

Insights from Brandenburg's first RDM-**Spring School for students**

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Project IN-FDM-BB

- Collaborative project "Institutionalised and sustainable Research Data Management in Brandenburg"
- RDM-staff at Brandenburg's eight publicly-funded, researchfocused Universities (of Applied Sciences)
- Funding (BMBF, MWFK): October 2022 September 2025
- Builds on the results (below) of the **Brandenburg-wide** initiative FDM-BB (research data management in Brandenburg)

Project aims

- Build local RDM expertise at all eight universities
- Develop RDM (certificate) courses across all eight universities
- Provide Brandenburg-wide RDM services and tools, e.g., RDMO, RADAR
- Brandenburg-wide institutionalisation of RDM



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FDM-BB main results (2019 – 2022)

Project reports

- Wuttke et al. 2021.
 - "Umfeldanalyse zum Aufbau einer neuen Datenkultur in **Brandenburg**"
- Radtke et al. 2020.
 - "Anforderungserhebung bei den brandenburgischen Hochschulen"
- Neuroth et al. 2021.
 - "Handlungs- und Implementierungsempfehlungen zum Forschungsdatenmanagement in Brandenburg"



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RDM Spring School for students

- Week-long certificate course (in German)
- Bachelor and Master students (various disciplines) from Universities (of Applied Sciences) in Brandenburg
- Online via Zoom, free of charge, during semester break
- 2 4 **ECTS**: course preparation + quiz; active participation; follow-up term paper (optional)

Course content

_		Monday, 6/3/2023	Tuesday, 7/3/2023	Wednesday, 8/3/2023	Thursday, 9/3/2023	Friday, 10/3/2023
	Time	1: Introduction to RDM	2: Data management plans	3: Basics of technical research data infrastructure & tools	4: Data publication & legal aspects of RDM	5: Good scientific practice & project management
	09:00 - 10.30	1.1 Organisational, Introduction to research data management	2.1 Data documentation, metadata	3.1 Active data management	4.1 Data publication, persistent identifiers, citation	5.1 Good scientific practice
	10:30 - 10:45	Break				
		1.2 The research data life cycle, FAIR data principles	2.2 Data management plans (DMPs)	3.2 Long-term preservation of data	4.2 licenses, Re3Data	5.2 Project management with a focus on data management
	12:15 - 1:30	Lunch break				
	1:30 - 3:00	1.3 Open Science	2.3 DMPs with the Research Data Management Organiser (RDMO)	3.3 Collaborative tools and version control	4.3 Legal aspects of RDM	5.3 Exercise, course evaluation
	3:00 - 3:30	Break				
	3:30 - 5:00	1.4 Exercise	2.4 Exercise	3.4 Exercise	4.4 Exercise	5.4 Individual consultations on follow-up term papers

Summary & Lessons learned



High interest in RDM (might suggest gap in curriculum):

- Nearly **100 students** from various disciplines applied
- Max. 30 participants (to allow for sufficient support, exchange and discussion)



Instructors with **different areas of expertise**:

11 in total, different professional backgrounds: research/teaching, research support, library



Didactic approach using various formats:

E.g., text, video, discussion, polls, hands-on exercises, (collaborative) tools, gamification approach

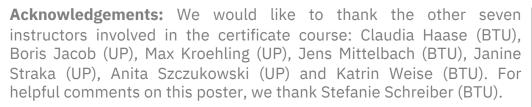


Evaluations:

- **Very positive** (60-80% participation per day)
- 95% intend to integrate RDM in their course work
- Some challenges, e.g., examples relevant to every discipline, all day on Zoom

Future directions

- OER course content (course handbook, scripts, literature, RDM quiz) has been **published on Zenodo**
- OER materials will be published for all future certificate courses
- Certificate course (Spring School) for students to take place at least once a year during semester break
- Certificate courses for researchers and research support staff are currently being planned
- Potential collaborations beyond Brandenburg: Let's chat! **















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