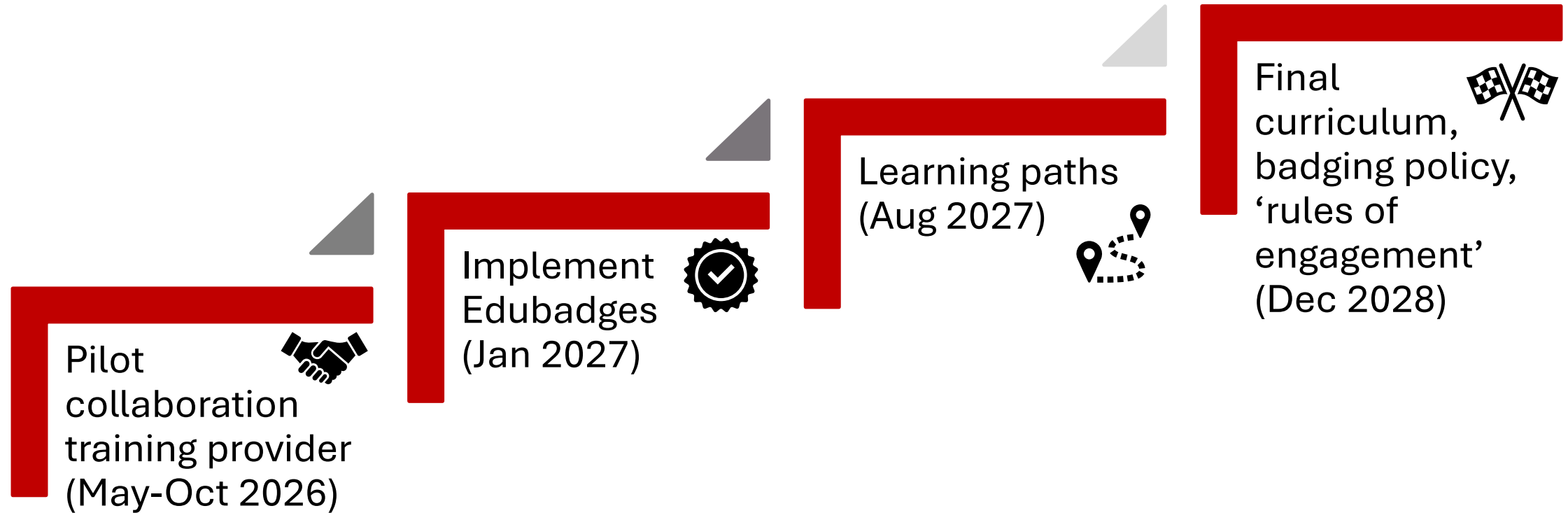
Publiceren en Archiveren
(DCC-PO)

Other (RDNL) offerings

Zoeken, vinden en beoordelen
van onderzoeksdata (DCC-PO)



1. Curriculum: next steps



2. Training development

Upcoming: Mapping & Gap analysis

Competency areas						
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- ▶ RDNL Train-the-Trainer for data professionals (pilot: Autumn 2026)
- ▶ Updating RDNL Trainings (continuous)
- ▶ Finding / Developing new trainings (> 2026)



3. RDNL training

	Essentials 4 Data Support	GDPR 4 Data Support	Train-the-Trainer
2025	3 rounds	1 round	-
2026	3 rounds	2 rounds	1 pilot
2027 +	4 rounds	2 rounds	1-2 rounds



4. Community involvement: feedback loop

Annual community events



News

01/04/2026

Building the foundations together: reflections from our 2026 annual RDNL Community Platform event

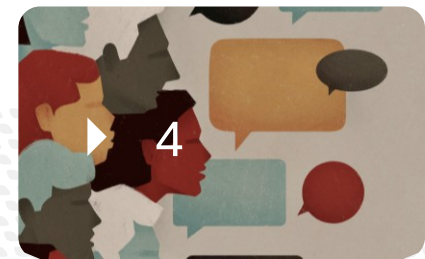
Visiting events

commercial data knowledge security
research drive policy metadata
students policy making prioritisation
research software management
AI tools collaborations data ownership
ethical use of AI communication skills
FIP train-the-trainer repository management
omics Github advisory skills data governance
legal aspects qualitative data transcription tools
data curation GDPR & consent stakeholder management
CARE principles cybersecurity laws
project management participatory research
technical interoperability
privacy & identity management

News

25/11/2025

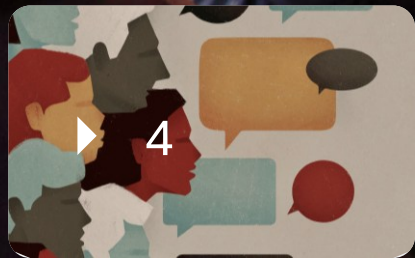
Looking back on the Open Science Festival 2025: Stories, stickies, heat, and great enthusiasm



4. Community involvement: Next steps

- RDNL User panel (start June 2026)
- Overview of communities (Dec 2026)
 - local – international
 - domain-specific – training- & software focused, etc.
- Annual community events in 2027 and 2028

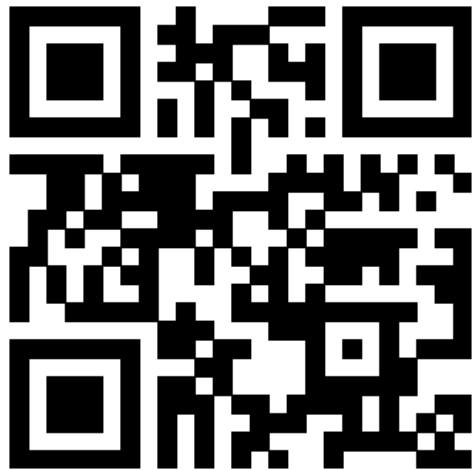
**Idea for community involvement?
Community to spotlight? Contact us!**



5. Governance & sustainability

Stakeholder

Engagement Plan:



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Transition to Future Governance

(Milestone 4.4)

Transition from project structure to future governance.

Co-ownership of outcomes and sustainability of the platform.



Governance Model Chosen

(Milestone 4.3)

Select and agree on the future governance structure.



Platform Sustainability Plan

(Deliverable 4.3)

Create scenarios for the long-term platform sustainability and revenue.



Platform Governance Options Paper

(Deliverable 4.2)

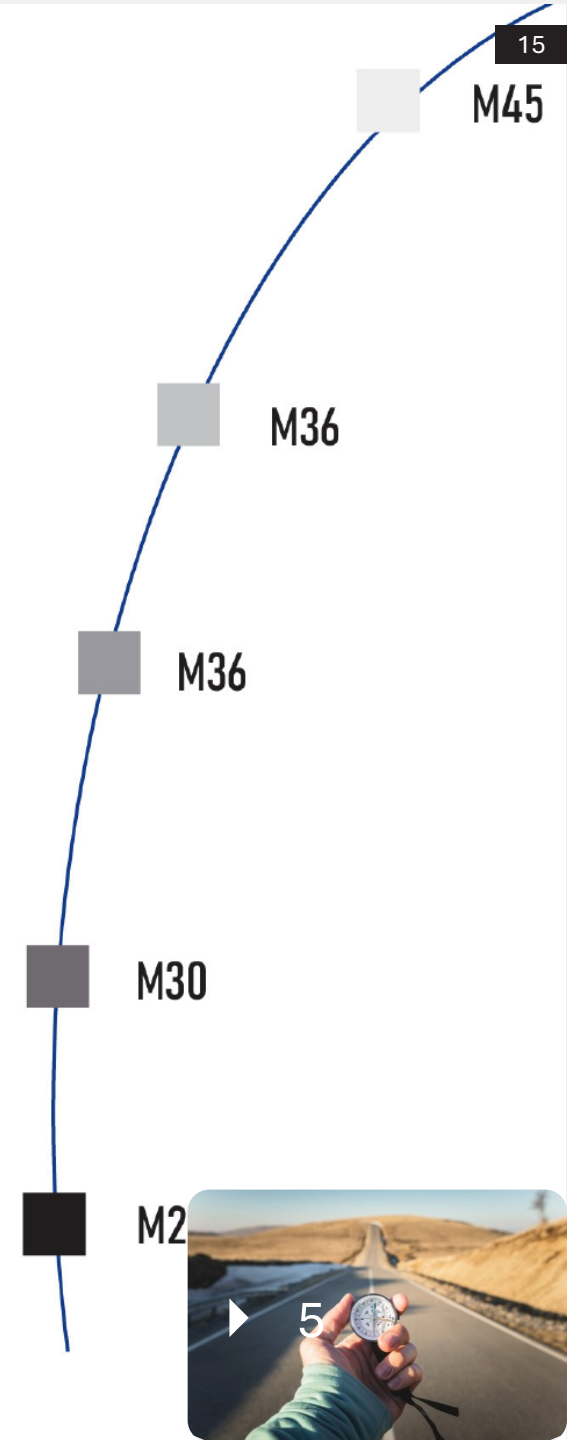
Document and SWOT analysis of potential governance models.



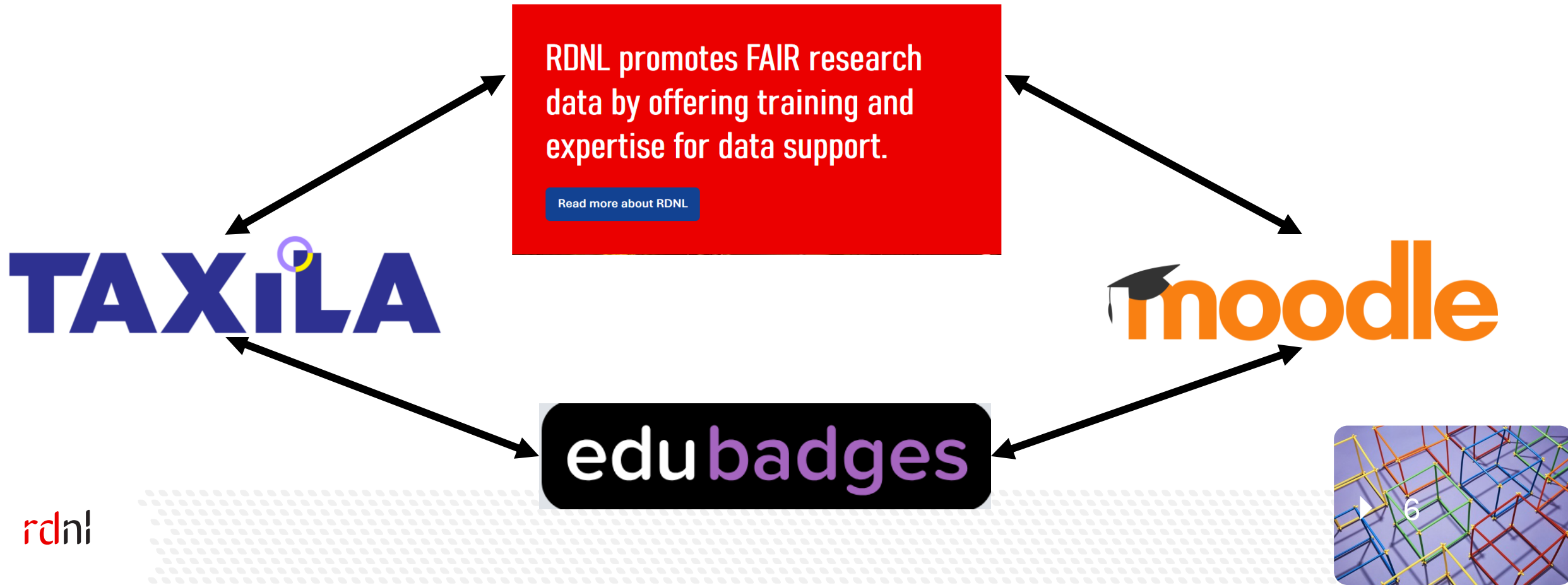
Exploitation Overview

(Milestone 4.2)

Summarise platform costs, user experience and feedback, revenue from course fees etc. for stakeholders discussion.



6. Technical infrastructure



6. Technical infrastructure II



Issue digital certificates to show acquired knowledge or skills.

- RDNL: Replacing paper certificates as way of recognition
- Status: implementation plan upcoming, start issuing Jan 2027 for RDNL trainings



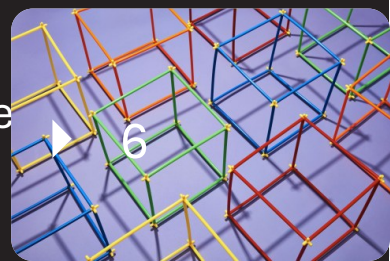
Overview of training materials & events on RDM, high-performance computing, open science, etc.

- RDNL: Trainings & Learning Paths
- Status: RDNL events visible, drawing out learner journey



Open source platform for online learning materials.

- RDNL: online materials available publicly
- Status: continuous improvement & maintenance



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RDNL Zenodo community

<https://zenodo.org/communities/rdnl>



RDNL website

<https://researchdata.nl/>



Landelijk Coördinatiepunt
Research Data Management



Community channels, e.g.
RDM mailing lists, DSIG

Questions?



Our questions to you

- Do you expect the number of data stewards at your institution to change?
- Do you foresee changes in the way research support is set up or in the tasks of the data stewards in the coming years?
- In which direction is the role of data stewards evolving?

Thank you!

