

Welcome to the 13th newsletter of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony. Today, we cover **News from the State Initiative & more**, FDM-NDS introduces itself and upcoming events from FDM-NDS, FDM-ndsHAW & Friends. Enjoy reading!

News from the State Initiative & more

Data Days Lower Saxony – Register Now!

In November, we invite you to the Data Days Niedersachsen. This three-day event is dedicated entirely to the topic of research data management in Lower Saxony and aims to connect stakeholders from academia, infrastructure, and administration, to provide inspiration, and to promote exchange. The event consists of two parts:

- November 24 & 25 – In-person event in Braunschweig
- November 26 – Virtual theme day

You can find more information about the Data Days Niedersachsen on our website – just follow the link and register right away. Please note: places for the in-person event are limited.

Especially important: For the virtual theme day, we are still looking for contributions from and for Lower Saxony. More information is also available on our website.

[Link to the event website on fdm-nds.de](https://www.fdm-nds.de)



Project Fund Pillar 3 – Now also open to Pillar 2 applicants

Good news from the Pillar 3 project fund! Until now, universities that received funding from Pillar 2 were not eligible to apply for funds from the project fund. We are pleased to announce that this has now changed. Starting with the next submission deadline

(November 14, 2025), these universities will also be eligible to receive funding. For more information, feel free to take a look at the new procedural guidelines.

[Link to the Pillar 3 website on fdm-nds.de](#)

Interview: Electronic Lab Notebook in Research Practice?

A new interview has been published in the Data Champions series by Leibniz University Hannover. This time, Dr.-Ing. Tobias Kersten and Dr.-Ing. Thomas Krawinkel from the Institute of Geodesy, responsible for satellite navigation receiver units at LUH, are featured. They talk about the use of the electronic lab notebook eLabFTW.

It's a fascinating interview that provides insight into the process of introducing an electronic lab notebook—without glossing over the challenges involved. A definite reading recommendation from us.

[Link to the Data Champions interview by LUH \[only in German\]](#)

NFDI4Microbiota Flex Funds Call

Applications for the NFDI4Microbiota Flex Funds 2026 are open until August 11, 2025.

This funding supports small projects and use cases from the community that align with the goals of NFDI4Microbiota. There are no limits to ideas—projects could, for example, involve the development of workflows, implementation of an electronic lab notebook, creation of subject-specific teaching materials, and more.

We strongly recommend taking a look at the call and sharing it with your researchers. All funding conditions are available on the NFDI4Microbiota website.

[Link to the NFDI4Microbiota Flex Funds Call](#)

FDM-NDS Introduces Itself

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Responsibilities:

- Consultation, training, and support for all aspects of research data management (Data Steward, Pillar 2)

Professional Background:

- Southwest Asian Archaeology, Prehistoric and Early History, Classical Archaeology

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

CARE principles, sociopolitical aspects of RDM, critical engagement with RDM

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

A stronger theoretical engagement with the scientific challenges that RDM both poses and faces itself.

If you had a day for yourself and your favorite hobby, with unlimited time and budget, what would you do?

Something creatively explorative.

Most important item in the office/home office?

Fountain pen and Post-its in various sizes and colors

Wofür steht FDM? (nur falsche Antworten) [only in German]

Fürchterlich Deprimierte Meerestierchen

Events by FDM-NDS, FDM-ndsHAW & Friends

18.08.2025, 09:30 – 10:45 am, online

Title: Terminologien und Ontologien im FDM: Ein Schlüssel zur Innovation

[Link to access and more information](#)

06.10.2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, online

Title: How to NFDI – Informationen und Austausch zur Beteiligung an der Nationalen Forschungsdateninfrastruktur

[Link to registration and more information](#)

24.11.-26.11.2025, online

Title: Data Days Niedersachsen

[Link to registration and more information](#)

Overview to FDM-NDS recommends:

Selected events from colleagues in other RDM initiatives that are also relevant for researchers and RDM professionals in Lower Saxony.

[Link to overview of FDM-NDS recommends](#)

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions, you can reach us at info@fdm-nds.de.

See you next time!

Best regards,

The FDM-NDS Team

P.S. Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Let us know by August 6, 2025, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.

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