



FAIR-IMPACT

Expanding FAIR solutions across EOSC

FAIR Implementation
Workshop:
NFDI – A Bottom-Up Approach to
Implement FAIR-Principles in
Germany

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More and more research results are achieved by using **already existing** research data.

see FAIR principles: <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18>

However, **significant efforts** are still required to **find** the right data set, **understand** it and **use** it for the purpose at hand.

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History

2016

Recommendation by the German Council for Scientific Information Infrastructures



2018

Agreement of the Joint Science Conference (GWK)

2019-2020

Preparing the foundation of the association



12.10.2020

Foundation of the NFDI Association



**279 association
members**

**5 sections
addressing
cross-
cutting
topics**



**> 1000
people
involved**

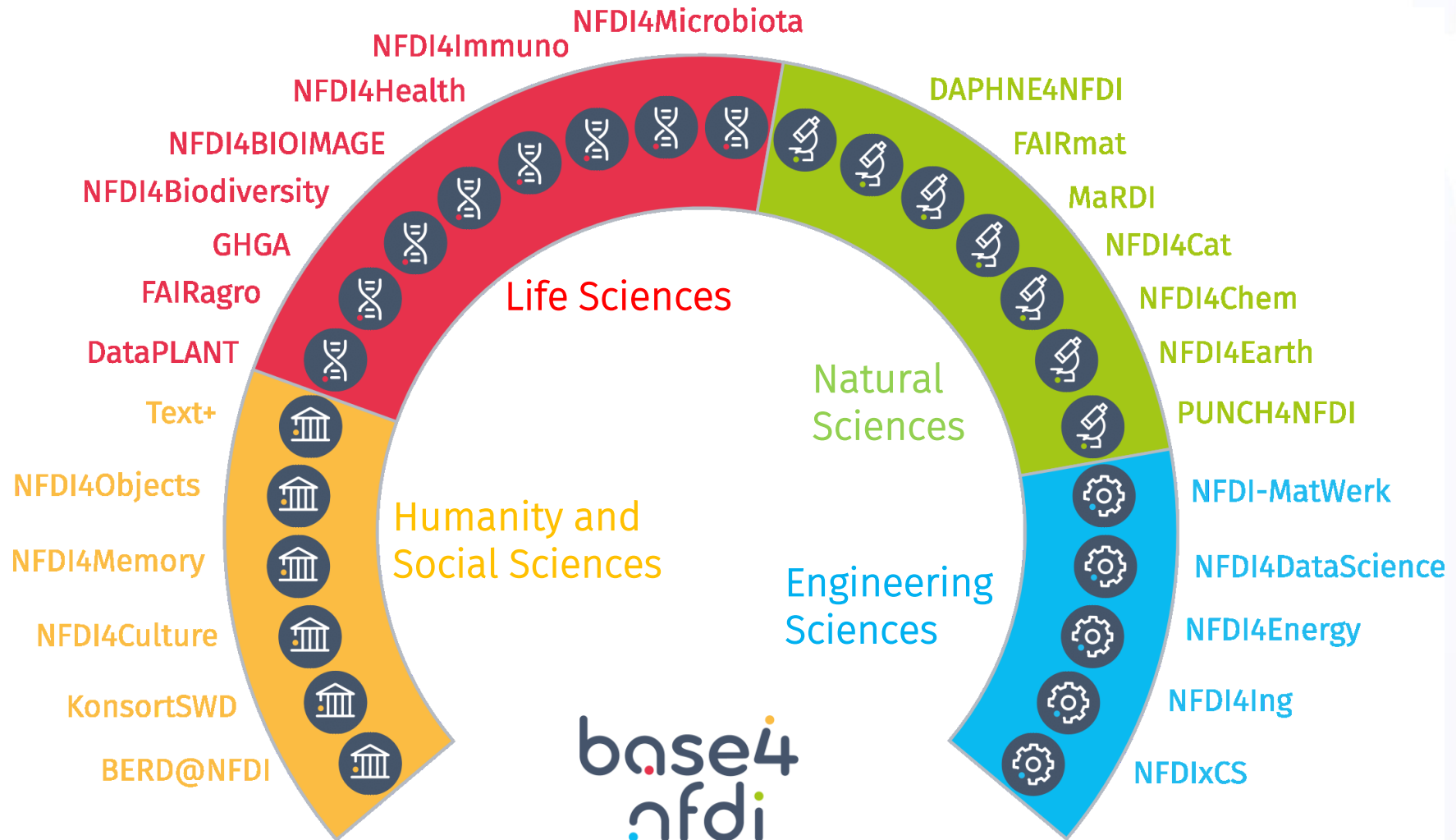
**26 consortia
& 1 basic
services
initiative**

279 Member Organizations throughout Germany

- Members: legal entities
- Universities, research institutions, service providers, ...
- Most of the members also involved in the NFDI consortia
- No member fees

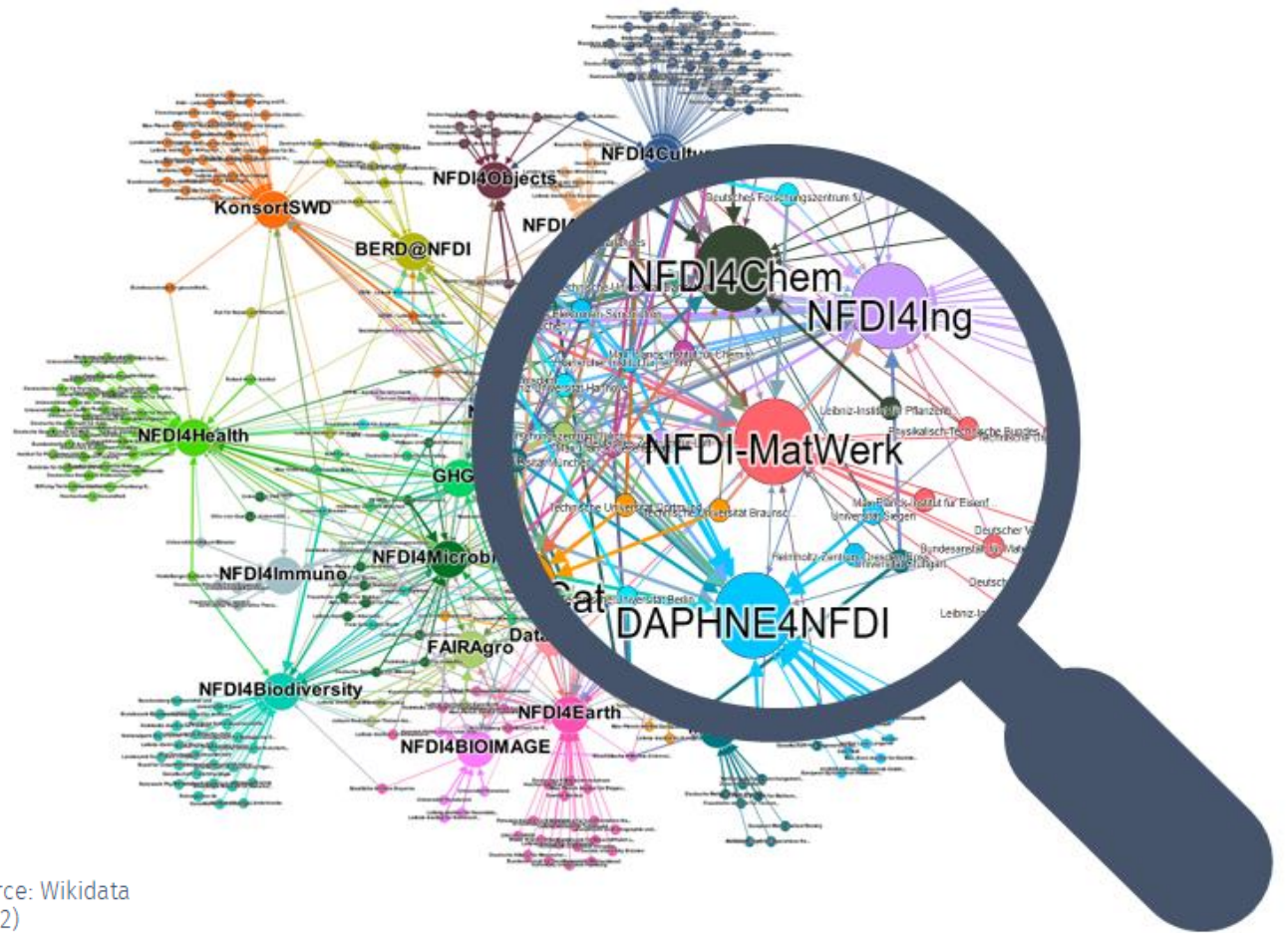


26 consortia + 1 initiative of all consortia



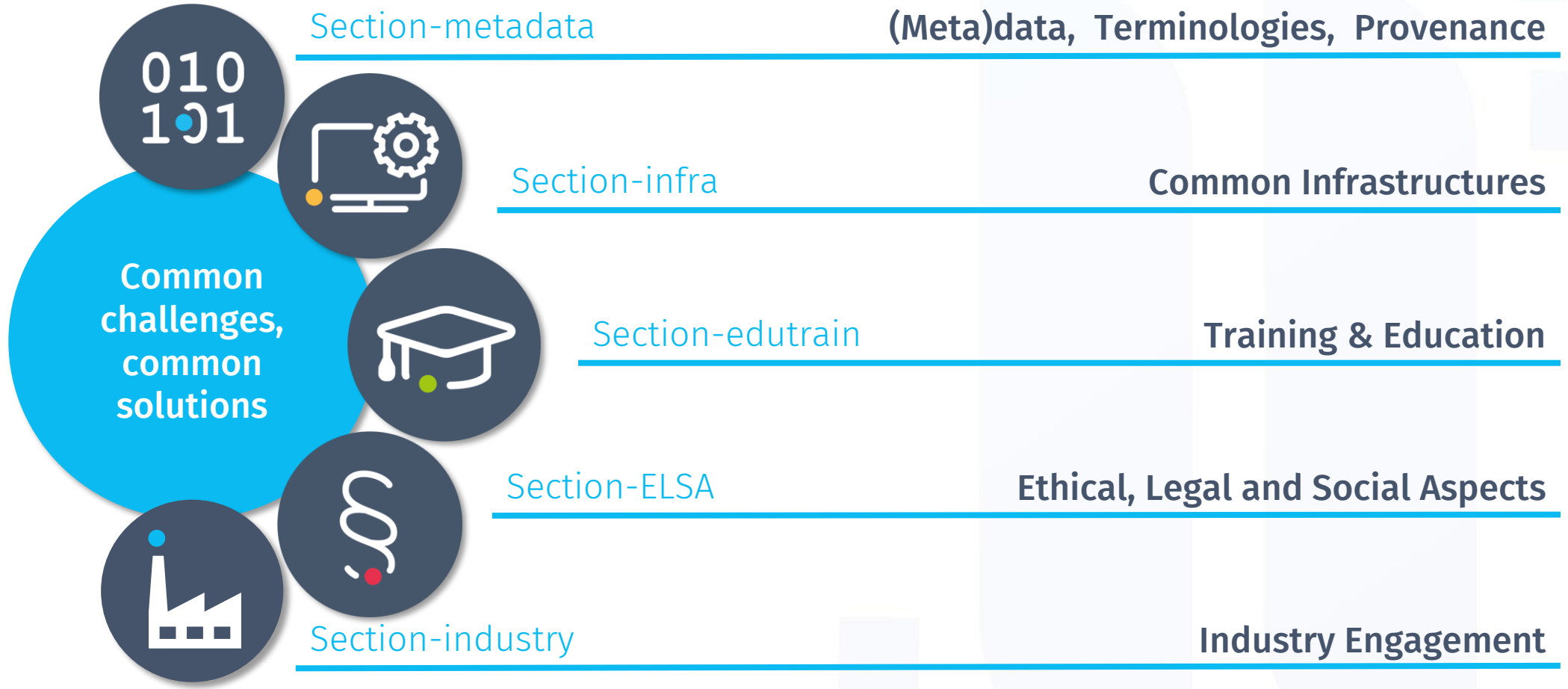
Network of consortia and organisations

Joint solutions
instead of
isolated solutions!



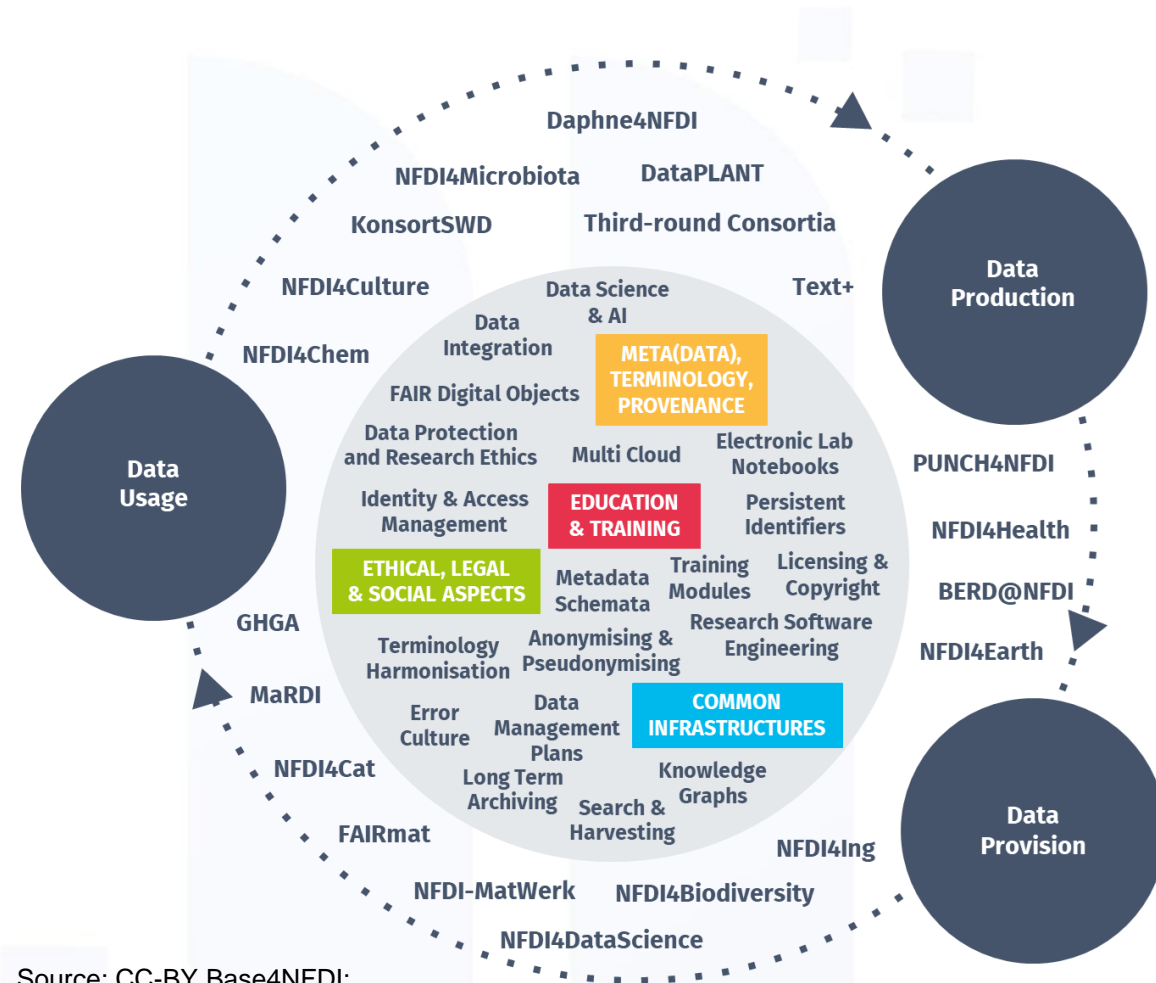
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5 Sections



Base4NFDI

- **Joint basic service initiative** of all NFDI consortia.
- A basic service is a **technical-organisational solution**
- **Example:** Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure, AAI
- Base4NFDI **coordinates and establishes basic services for all consortia and sections** according to defined, participative processes within the association.
- **Building on existing solutions** and **complementing EOSC**



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https://nfdi4earth.de/images/nfdi4earth/events/1.%20plenary%20meeting%20june%202019-10%202022/Presentations/10_Bernard.pdf (28.07.2022).

3 basic services are already in development

IAM4NFDI

- Identity- und Access-Management (IAM)
- Goal: standardised access to data, software and computing resources for collaborative work
- Service about to enter next development phase

PID4NFDI

- Persistent Identifier Services (PID) for the German National Research Data Infrastructure
- Goal: Establishment of proven PID infrastructures

TS4NFDI

- Terminology Services 4 NFDI
- Goal: Harmonisation and consensus building of NFDI-relevant terminologies

Vision

NFDI: Data as a common good for excellent research,
organised by science in Germany.

Learnings

- Heterogeneity of scientific fields and consortia: translation work between the different fields and consensus-building sometimes takes longer
- Three funding rounds of consortia: different starting times, different communities with individual conditions and requirements
- Different steering mechanisms: Politics: top-down vs. NFDI: bottom-up

Recommendations

- Bottom-up: Demand- and user-oriented design
- Common Identity (One NFDI): Work towards a common identity, but don't take it as granted
- Inclusion of many scientific fields
 - ✓ Knowledge transfer and faster learning
 - ✓ High concentration of expertise

Thank you!

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