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

Joining the team – Expertise in Legal Consulting

We are very pleased to welcome Doreen Rocholl to the Pillar 1 team of the State Initiative. At the beginning of August, Doreen Rocholl started her work in Work Package 5 (advising on questions regarding the legal framework in RDM). This means that the Pillar 1 team of FDM-NDS is now complete, and we are very much looking forward to future collaboration.

First Pillar 3 projects launched

More positive news: the first Pillar 3 projects have now started. Three projects have been funded:

1. Einstein Your Data – Data Literacy for Students
    A joint project of the University of Vechta and Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, aimed at strengthening students' data literacy and introducing them to the basics of RDM. More information is available on the project website:
    https://www.uni-vechta.de/einstein
2. eLabFTW@FDM.NDS
    A joint project of TU Braunschweig and TU Clausthal, aimed at making the electronic lab notebook eLabFTW available to all researchers in Lower Saxony via the Academic Cloud, as well as connecting eLabFTW users and administrators. For the latest project updates, you can subscribe to the mailing list:
    https://www.listserv.dfn.de/sympa/subscribe/elabftw-niedersachsen
    and join the Matrix chat in the Academic Cloud:
    #eLabFTW@FDM.NDS:academiccloud.de
3. FAIRnetzt in Niedersachsen
    A joint project of Leibniz University Hannover and TU Braunschweig, aimed at improving the visibility and networking of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony.

More information on the funded projects and Pillar 3 in general can be found on our website: https://fdm-nds.de/index.php/en/pillar-3/

If you are planning to submit a project for Pillar 3, we would like to draw your attention to the regular networking meetings for Pillar 3. At these meetings, planned projects are

presented and discussed. The next meeting will take place on 03.09.2025 at 10:00 am. For more information and access details, please contact us at info@fdm-nds.de.

Call for Contributions: Virtual Theme Day of the Data Days Lower Saxony

Until 30.09.2025, there is still the opportunity to submit contributions for the Virtual Theme Day (26.11.2025) of the Data Days Lower Saxony. This year, we especially welcome submissions in the following thematic areas:

1. Best practices in research data management
2. Automation and AI in research data management
3. Tools and technologies in research data management
4. Strategies for introducing and sustainably implementing institutional research data management
5. RDM4Braunschweig

Do you have a topic that doesn't fit into any of these areas? No problem – just get in touch with us anyway! More information about the Virtual Theme Day (and the Data Days Lower Saxony) can be found on our website:

Link to the Data Days Lower Saxony event website

NFDI4Ing & Universities of Applied Sciences

On 9 September, from 10:00 to 12:00, NFDI4Ing cordially invites you to a compact online workshop – specifically for researchers in the engineering sciences at Universities of Applied Sciences (HAWs). More information is available on the event page:

Link to the NFDI4Ing event page

Other Events by FDM-NDS & Friends

Feel free to check out our upcoming events (at the end of the newsletter or on our website). We have a colorful program for you even during the summer months: whether it's on the use of terminologies, the challenges of data management in interdisciplinary research contexts, or information events on the funding model of the Academic Cloud and participation in the NFDI. There's something for everyone – so have a look and sign up right away.

Link to the current FDM-NDS events

FDM-NDS Introduces Itself

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Responsibilities:
- Competence building in data literacy

Professional Background:

- Sinology, Mongolian Studies, Japanese Studies

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?
The translation of theory into practice – that is, applying data literacy in everyday practical work.

What is your wish for the future of RDM?
It would be great if RDM became a solid core competence already at the BA level, naturally integrated into everyday study and work life.

If you had a day for yourself and your favorite hobby, with unlimited time and budget, what would you do?
I take care of my numerous garden herbs and try to create new teas with them.

Most important item in the office/home office?
Electric kettle

Wofür steht FDM? (nur falsche Antworten) [only in German]
FDM ist ein vielfach eingesetzter Begriff in der Jugendsprache...mal als Kompliment gebraucht: „FDM, Diggaaaa!!", in wütenden Situationen gerne unspezifisch geschnauzt: „Dann geh doch FDM, Alter!". Wurde aber auch schon als Ausdruck der Überraschung beobachtet: „Da hol mich doch der FDM!"

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](#)

02.09.2025, 11:00 am – 04:45 pm, Hannover
Title: 18. Deutscher Hochschulrechtstag 2025: Forschungsdatenmanagement – Rechtlicher Rahmen und Gestaltungsoptionen
[Link to event webpage](#)

03.09.2025, 02:00 – 03:30 pm, online
Title: Vorstellung Finanzierungsmodell Academic Cloud
[Link to access and more informatin](#)

22.09.2025, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm, online
Title: Herausforderungen und Chancen beim Datenmanagement in interdisziplinären Forschungskontexten
[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 September 5, 2025, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.