



TRAINING DATA STEWARDS

FOR LIFE SCIENCES

Presentation 1: Landscape overview of data stewardship in the Netherlands

Presentation 2: Community building among data stewards: the Dutch experience

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Outline

- Getting to know each other
- Learning goals
- Data stewardship roles and responsibilities
- Data stewardship training
- Local, disciplinary, national and international communities
- Takeaways

Slides: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6334297>

Getting to know each other

You are a data professional

The ideal trainee:

- has a PhD in Life Sciences
- has a permanent position, ideally with an interest in data
- is committed to take the whole training program
- after this program, will be involved in the support to the data management, FAIR data and open science policies in her/his organizations.



By the end of this course you will be able to make significant contribution in:

- Writing data management plans in support to grant applications
- Ensuring continuity and sharing of data over projects
- Ensuring data quality
- Supporting the elaboration of institutional data management guidelines
- Supporting compliance with institution data management policy
- Contributing to knowledge exchange with regard to data management



Introduce yourself

As an icebreaker, to get to know each other a bit better, **use the shared notes to share with us:**

If you could have an extra hour of free time every day, how would you use it?

If academia wouldn't exist, what would you do for a living?

*Let's find out how multidisciplinary we are ...
What are your domains of expertise and/or what scientific background do you have?*

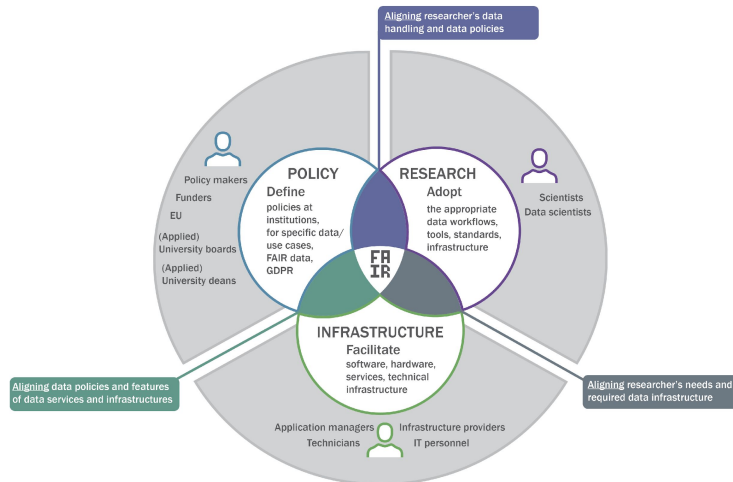
If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be? Why?

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

*Of course, we are just getting to know each other, but ...
What is one thing we don't know about you yet and that you want to share with us?*

- Do you recognize your current and/or future role in the diagram?
Where are you in the diagram?
- **Where are your colleagues in the diagram?** Does your current and/or future team cover all the roles needed?
- What is **your biggest challenge?**

Implementation areas for data stewardship



Getting to know each other

1. Where are you in the diagram?

- Current:
 - Mainly researchers and/or research data stewards (workflow/pipelines, data analysis, stimulate data management, project management, data deposit, metadata)
 - Some (also) infrastructure data stewards (hardware purchases, technical support, data management plans)
 - Some (also) policy data stewards (writing policy, promote FAIR and Open Science)
 - Some are in the centre of the diagram, having all three roles (in one person)
- Future: wish/need to perform other roles as well

2. Where are your colleagues in the diagram? Does your current and/or future team cover all the roles needed?

- Mainly researchers and/or research data stewards (disadvantage: not all roles covered in team)
- Combination of researchers/research data stewards and policy data stewards
- Combination of researchers/research data stewards and infrastructure data stewards
- Particularly lack of policy data stewards
- All roles covered but too small team (to truly promote/realise FAIR data and Open Science among researchers)



Getting to know each other

3. What is your biggest challenge?

- Awareness of the importance of Open Data for scientific research (progress is slow)
- Effective data management in the institution (align that with the needs of each researcher)
- Engage researchers (time constraints; 'administrative tasks')
- Identify people with the required competences (data steward as a profession; too many tasks/roles for one person; lack of resources)
- From policy to implementation (implementing FAIR and Open Science)
- Structured approach to data management
- Alignment with policy makers and funders (DMPs)



Learning goals

After this presentation ...

- you are able to position yourself in the data steward landscape
- you are aware of tools with information on the required knowledge, skills and abilities
- you are aware of training resources that help you acquire this knowledge, skills and abilities
- you understand how community building may help you to become a better data steward
- and you might even be inspired to start/participate in similar communities yourself



Data stewardship roles and responsibilities



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Implementation areas for data stewardship

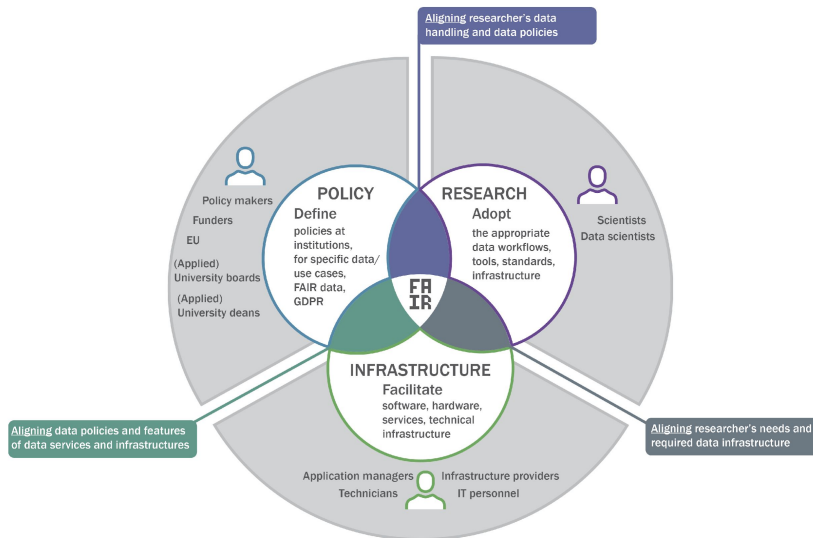


Figure 4.2 Basic job profile components of a data steward

ZonMw/ELIXIR-NL funded project “Towards FAIR Data Steward as profession for the Life Sciences”

- All project output: <https://zenodo.org/communities/nl-ds-pd-ls>
- Final report (2019): <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3471707>
- Matrices: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3239079>
- Since 2019 also in the <https://competency.ebi.ac.uk>

NPOS project “Professionalising data stewardship in the Netherlands. Competences, training and education. Dutch roadmap towards national implementation of FAIR data stewardship”

- Final report (2021): <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4320504>

What does a data steward do?

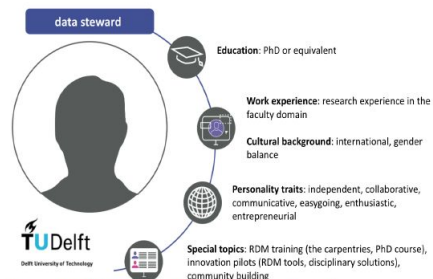


Figure 3.1 Delft University of Technology data steward

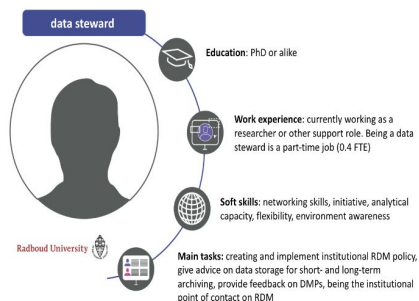


Figure Annex 2.3 Radboud University data steward

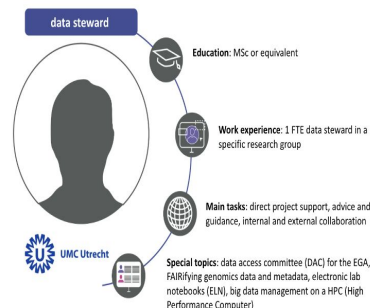


Figure Annex 2.5 UMC Utrecht data steward

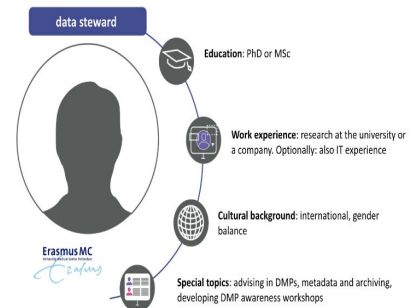


Figure Annex 2.7 Erasmus MC data steward

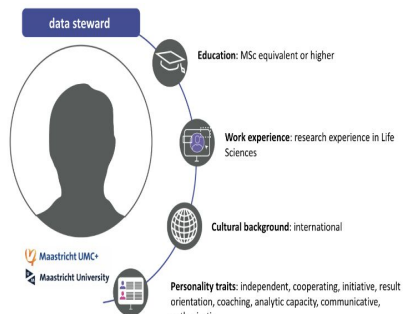


Figure Annex 2.9 Maastricht UMC data steward

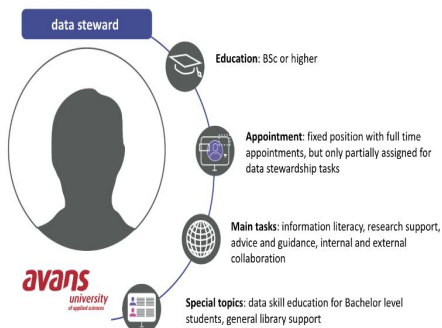


Figure Annex 2.11 Avans University of Applied Sciences data steward

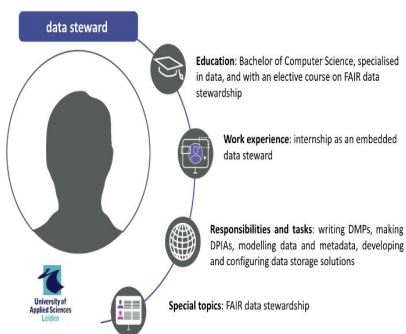


Figure Annex 2.13 University of Applied Sciences Leiden data steward

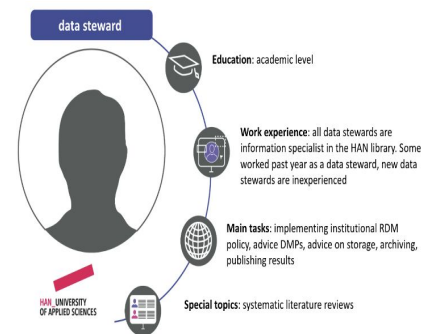


Figure Annex 2.15 HAN University of Applied Sciences data steward

Read these data stewards' full stories at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4320504>

Data steward personas

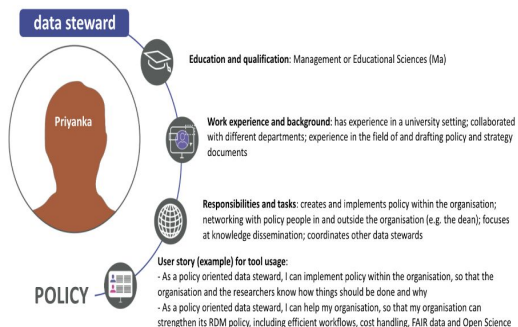


Figure Annex 12.1 Policy data steward persona (individual perspective)

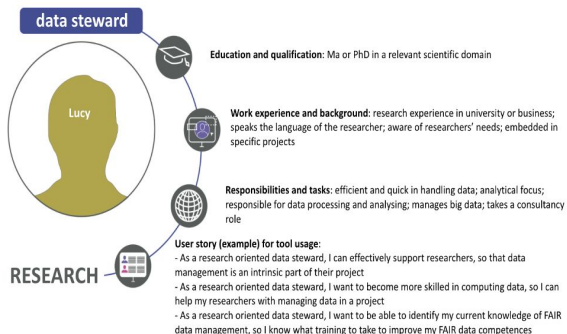


Figure Annex 12.2 Research data steward persona (individual perspective)

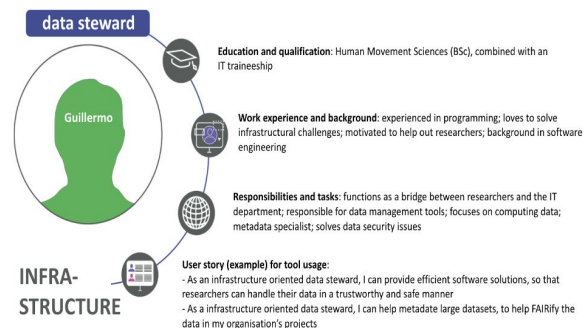


Figure Annex 12.3 Infrastructure data steward persona (individual perspective)

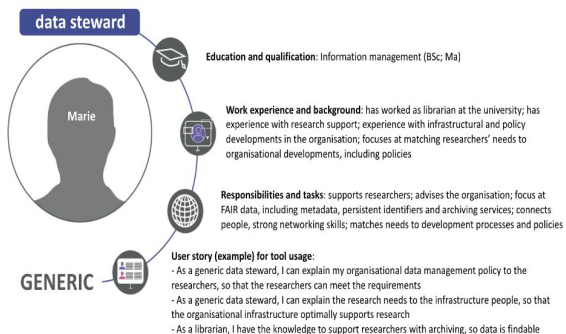


Figure Annex 12.4 Generic data steward persona (organisational perspective)

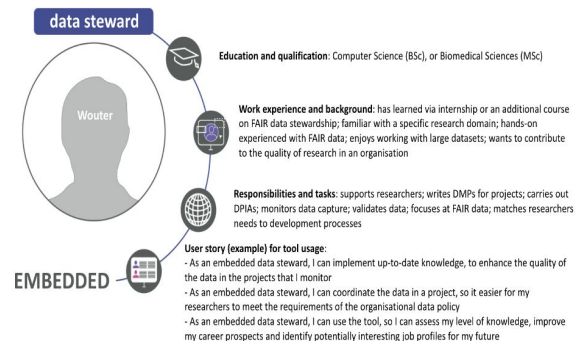


Figure Annex 12.5 Embedded data steward persona (organisational perspective)

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Data steward competences

Network: Obtaining and maintaining a network of aligned expertise areas and relevant organisations by the institute

› [Policy Oriented Data Steward] Responsible for obtaining and maintaining a network of aligned expertise areas and relevant departments and organisations inside and outside the institute with regard to research data management

▼ [Research Oriented Data Steward] Responsible for liaison and alignment of research data management within the department or project group and with relevant stakeholders outside the department or project group

Activities and tasks

[i More details](#)

- Refers researchers to other RDM related facilities and services (legal, financial or operational), inside and outside the department or project
- Liaises with RDM-related experts inside and outside the department or project
- Maintains a network with colleagues and other relevant departments and projects

Knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs)

- Knowledge about where to find department or project stakeholders and researchers, including relevant networks
- Liaise with department or project stakeholders, researchers and other data stewards and establish an active network
- Communicate with a diverse range of stakeholders

Learning objectives (LOs)

- Explain where to find department or project stakeholders and researchers (remembering)
- Liaise with department or project stakeholders and researchers (applying)
- Establish an active network in which regular consultations are taking place (evaluating)



Data steward competences

Policy and Strategy: Development, implementation and monitoring of the research data management policy and strategy of the institute

› [Policy Oriented Data Steward] Responsible for advice on and development, implementation and monitoring of a research data management policy and strategy for the institute, which includes the complete research data life cycle and supports FAIR data and Open Science, in alignment with the relevant stakeholders and within financial and legal constraints, within the institute and in the context of the institute. The policy is the basis for (project) data management plans

▼ [Research Oriented Data Steward] Responsible for the development and implementation of a data management plan for departments, projects or data collections within the institute that is in alignment with the research requirements, specifications and practices, and is in line with the institute's research data management policy and supports FAIR data and Open Science

Activities and tasks

[i More details](#)

- Develops DMP templates tailored for the departments, projects or data collections within the institute
- Writes and/or supports researchers in writing a DMP for departments, projects and data collections, in line with the institute's RDM policy
- Implements RDM as a regular aspect of doing research

Knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs)

- Knowledge about the general research process and all aspects of RDM and the research data life cycle
- Knowledge about the content of a DMPs, including knowledge about the purpose and how to use it within the research process
- Develop tailored DMP templates together with stakeholders that are understood and can be used by researchers and support staff within the institute
- Translate RDM policies and DMPs to practical implications and guidelines that researchers can understand
- Monitor the use of DMPs by researchers
- Design and draft DMPs for research projects
- Review DMPs written by researchers and help adjusting and refining DMPs over time
- Identify services which support the researcher in putting the DMP into action
- Monitor research projects with regard to data management
- Knowledge about relevant stakeholders and how to contact them



Data steward tools

The screenshot shows the RDMkit website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Data management', 'About', 'Contribute', and 'GitHub' links, along with a search bar. A left sidebar contains a menu with categories like 'Data management', 'Data life cycle', 'Your role', 'Researcher', 'Data Steward: policy', 'Data Steward: research', 'Data Steward: infrastructure', 'Your domain', 'Your tasks', 'Tool assembly', 'National resources', 'All tools and resources', and 'All training resources'. The main content area features a heading 'Are you working with data in the Life Sciences? Do you feel overwhelmed when you think about Research Data Management?' followed by an introductory paragraph. Below this is a circular diagram titled 'Data life cycle' with six segments: Reuse, Plan, Collect, Process, Analyse, and Preserve. Further down, there are sections for 'Your role' and 'Your domain', each with a brief description and a list of roles or domains. The 'Your role' section lists 'Researcher', 'Data Steward: policy', 'Data Steward: research', and 'Data Steward: infrastructure'. The 'Your domain' section has a 'Show pages' dropdown menu.

Your role

Data Steward: research

- Description
- Focus
- Learning path
- Related pages
- More information
- Relevant tools and resources

Description

As a research data steward, I support and work in close collaboration with the main data producers and users in academia: the researchers, ranging from undergraduate students to full professors. I advise researchers, make sure data is handled in a manner compliant with the institute's policy and may also perform hands-on work in a project.

My work focuses on implementing the institute's data guidelines and translating them into domain and project specific procedures, for example by managing a database or reviewing data management plans. My responsibilities and tasks focus on translating the researcher needs on data into infrastructural and service requirements.

Focus

- Develop and implement data management plans for projects and data collections and align Data Managements Plans (DMP) with the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) data principles and the principles of Open Science
- Advise projects and data collections on compliance with codes of conduct, regulations and field specific legal and ethical standards
- Provide adequate research data management (RDM) support to researchers. This involves, for example, supporting researchers in improving the reproducibility of their computational analyses or directing researchers to appropriate data management and archival solutions
- Monitor a project's needs regarding data-infrastructure and tools for RDM
- Determine the adequate level of knowledge and skills of researchers on RDM
- Identify the requirements of adequate support and data infrastructure for FAIR and long-term archiving of data of a project

Learning path

Institutes across Europe have started hiring professional data stewards. A research oriented data steward is expected to be competent in the following areas:

- Create awareness and communicate about RDM and the FAIR data principles and translate RDM policies into guidelines for researchers
- Transform discipline specific research data into FAIR data with help of available services and tools
- Advise and assist researchers on short and long term actions for RDM
- Assess RDM knowledge and skills, identify gaps among researchers and take action when needed
- Understand the purpose and use of a DMP in a project and have the skills to utilise the available tools and templates to produce a DMP
- Assist researchers in developing a DMP, review DMPs, and support researchers in putting DMPs into action
- Liaise with the surrounding environment (department, project, national stakeholders and international network) and continuously follow the field to gain knowledge of relevant facilities, tools and emerging standards available for RDM

Data steward tools

Related pages

Your tasks

Compliance monitoring & measurement

Measure compliance to data management regulations and standards.

Data management plan

How to write a data management plan (dmp).

Data organisation

Best practices to name and organise research data.

Licensing

How to license research data.

Documentation and metadata

How to document and describe your data.

Data protection

How to make research data compliant to gdpr.

Data publication

Prepare data and find repositories for publication.

Data quality

Ensure high quality research data.

Data transfer

How to transfer data files.

Identifiers

How to use identifiers for research data.

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More information

Training



TeSS - ELIXIR's training portal

RDNL - Essentials for Data Support

Mantra - RDM training

GO FAIR starter kit

Data Carpentry lessons

RDNL & DCC - Delivering RDM Services

NPOS/ELIXIR data steward competency framework

ELIXIR Data Management Network

Relevant tools and resources

Tool or resource	Description	Related pages	Registry
Argos	Plan and follow your data. Bring your Data Management Plans closer to where data are generated, analysed and stored.	Data management plan Researcher	
Atlas	Free, publicly available web-based, open-source software application developed by the OHDSI community to support the design and execution of observational analyses to generate real world evidence from patient level observational data.	Researcher TransMed	Tool Info Training
BBMRI-ERIC's ELSI Knowledge Base	The ELSI Knowledge Base is an open-access resource platform that aims at providing practical know-how for responsible research.	Data protection Sensitive data Data Steward: policy Human data	
Beacon	The Beacon protocol defines an open standard for genomics data discovery.	Researcher Data Steward: infrastructure Human data	Tool Info Training
BisQue	Resource for management and analysis of 5D biological images	Data organisation Data analysis Bioimaging data	Tool Info
Bitbucket	Git based code hosting and collaboration tool, built for teams.	Data organisation Data Steward: infrastructure	Standards/Databases
Bulk Rename Utility	File renaming software for Windows	Data organisation Researcher	
Castor	Castor is an EDC system for researchers and institutions. With Castor, you can create and customize your own database in no time. Without any prior technical knowledge, you can build a study in just a few clicks using our intuitive Form Builder. Simply define your data points and start collecting high quality data, all you need is a web browser.	Identifiers Data Steward: infrastructure	Tool Info
CEDAR	CEDAR is making data submission smarter and faster, so that scientific researchers and analysts can create and use better metadata.	Documentation and metadata Machine actionability Researcher	Tool Info Standards/Databases

Data steward tools



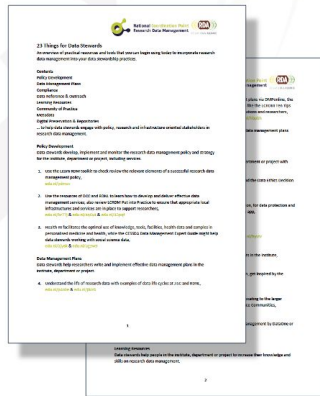
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Research Data Management

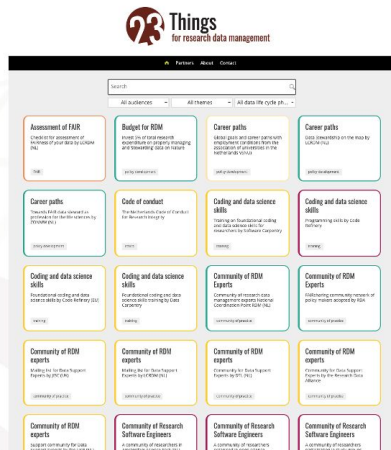
Digital sheets for training purposes

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3773663>



Audiences

- Researcher
- Student
- Librarian
- Data steward
- IT staff
- Research Software Engineer
- Policy maker



Toolkit (beta version)

<https://23things.sites.uu.nl>

Filter by

Audience (7 options)

Theme (17 options)

Data life cycle phase (6 options)



Data stewardship training



Helis course FAIR data stewardship

3rd edition of *FAIR data stewardship (for the life sciences)*

Did you ever wonder how to improve your data handling in your daily research practice? Want to improve the FAIRness of your data?

Did you recently start a job as data steward? Are you thinking of starting a career as a data steward in the life sciences in academia or industry?

Join this introductory course to FAIR data stewardship in the life sciences!

Course topics

We will pass the stages of the data life cycle in more detail in the training modules of the course. The following topics will be discussed at an introductory level:

- Data stewardship competency framework & the FAIR data stewardship landscape
- (Reviewing) data management plans
- Informed consent procedures
- Data discovery and capturing data
- Preregistration
- Data security and privacy
- Infrastructure for storing and sharing data
- Tools for processing and analysing data
- Organising, versioning and documenting data
- Data and software carpentry
- Archiving data
- Data rights
- FAIR data
- Metadata & ontologies

https://www.aanmelder.nl/fair-data-stewardship-2021/part_program

<https://tess.elixir-europe.org/events/helis-course-fair-data-stewardship>

Related training materials:

- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 1, Introduction Landscape Wrap up
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 1, Institute requirements
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 1, Funder requirements
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 1, Publisher requirements
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 1, (Reviewing) Data Management Plans
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Introduction Wrap up
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Informed consent procedures
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Finding and capturing data part 1
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Finding and capturing data part 2
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Data security and privacy
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- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 2, Tools for processing and analysing data
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 3, Introduction Wrap up
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 3, Electronic Lab Notebooks (ELN)
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 3, Software carpentry/Versioning
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 4, Introduction Wrap up
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 4, Software carpentry
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- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 5, Archiving data
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 5, Data rights
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 5, Preregistration
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 6, Introduction Wrap up
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 6, FAIR Data
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 6, Metadata
- Helis Academy course FAIR data stewardship 2021, Day 6, Metadata FAIR Data Point

proEVLifeCycle

Innovative, multidisciplinary research and training program on extracellular vesicles in prostate cancer



<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5704716>

Welcome and introduction

Your needs

Via the assignments, you have provided the content of today's session. We invite you to participate actively, ask questions and use examples so we can tailor the session to your needs. This session is a success if you feel that it is time well spent!

Objectives

- By the end of this session, you will be able to recognise the basics of FAIR data stewardship in the various stages of the data life cycle
- And you will be able to evaluate what actions need to be taken to solve FAIR data stewardship issues in the proEVlifecycle research project

Content

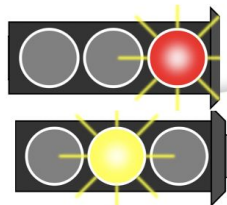
1. FAIR data stewardship generics (slides 4-9)
2. How to be FAIR aware (slides 10-25)
3. Recap: group efforts on FAIR data stewardship (slides 26-36)
4. Recap: *ten practices*: 'prepare well to prevent data disaster' (slides 37-47)
5. Next steps: FAIR awareness and group actions (slides 48-50)

Let's give it a Try!

3-2-1 Waterfall!

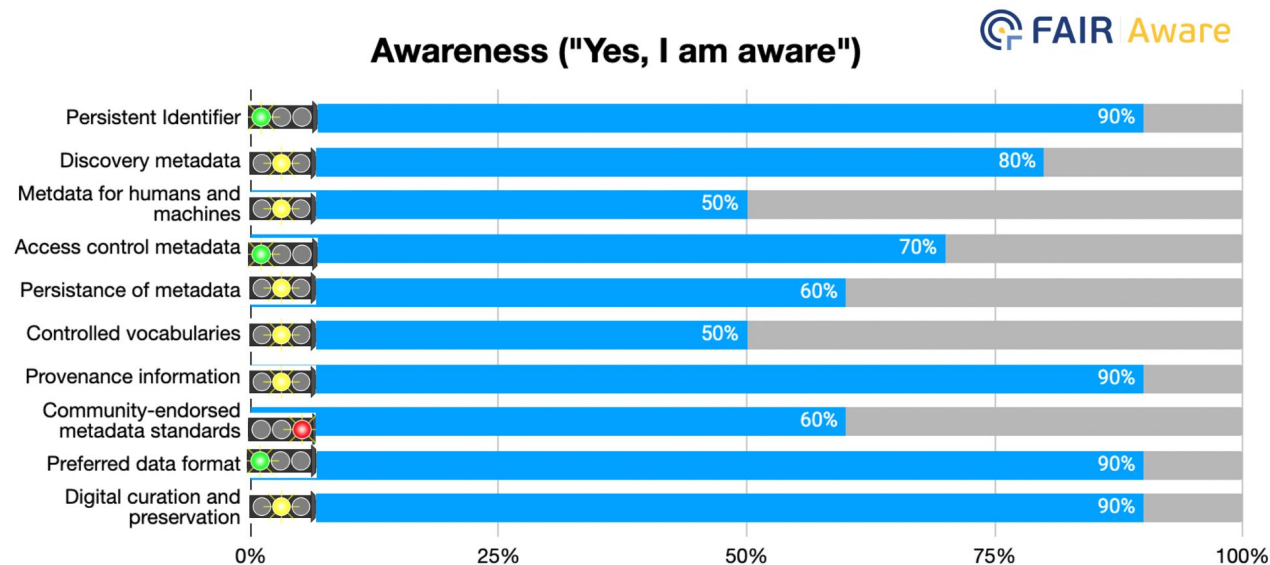


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FAIR awareness

FAIR starts right at the beginning of your research, in the planning phase. Use the [FAIR Aware tool](#) to reflect on your (future) FAIR practices. Keep your project's (future) dataset in mind. **What are already good practices/what is feasible and what are the challenges or bottlenecks?**



proEVLifecycle

Innovative, multidisciplinary research and training program on extracellular vesicles in prostate cancer

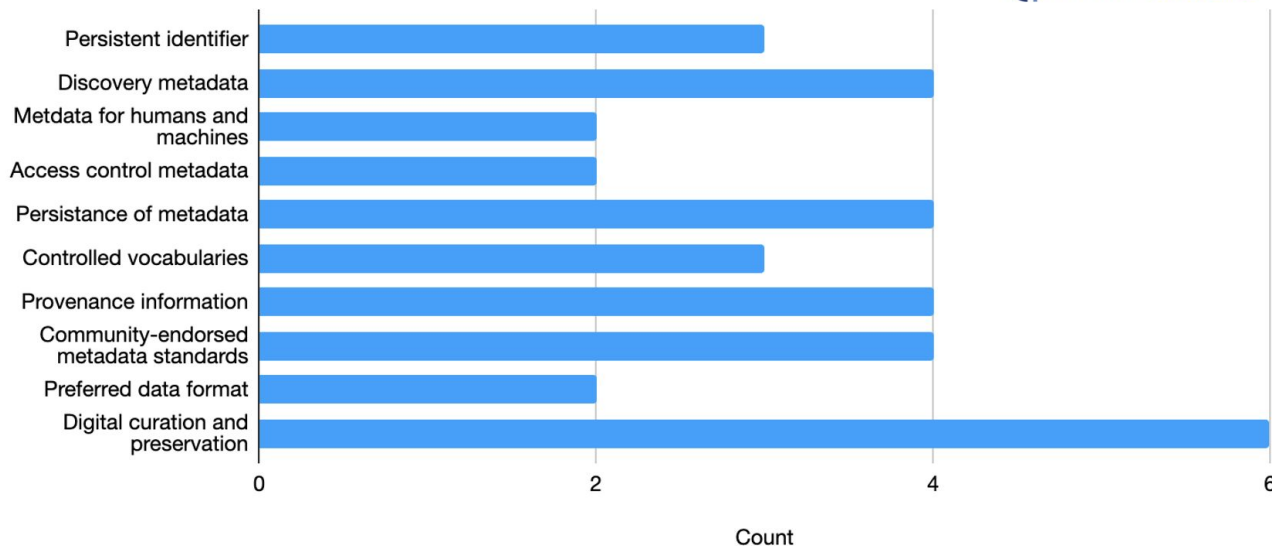
ESR Projects

The 10 proEVLifecycle ESR projects

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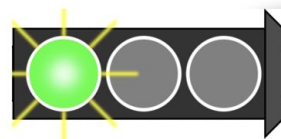
FAIR difficulties

Difficult topics indicated



Findable data (cf. FAIR Aware)

1. Your dataset should be assigned a **globally unique persistent and resolvable identifier**
 - ✓ So your dataset can be located unambiguously by humans or machines
 - ✓ Identifiers (such as a DOI) are usually assigned by data repositories
 - ✓ Persistent identifiers (PID) remain stable and direct users to the object consistently over time
 - ✓ Not all data will need a PID; in general, those that underpin published findings or have longer term value are worth assigning a PID
 - ✓ PIDs ideally point to an online page that contains metadata for context and the link to access the actual data, or details about how to request access



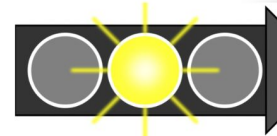
Findable data (cf. FAIR Aware)

2. You will need to provide details (**discovery metadata**) to make the data findable, understandable and reusable
 - ✓ Metadata: descriptive information about the data object (e.g. creator, title, publisher, creation date, publication date, summary, keywords, PIDs, license)
 - ✓ Data content: an accurate reflection of the data deposited (e.g. resource type, format, size, variables, methods)
 - ✓ Other research outputs: include links to other research output to increase reuse (e.g. prior version, other datasets, publications, data source, data creators/collectors, funders, host institution)
 - ✓ A discipline-specific repository will likely be using common metadata standards (see for instance [Re3data](#) or [FAIRsharing](#))
 - ✓ It pays to spend time on providing a good description rather than just the minimum information required, so your data is clearly understood

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You have indicated this as a difficult topic

4. Recap: ten practices: 'prepare well to prevent data disaster'

Reread last session's [article](#): Briney KA, Coates H, Gobin A (2020) Foundational Practices of Research Data Management. Research Ideas and Outcomes 6: e56508

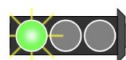
Reread last session's [slide deck](#) for example best practices from your own team, and details of the recommended actions

Check the Data Management Plan (D6.3) and EV database report (D4.3)

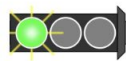
What steps have you taken in the past year to improve FAIR data stewardship?



3. Recap: group efforts on FAIR data stewardship



Create **standards** and **templates** (for documentation, organisation/structures of files, file names, versioning, SOPs, change management)



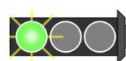
Use a **version control system** such as Git (and also use it for corrections and annotations)



Explore your institution's **storage solutions**, such as the DRE, and commit to the (automated) backup procedures of your institution



Develop a secure and feasible **research workflow** (including working towards future data integration)



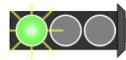
Regularly **structure** and **organise outputs** (including taking snapshots at key points in the project)



Discuss with the group to use external **repositories** (including making plans: when, what and how, aimed at reproducibility and reusability)



Create a **DMP** if you didn't do so yet, per project or as joint effort, and periodically discuss and update it



Formally appoint **roles** and **responsibilities**



Knowledge exchange and training (including exploring tools together, learn how to prepare for data archiving, learn from best practices, and check the understandability of each others data activities)



Practice 1. Keep sufficient documentation

Easy steps to take

- Create documentation standards/templates to ensure recording of the same information (**group effort**)
- Take the 'outsider' perspective: can others understand my data activities? (**group effort**)
- Document so that research is reproducible (document more and more)
- Don't wait: document your data right away

How does this help you?

- Producing documentation in the course of your research ensures that data can be
 - ✓ properly interpreted as relevant context is available
 - ✓ verifiable and reproducible
 - ✓ reusable (by you or by others)
- It helps to explain
 - ✓ the content of the dataset, at the data level (codebook)
 - ✓ the context of the dataset, and how the research was done (methodology section)
 - ✓ the structure of the dataset (readme.txt file with the structure of the dataset)
- Optimising the usability, reusability and reproducibility of the resulting data



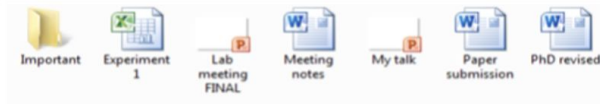
Practice 2. Organise files and name them consistently

Easy steps to take

- Record the structure you choose, and create standards/templates to ensure organising in the same way (**group effort**)
- Separate raw, analysed, processed data
- Separate ongoing from closed work (milestone versions)
- If you use abbreviations, make sure to explain them
- Keeping folder and file names as short as possible
- Apply the same to physical data (samples)
- Don't wait: organise your data right away

How does this help you?

- Optimising the usability, reusability and reproducibility of the resulting data
- In 3 years time, would you know what these are?





The M4M Workshop concept

Making it easy for humans to make metadata for machines

Metadata for Machines (M4M) workshops are agile, hackathon-style events that bring together domain experts (who are able and willing to represent a domain community) with FAIR metadata experts (data stewards) who guide a discussion leading to the metadata requirements that meet the FAIR data needs of that domain community. M4M Workshops are lightweight, fast-track (often 1-day) events where policy and domain experts can build new, or make informed choices regarding the reuse of already existing metadata schema. Although M4M Workshops can serve many purposes, they are usually intended to kick-start FAIRification efforts with minimally viable metadata components that are modular, and can be later extended as needed.





The M4M Workshop concept

ZonMw COVID-19 Community

Guidelines for completing CEDAR forms

[Link to the guidelines document](#)

CEDAR forms – to be filled out

[Project Admin form](#) [CEDAR account required]

[Project Content form](#) [CEDAR account required]

[Data Catalogue form](#) [CEDAR account required]

[Dataset form](#) [CEDAR account required]

[Data Distribution form](#) [CEDAR account required]

CEDAR forms in OpenView – easy way to view/share forms

[Project Admin form in OpenView](#) [no CEDAR account required]

[Project Content form in OpenView](#) [no CEDAR account required]

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BioPortal vocabularies

[ZonMw Generic Terms](#)

[ZonMw COVID-19 Vocabulary](#)

Useful links

- [ZonMw's news item on their approach to optimize reuse of COVID-19 related data](#)
- [ZonMw's new item on FAIR metadata about the COVID-19-projects available on COVID-19 Data Portal of Health-RI](#)
- [Health-RI's Workshops on delivering FAIR metadata for COVID-19 data portal](#)
- [Health-RI's information on the COVID-19 data portal](#)
- [Health-RI direct link to the COVID-19 data portal](#)
- Information on the workshops can also be found on the [GO FAIR Foundation website](#) on M4Ms.

<https://www.gofairfoundation.org/m4m/>



The M4M Workshop concept

<https://covid19initiatives.health-ri.nl/p/ProjectOverview>
<https://www.gofairfoundation.org/m4m/>

ZonMW COVID-19

Last updated: January 1, 2022

Summary | Classes | Properties



Jump to:

- biomaterial
- constraint
- data
 - audiovisual data
 - diagnostic imaging
 - economic data
 - environmental data
 - genomics data
 - geographical data
 - health data
 - personal information data
 - political data
 - qualitative data
 - social data
 - socio-economic data
 - survey data
- deprecated
- focus area
- population group
 - COVID-19 patient grouping
 - COVID-19 vaccination grouping
 - people by age
 - people by COVID-19 risk factors
 - people by education
 - people by employment
 - people by gender
 - people by sex
 - people with migration background
 - target group of policy interventions
- property
- service
- spatial scope
- standard
- subject
- temporal scope
- variable

Disease (1..N)

Which category of diseases, if any, is relevant for your project? Multiple answers are allowed.

If you ticked human disease, what specific disease is relevant for your project?

If you ticked animal disease, what specific disease is relevant for your project?

If you ticked plant disease, what specific disease is relevant for your project?

Please enter the disease if not found in the drop-down list.

Type of Biomaterial (1..N)

What type of biomaterial, if any, is relevant for your project? Multiple answers are allowed.

What organisms are the target of your analysis?

Please enter the organism if not found in the drop-down list.

If you ticked substance, what kind of substance is relevant for your project?

If you ticked specimen, what kind of specimen is relevant for your project?

If you ticked macromolecule, what kind of macromolecules is relevant for your project?

If you ticked other, which ones would you like to add?

Temporal Scope (1..N)

Temporal Scope - Multiple answers are allowed.

Please enter the temporal scope if not found in the drop-down list.

Population Group (1..N)

Population Group - Multiple answers are allowed.

Please enter the population group if not found in the drop-down list.

Project overview

Request data	Reset
Lead institution	▼
Data availability	▼
ZonMw focus area	▼
Type of provided assets	▼
Provided data	▼
Type of provided biomaterial	▼
Type of provided service	▼

Search

Changes in the use and organization of care in general practice during the COVID-19 pandemic
 COVID-GP
 ZonMw - Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development | NIVEL - Netherlands Institute for Health Research Transition

Aanhoudende Klachten na COVID-19: perspectief vanuit de praktijk
 ACTION
 ZonMw - Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development | University of Groningen

COVID-NL cohort RadboudUMC
 RadboudUMC COVID-NL cohort
 other | Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre

<https://www.gofairfoundation.org/m4m/>

Data stewardship community building



Four levels of community building in the Netherlands

- Local (universities, universities of applied sciences, university medical centres)
- Disciplinary (for example Health-RI, Odissei, Clariah)
- National (for example LCRDM, DSIG, GO FAIR)
- International (for instance RDA)

Implementation Plan Investments Digital Research Infrastructure



With the extra structural investments and the kickstarter funding, deployed as an integral coherent plan, NWO wants to stimulate the following aspects:

- Data sharing according to the principles of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) and open science.
- Federated digital infrastructure both locally and at the (inter)national level.
- Making research data easier to analyse by using more powerful computer capacity, larger storage capacity and new technological developments.
- Making more use of software already developed because this is better known and more accessible.

Subprogrammes

There are four funding lines within this programme: Local DCCs, thematic DCCs, Investments in eScience, Computing facilities (supercomputer and computing time). The PC-LRI subcommittee ICT is in charge of the programme.

Local DCCs	+
Thematic DCCs	+
Investments in eScience	+
Computer facilities	+
ICT subcommittee of the PC-LRI	+

Local DCCs



This call was a one-off stimulus for the setting up or further development of local Digital Competence Centers. Research institutions could use this funding to appoint data stewards and data managers for an existing DCC or the central setting up of a new DCC within the institution. With this call, NWO also wanted to ensure that the institution would safeguard the DCC concerned from both a policy and financial perspective.

A grid of 15 project cards, each representing a Digital Competence Centre (DCC) project. Each card includes the project title, its status (e.g., 'IN PROGRESS'), a brief description, and a right-pointing arrow. The projects are:

- Aanvraag DCC Tilburg University**: De impulsfinanciering gaat binnen Tilburg University gebruikt worden om een volwaardig Digital Compe...
- Leids Digital Competence Centre (LDCC)**: Deze aanvraag behelst de realisatie van het Leids Digital Competence Centre (LDCC) voor de Universit...
- DCC NWO-1**: Het NWO-1 vraagt middels dit project impulsfinanciering aan voor het starten van een Digital Compete...
- DCC Utrecht: omgaan met gevoelige data**: Het data impulsfinanciering beogen we de beschikbare informatie over het omgaan met gevoelige data t...
- Radboudumc aanvraag DCC**: Het Radboudumc vraagt voor haar lokale DCC een generieke data steward aan.
- Het Digitaal Competentiecentrum van de Universiteit van Amsterdam**: Wetenschap wordt steeds digitaal. De manier waarop resultaten verkregen, geanalyseerd, gedeeld en g...
- Aanvraag impulsfinanciering Lokaal DCC KNAW**: Impulsfinanciering voor het opzetten van een Digitaal Competentie Centrum binnen de KNAW, ter verstre...
- Aanvraag NWO impulsfinanciering voor Digital Competence Centre Maastricht University**: In het licht van de strategische UM doelstellingen ten aanzien van Open Science, FAIR en RDM werkt d...
- Oprichting Digital Competence Center Erasmus MC**: Het Erasmus MC vraagt €246.680 subsidie aan voor de inrichting van een lokaal Digitaal Competence Cen...
- Oprichting van een lokaal Digitaal Competence Center (DCC) in het UMC Utrecht**: In bijgevoegd voorstel wordt beschreven hoe we NWO's impulsfinanciering voor oprichting van een loka...
- Lokaal Digitaal Competentie centrum aan de Universiteit Twente (UT-DCC)**: Bijgaande aanvraag is gericht op de verdere ontwikkeling van het DCC van de Universiteit Twente. Op ...
- Opzetten EUR Digitaal Competentie Centrum (DCC)**: Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (EUR) heeft in Strategie 2020 zeven strategische prioriteiten benoe...
- LUMC-DCC: hoogwaardige data voor toepasbare kennis**: Het LUMC migreert naar een data gedreven organisatie. Het doel van het LUMC-DCC is vanuit een centra...
- Vorming DCC Radboud Universiteit**: De Radboud Universiteit wil met het voorliggende financieringsinstrument het huidige RDM support tea...
- Groningen Digital Competence Center**: Met behulp van deze impulsfinanciering gaan de Rijksuniversiteit Groningen en het Universitair Medis...
- DCC als "Research Enabler" voor het**
- Local Digital Competence Center at the**
- DCC impulsfinanciering Wageningen**

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Thematic DCCs



In the spring of 2022, the thematic DCC (TDCC) network organisations will start. NWO will subsequently publish a call for proposals each year for the realisation of these networks.

The local DCCs provide generic support to researchers within a single institution. However, many researchers collaborate across institutions on specific research themes, and they could benefit from joint support for their research theme. For example, this could concern how you make agreements to better disclose and share data, or about the development of software that makes data analysis within that research theme easier.

To support this, the implementation plan provides for the formation of TDCCs. These network organisations will be established at the start of 2022 with funding from NWO. There will be three TDCC networks that will bring together researchers in three 'domains' (just like the domains in the National Roadmap for Large-scale Research Facilities):

- Life Sciences and Health (LSH)
- Natural and Engineering Sciences (NES)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

Besides researchers and the aforementioned local DCCs, other parties will also be important within these three domains:

- Institutions that have expertise in supporting researchers (such as DANS, NLeSC);
- Research infrastructures (such as Health-RI, NPOS-NL, ODISSEI);
- Partnerships (for example, 4TU.ResearchData, DTL);
- Strategic initiatives and councils.

All of these parties will be involved in the networks. Over the next ten years, NWO will invest about 2.4 million euros per year. This will give a boost to the establishment and support of the TDCC organisations, and the funding can be used to support concrete projects within the digital needs that have been identified.





Health-RI is the Dutch non-profit foundation supporting a public private partnership of organizations that want to realize a national health-data infrastructure. More than 70 organizations involved in health research and care endorse our efforts.

Health-RI is the Dutch national initiative to facilitate and stimulate an integrated health data infrastructure accessible for researchers, citizens, care providers and industry. It will enable optimal use of health data, samples and images, a learning healthcare system and accelerate personalized health.



<https://www.health-ri.nl/>

How we operate

The strategy of Health-RI follows three lines of action

1. Collective action: optimizing the conditions for building and maintaining a national health data infrastructure;
2. Building a national health data infrastructure: fostering and facilitating initiatives and collaborations directed at developing health data infrastructure;
3. Providing mature services: supporting researchers and data managers by making infrastructure services, tools and data easy to locate, access and use;

Our mission

Build an integrated health data research infrastructure accessible for researchers, citizens and care providers.

Facilitate and foster the optimal use of knowledge, tools, facilities, health data and samples to enable a learning healthcare system and accelerate sustainable and affordable personalized medicine and health.

← Communities

Data Stewardship Community

The Health-RI Data Stewardship Community (DSC) will establish a community hub for health data stewards to facilitate collaboration.

In Health-RI, the [Data Stewardship Community](#) (DSC) unites healthcare data stewards in national collaborations, so each institute does not have to reinvent the wheel locally

DUTCH NATIONAL PLATFORM IN INTEGRATED DIGITAL LIFE SCIENCES

We assemble public and private partners to jointly establish a digital competence centre on biological and molecular data in support of the Dutch health and biosciences communities.

We connect data generation facilities, data and computational infrastructure, data collections, software and models, data stewardship practices and FAIR-compliant standards.

The platform connects experts in digital life sciences and enables easy access to relevant data and tools, and supports advanced computational analysis and modelling via bioinformatics and computational modeling techniques, including machine learning and artificial intelligence.

DIGITAL LIFE SCIENCE COMMUNITIES



TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES



FAIR DATA STEWARDSHIP



LIFE SCIENCES DATA
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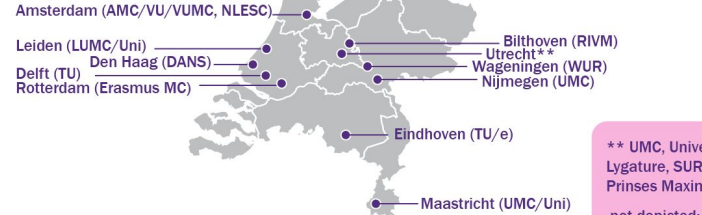
BIOINFORMATICS &
SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

Data Stewardship Interest Group

A professional community for Data Stewards and alike in "Life Sciences"



625 members



** UMC, University Utrecht, Lygature, SURF, The Hyve, Prinses Maxima Centrum
not depicted:
Ontoforce (Ghent, Belgium)

Facilitating communities is an essential element of professionalising data stewardship and capacity building

- Exchange experiences and good practices
- Jointly tackle data challenges

For many years, DTL facilitates the [Data Stewards Interest Group](#) (DSIG), with regular meetings (next one in September) and a vibrant ([slack channel](#)) community for data stewards and like-minded in the Netherlands **and beyond (welcome to join!)** to share experiences and foster the (Dutch) national implementation of data stewardship

Dutch roadmap towards professionalising data stewardship

Creating FAIR data implies

Making well informed choices about

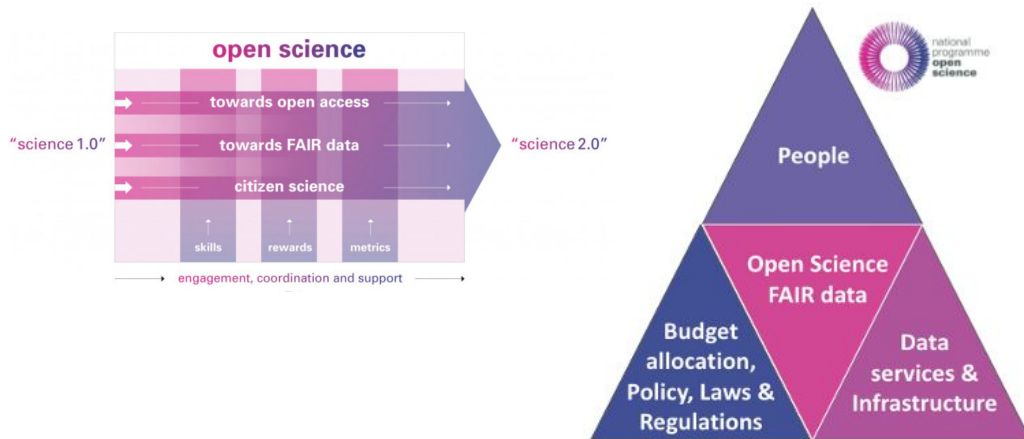
- ... the number of data stewards
- ... where in the organisation
- ... and with what competences
- ... including training

Realising data steward capacity implies

- Changes in research-performing organisations, including HR management
- National funds for science and institutional budgets
- Coordinated action of research institutes, policy makers and research-funding organisations for the required changes

Dutch National Programme Open Science (NPOS)

- Three key areas: 100% Open Access publishing, optimal reuse (FAIR) of research data, and corresponding evaluation and valuation systems
- The [data stewardship report](#) (NPOS F) links to the second key area, together with a [report on the Dutch data infrastructure and services landscape](#) (NPOS E)
- NPOS F: for a quick overview, we advise to read the preamble, executive summary and Chapter 7





National Coordination Point Research Data Management

The National Coordination Point Research Data Management (LCRDM) is a national **network** of experts in the field of research data management (RDM).

The LCRDM forms the link between **policy and solution**. Close consultation between educational and research institutions is crucial for this. Within LCRDM, experts work together to put RDM subjects on the agenda that are too big for one institute to tackle and need a national plan of action.

LCRDM brings together research support services, policy makers, ICT specialists, managers of diverse research institutes and research funding organizations. The LCRDM coordinates and facilitates the collaboration between the various RDM stakeholders.

<https://www.lcrdm.nl/en>



Pool of Experts



The LCRDM also organises **meetings** on RDM themes, such as November 3, 2020 in Maastricht on adoption and implementation, training and competences of data professionals, and RDM in times of Corona.

RDM maillijst

Are you organizing a symposium, do you have a vacancy, do you want to discuss something with colleagues: use this list. Everyone involved in RDM is welcome. To



Do you have RDM questions that could benefit from a national approach? You will find our working method on the **Task groups** page.

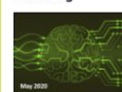


RDM in the Netherlands



Glossary

TG Software Archiving



Recommendations on encouraging of software archiving.

Pitch and team

TG FAIR enabling



Principles on the basis of which an organisation could be assessed on the degree of 'FAIR' enabling.

Pitch and team

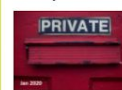
Digital consent



A legal and ethical framework for obtaining digitized informed consent.

Pitch and team

Privacy risks



Implement and maintain a DPIA per research scenario, so that a scenario can be selected for new research proposals.

Data Collaboration



Inventory of trans-institutional research projects (use cases), identification of bottlenecks and incompatible policy and description of implications and solutions.

Pitch and team

"23 Things" adoption



A wider adoption of the existing RDA (Research Data Alliance Europe) guide "23 Things - Libraries for Research Data".

Pitch and team

Anonymisation



√2019

Pseudonymisation



√2019

Data Curation



√2019

Task groups



The task groups are composed by the **advisory group** for each submitted issue. The team members are drawn from the **pool of experts** by means of a pitch, and possibly supplemented with experts. The task groups are ideally supervised by a process supervisor or consultant. The motivation of the task group members is: 'I also have to do something with my subject in my own working environment'.

Read more about **pitching** new task groups.



VRE/Workspaces
√2019



Data Stewardship
√2019



"23 Things" Grant
√2019



Working groups 2015
- 2017

2021 DCC Spring Training Days

- May 20 **Engagement: connecting researchers and data stewards**
- June 3 **Organising your data and software with a reproducible workflow**
- June 17 **The role of good RDM in accelerating scientific progress**

from 13:00-17:00 (CEST)
via Zoom



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Research Data Management



DCC
implementation
network

Local Digital Competence Centres



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healthRI
enabling data driven health



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TECHNOLOGY



Education and Training on handling of research data IG

Taxonomy:

- Posts
- Wiki
- Events
- Repository
- Outputs
- Charter
- Plenaries
- Members

Group Status: ✔ IG Established

ELIXIR Bridging Force IG

Taxonomy: Natural Sciences, Natural Sciences/Biological sciences, Medical and Health Sciences

- Posts
- Create Wiki index
- Events
- Repository
- Outputs
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Group Status: ✔ IG Established

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Status: Chair (Case Si) IG

RDA-COVID19-Omics

Taxonomy: Medical and Health Sciences

- Posts
- Wiki
- Events
- Repository
- Outputs
- Case Statements
- Plenaries
- Members

Group Status: ✔ WGs Getting started (~0-6 months after RDA endorsement)

Status: Recognised & Endorsed
Chair (s): Natalie Meyers, Rob Hoof, Juan Bicarregui

This is the subgroup of the RDA-COVID-19 working group focusing on **Omics**.

Useful Information for RDA COVID-19 Omics Subgroup

Omics subgroup priorities:

1. A set of guideline documents, highlighting the primary data [and software/c resources in Omics research, addressing different data types and cross-cutti
2. Resource [data and software/code] List(s) in Omics.
3. A Decision Tree tool to facilitate navigation to specific Omics Resources.



O&A Members

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MEMBERSHIP

Members: 10956

Active Organisational & Affiliate members

Becoming a member of RDA is simple and open to both individuals and organizations
[Register now](#)

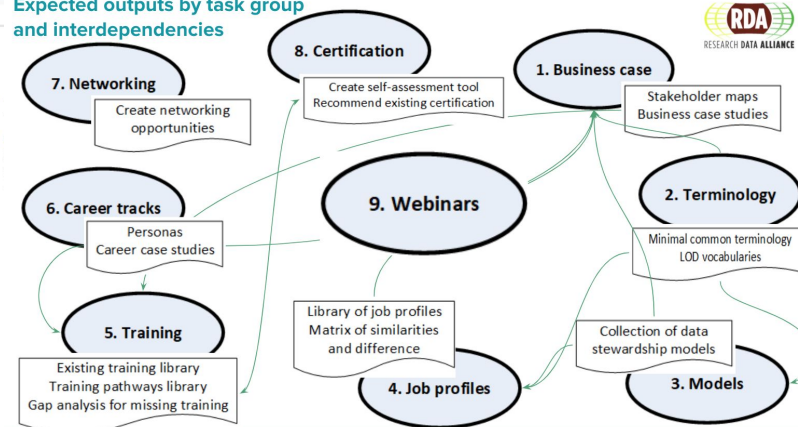
Professionalising Data Stewardship IG

Taxonomy:

- Posts
- Create Wiki index
- Events
- Repository
- Outputs
- Charter
- Plenaries
- Members

Group Status: + Not yet endorsed

Expected outputs by task group and interdependencies



Takeaways

After this presentation ...

- take time to dive into the resources in this presentation: look at the reports, tools and training resources
- keep discussing your current/future roles, responsibilities and tasks in your local teams and organisations
- start/participate in data steward communities yourself



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- NPOS-F team
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- RDA Professionalising Data Stewardship Interest Group



Thank you for listening!

Interested to learn more about DTL, Health-RI, ELIXIR-NL and NPOS activities? Contact me via mijke.jetten@dtls.nl