



Welcome to the 16th 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

Summit of Hochschule.digital Niedersachsen (HdN)

This year's HdN Summit took place in Hanover on **September 11-12**. Robert Strötgen, Diana Schmidt (spokesperson and co-spokesperson of the steering committee) and Yvana Glasenapp (overall coordination) were on site and involved in shaping the content of the summit. In a joint workshop with the "Digital Science Support Space" project, they gave a brief presentation on the support services offered by FDM-NDS. They also asked for feedback from colleagues in a World Café. We are particularly pleased with the positive feedback that the support services are being noticed and used, and that the newly appointed data stewards and RDM project positions in particular have revitalized the topic of RDM at universities.

[Link to the HdN website](#)

FDM-NDS at FDM@Campus

At the FDM@Campus conference in Göttingen on **September 29**, Pillar 1 of the state initiative organized a session. After a brief presentation of the project and a review of the successes achieved so far in the three pillars of the state initiative, the areas AP 3, 4, 5, and 6 dived deeper into their individual project areas with the session participants. In a World Café format, participants had the opportunity to learn more about data literacy certificate courses, offerings for RDM personnel, and RDM lighthouse project ideas, and to contribute their own suggestions. The goal was to actively discuss these topics with participants and gather feedback.

How to NFDI

On **October 6**, FDM-NDS and FDM.SH jointly hosted the event "How to NFDI." Cord Wiljes from the NFDI office provided insight into the structure of the NFDI and highlighted opportunities for active participation. Prof. Dr. Sonja Schimmler and Prof. Dr. Florian Stahl provided insights into the Common Infrastructures and Industry Engagement sections. Participants took advantage of the opportunity to engage in direct exchange with these NFDI representatives, resulting in a lively discussion. The relevance of the FDM state initiatives as an interface between the NFDI and research became clear once again.

Sustainable RDM, ELNs, and data engineering – hands-on at Data Days Lower Saxony

On the second day of this year's Data Days Lower Saxony (**November 25, 2025**), you can look forward to three practical workshops. Whether you are interested in sustainable RDM, insights into the Chemotion and eLabFTW electronic lab notebooks, or an introduction to data engineering, there is something for everyone. Secure your place at the Data Days. For more information about the program and registration, please visit our website:

[Link to the Data Days Lower Saxony event website](#)

Sneak peek at the Virtual Theme Day of Data Days Lower Saxony

We have received numerous submissions for this year's Virtual Theme Day at Data Days Lower Saxony. The program is currently being finalized, but we would like to give you a little preview. You can look forward to workshops on noScribe, Open Refine, and QualiAnon, as well as presentations on FAIR software and software licensing and the FAIR handling of sensitive data. There is much more in store for you, so stay tuned! We will announce the exact program on our event website shortly.

[Link to the Data Days Lower Saxony event website](#)

NFDI4Memory FAIR Data Fellowships

The call for applications for the FAIR Data Fellowships 2026 is now open! Until **November 19, 2025**, interested parties from historical research projects can apply to publish their historical research data with the help of experts.

[Link to the website](#)

FDM-NDS Introduces Itself

Dr. Barbara Löhde

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Responsibilities:

- Responsible for work cycle 3 “Competence building in data literacy” of pillar 1 of FDM-NDS

Professional Background:

- Political science, geography (M.A.), doctorate in ethnology

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

The management of qualitative data, particularly in ethnographic research, as well as the flexible and context-sensitive implementation of RDM in a wide variety of research scenarios.

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

RDM and data literacy should be integrated more strongly into university teaching in order to equip students with the necessary data skills for research and professional life at an early stage.

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

... sleep in late, two to three hours of running and strength training, a multi-course meal at a restaurant, going to a rock concert, or in short: sleep in, work out, recharge, rock out.

Most important item in the office/home office?

Coffee mug, water bottle, Post-it notes

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

Flinke Denkende Mausmakis

Events by FDM-NDS, FDM-ndsHAW & Friends

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 **07.11.2025**, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.

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