Practical illustrations of the LIBER/ADBU toolkit for RDM services at VU Amsterdam

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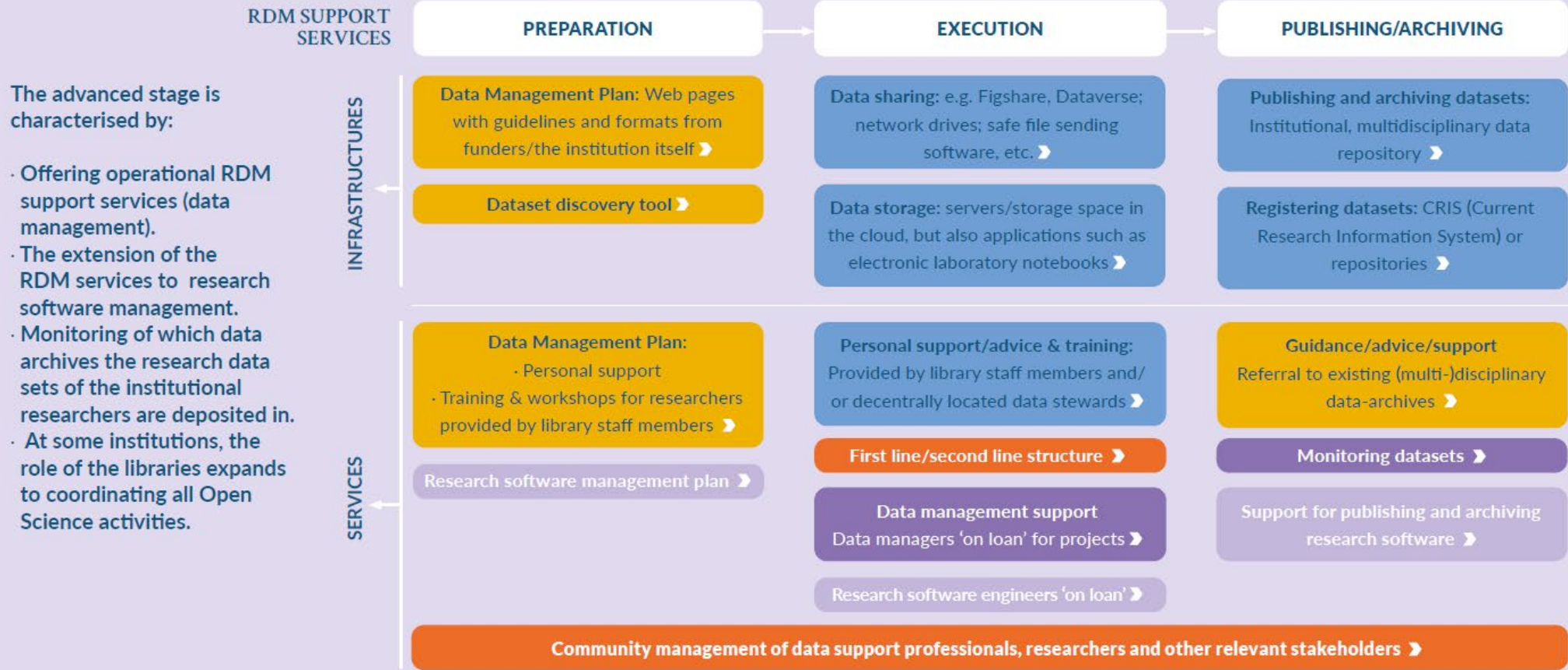e.j.rodenburg@vu.nl

About me

- In the VU Library since March 2020, initially as 'Officer Research Data Management Support Desk'
- A 'generic' data steward since 2021, after a national (Dutch) subsidy
- Coordinator of the RDM Support Desk (Library, Research Support) since 2023
- LIBER Working Group member since 2023

- The University Library is a separate division. Other divisions are e.g. IT and Administration Office. There are 9 faculties that also have some support staff
- 31761 students (2022) and 4671 fte employees (2022). 8492 scientific publications (2022) – I don't think this will include publication of datasets

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The LIBER/ADBU toolkit in a bird's eye view

From: Maurits van der Graaf. (2023). Research Data Management Support Services by Libraries - A LIBER/ADBU Toolkit. Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8101818, p. 11

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What has this meant at VU Amsterdam?

In 2020:
- Core of RDM services in Library
- RDM Support Desk in library as first stop
- Mix of 'reformed librarians' and people with a research background
- Rudimentary tools landscape
- A budding community
- (Virtually) no support for software
- One type of training

Now:
- More RDM services in faculties
- Shared first/second line responsibility between library/faculty
- Strong preference for people with a research background;
- Extensive tools landscape
- A vibrant community
- Starting support for software
- Multiple types of training

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But also: a mix in asynchronous developments

- Community management
- Competencies of embedded vs. generic data stewards
- First line vs. second line
- Storage tools vs. other tools
- Research software support in various ways
- Information resources form a challenge
- Asynchronous developments across the university

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Important factors

- Support from the university governing board -> within wider support for Open Science
- Support from the Library management
- The Library is a trusted organisation in the university
- Programme RDS 2019-2022, Network RDS since 2023. This means: support from the research community as well
- Very strong community and network management
- Some rounds of national (Dutch) subsidies

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