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German Chapter of the Data Stewardship Competence Centers Implementation Network (DSCC-IN)

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DATA STEWARDSHIP COMPETENCE CENTERS IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK (DSCC-IN)
Different institutions work within various structures/environments, have individual RDM-service strategies but have to deal with similar challenges.

**relevant factors:**
- Individual goals
- Institutional perspective
- Finances/Personnel
- Communities (domain, institution etc.) and their demands
- Different competencies
- ...

→ need for sustainable (infra)structures to support researchers with regard to research data management
→ bringing together institutions and working together on similar challenges
Foundation Meeting of the Data Stewardship Competence Centers Implementation Network, 18th/19th of December 2019 at the Universität Leiden (with wine)

- plenty of members from different countries
  - Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland

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→ DSCC-IN is organized through national chapters
Data Stewardship Competence Centers - Implementation Network

- Increasing awareness of Data Stewardship and FAIR/cultural change within Institutions
- Supporting researchers with respect to the FAIR principles
- Strengthening data management as a central aspect of research (Speak-with-one-voice)
- Developing institutional data strategies and policies
- Defining requirements of sustainable Data Stewardship infrastructures
- Defining service-, qualification- and job profiles
- Establishing communication channels and supporting interdisciplinary exchange
- Cooperating with other organizations and working groups
GO UNITE
• Translating the main goals/tasks of the DSCC-IN to a national/institutional level
• Supporting the establishment of institutional (and pragmatic) RDM-Services
• Providing a network of competencies and cooperation

• ca. 40+ participants from different research domains, institutions/infrastructures and projects
• Discussion about central requirements and goals of the participants related to RDM
  → Community-driven definition of three topics
1. CONNECTING THE NETWORK

Identified requirement

- **too many regional/national initiatives and networks** on the same topics, e.g. collecting and connecting materials for RDM training or building up a network of experts and services

Goal

- **avoiding the reinvention of the wheel** and parallel work on identical topics
- **bringing together initiatives** like the NFDI consortia, universities, working groups etc. to work on a central document with a common metadata scheme in order to obtain a complete overview of all existing material and programs

Current steps

- after the GO UNITE strategy meeting, first steps have been taken in this regard, especially in the context of the DINI / UAG training courses, which we have come into contact with
2. RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT DESCRIPTION MODEL

Identified requirement

- need for a comprehensive description model of demands and workflows within the German RDM landscape

Goal

- establishing a cooperative forum for presenting/discussing existing RDM-structures, -workflows and -requirements with regard to their individual conditions. Developing a comprehensive and practice-oriented, abstract description model to measure RDM-concepts and the landscape of RDM-requirements

Current steps

- evaluation and mapping of existing models and approaches by the organizers
- planning a workshop in July 2021 for collecting service-descriptions and -perspectives as well as RDM-requirements
3. INTERNATIONALIZATION

Identified requirement

- **more internationalization** regarding RDM topics

Goal

- **continuous exchange** with RDM-experts, Data Stewards etc. and **stronger connection** to the GO FAIR DSCC IN

Current steps

- Inviting a coordinator from the DSCC IN to the upcoming GO UNITE meeting to report on current developments and explore networking opportunities between the participating countries
GO UNITE is a national network constituted by representatives from different local RDM-institutions, competence centers, projects and infrastructures.

GO UNITE is effective

• if the focus is on requirements defined by its community and
• if solutions are developed by its community
Thank you for your attention