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The [CODATA-RDA Schools] instructors together with **FAIRsFAIR**, [EOSC-Pillar], [EOSC Synergy] and [Gdańsk University of Technology Library] and the [Open Science Competence Center], created in the framework of [Bridge of Data project] ([MOST DANYCH] project) at Gdańsk Tech Library, delivered a **three day train-the-trainer workshop**, from 6th to 10th September 2021.

A key aim of the workshop was to empower a network of peers where **best practices are exchanged** and where **those with more experience can share their knowledge with those just getting started**.

The workshop combined a series of **theoretical and practical sessions**, where participants were given the opportunity to interact and get to know other colleagues and exchange their experience in **supporting researchers with RDM**. The workshop aimed to introduce participants as **data stewards** to the key concepts and drivers for **Open Science, RDM and FAIR principles**, to enable the resulting network of practitioners in peer institutions who can collaborate, work and learn together. Participants were also introduced to **key concepts of pedagogy** and were able to put these in practice with a brief course design and development activity. In addition, attendees were asked to reflect on their own role as data stewards and got to **evaluate the existing training offer and the status of RDM services** in their respective institutions in perspective of training their members in the future.

Most of the participants had been **in their data steward role** (often managing data steward tasks besides regular duties) for **less than 6 months** and **work on their own or in teams of less than 5 people**. The workshop met the expectations of the participants, who had join with an interest to learn more about:

- the range of **skills and knowledge** associated with data stewardship,

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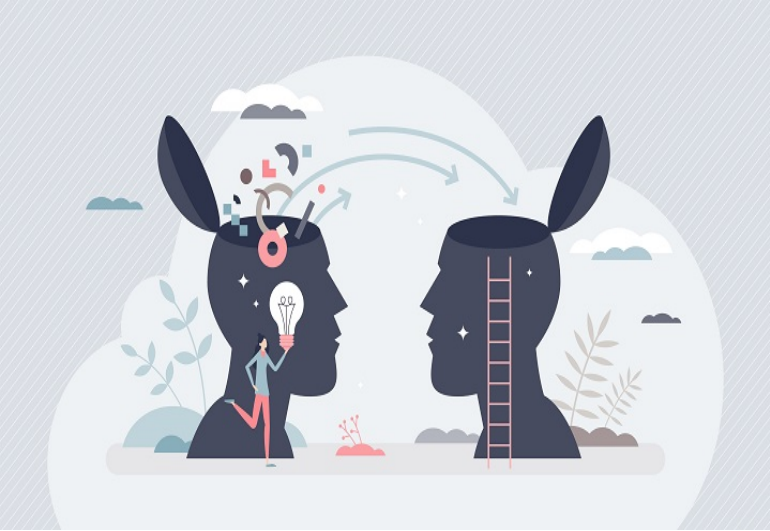
- **political drivers** for RDM, FAIR and Open Data,
- how to **explain** the **difference between FAIR and Open Data** to **researchers**,
- how to **provide and develop effective training** using **open learning resources**,
- how to **implement RDM services** and **advance FAIR data** within their organization.



However, attendees identified also gaps and **areas of improvement** to support research activities in their respective institutions i.e. **lack** the required **data management skills** to effectively provide data services, lack sufficient **time to handle the requirements** of data management, lack of **advisory services and trainings on RDM, DMPs** as well as they confirmed the **need of developing local peer network**.

Participants valued the **interactive and hands-on approach** of the **workshop** and the **networking opportunity** that was offered. The event gathered more than 30 **participants from the emerging RDM support staff community** in the country. The workshop was conducted in English although there was a chance to speak Polish during all practical sessions as each break out room had the local moderator, a member of the Open Science Competence Center at Gdańsk Tech Library, to feedback in English.

The purpose of the workshop therefore was to **provide better understanding on data stewardship, research data management process and support the development of data stewardship skills among staff in universities and other research institutions in Poland**.

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Testimonials

by Aleksander Mroziński and Jakub Rusakow

"It is a great opportunity to get knowledge and skills about teaching others how to be a data steward."

"There are too few such training!"

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"The idea of sharing knowledge and experience regarding data stewards training is very important for our University."

"I’m looking forward to the next workshop"

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