



Welcome to the 24th 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 & Friends. Enjoy reading!

News from the State Initiative & more

Registration Open: Data Days Lower Saxony 2026

Registration for Data Days Lower Saxony 2026 is now open!

From November 25 to 27, 2026, FDM-NDS invites you to its annual networking event. The two in-person days on November 25 and 26 will take place in Oldenburg, followed by a virtual theme day on November 27 to round out the program.

Once again this year, participants can look forward to a diverse program featuring presentations, workshops, and discussion sessions. The preliminary program, now available, offers a first glimpse into the event's lineup.

From data stewards and researchers to staff from universities, libraries, and research institutions, Data Days Lower Saxony offers an excellent platform for networking, learning, and discussion. Be there!

[Further information and registration link](#)

New at FDM-NDS: The “DatenDienstag” event series kicks off in August

Starting now, we have a date on the second Tuesday of every month! At “DatenDienstag” all topics related to RDM take center stage.

With our new (online) event series, we're creating a space for brief (one hour maximum), practical insights into current RDM topics, showcasing projects and tools, and inviting experts to share their insights.

Whether you're a researcher, an RDM professional, a data steward, or simply interested in RDM, there's something for everyone.

Take a look at the dates already scheduled for 2026. The event series is expanded every six months—so it's worth checking back regularly!

[Find more information and all the dates for 2026 on our events page](#)

Video recording of the event “Conflicts Over Authorship and Data Use—Common Scenarios and How to Prevent Them” is now available

At the invitation of the Lower Saxony State Initiative for Research Data Management, Dr. Katrin Frisch and Dr. Katrin Nele Reeg from the Ombuds Committee for Scientific Integrity in Germany (OWID) presented the findings of their study, *Conflicts of Authorship and Data Use in Ombuds Work*, to nearly one hundred interested participants on June 16, 2026, on the topic “Conflicts of Authorship and Data Use – Common Scenarios and Their Prevention,” Dr. Katrin Frisch and Dr. Katrin Nele Reeg from the Ombuds Committee for Scientific Integrity in Germany (OWID) reported to nearly one hundred interested participants on the findings of their study, “Conflicts of Authorship and Data Use in Ombuds Work.”

The presentation is available online via the TIB AV Portal: <https://doi.org/10.5446/73647>

Understanding potential conflict scenarios plays an important role in raising awareness of good scientific practice and promoting the responsible handling of research data. The event was aimed at researchers and anyone who works with scientific data. The focus was on typical conflict situations that can arise in everyday research. These include, in particular, disagreements over the use of data or the attribution of authorship in scientific publications. Such conflicts are not exceptions but a recurring phenomenon across many disciplines.

Using real-world examples, the speakers explained which situations particularly often lead to tensions and what underlying causes are at play. At the same time, they presented strategies for preventing conflicts early on. Particular emphasis was placed on clear agreements, transparent communication, and the documentation of contributions within research projects. The event provided participants with an overview of key problem areas as well as recommendations for addressing sensitive issues related to authorship and data use. During the subsequent discussion, topics such as affiliation statements and rules regarding authorship in data publications were addressed. It was also noted that the Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT; <https://credit.niso.org/>) can be a helpful tool and that, to date, there are few concrete examples of agreements on the topics of authorship and usage rights.

The slides from the presentation are available on Zenodo: [Frisch, K., & Reeg, N. \(June 18, 2026\). Conflicts Regarding Authorship and Data Use—Common Scenarios and Their Prevention. Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.20746775](#)

Additional materials: [Frisch, K., & Reeg, N. \(2025\). Conflicts over Authorship and Data Use in Ombuds Work. Findings Report. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17423148](#)

Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Research Data Management as a Satellite Event at FDM@Campus

As a satellite event of the FDM@Campus 2026 conference, a two-day Train-the-Trainer workshop on research data management will take place in Göttingen on October 1 and 2, 2026. The workshop is particularly aimed at RDM multipliers and trainers at

universities and research institutions who would like to develop and further improve RDM services with limited human or financial resources.

The focus will be on practical approaches to developing resource-efficient training and service offers, addressing different target groups, and recruiting additional multipliers at one's own institution. Participation is free of charge and limited to 16 participants. Registration is still possible until July 31, 2026.

[Link to registration and more information](#)

Changing Research Assessment: Perspectives on the Recognition of Research Data Management in Lower Saxony

On November 5, 2026, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, the workshop “Changing Research Assessment: Perspectives on the Recognition of Research Data Management in Lower Saxony” will take place in Hannover. The workshop focuses on how RDM can be made more visible as a research achievement and better supported through resources, incentive systems, and current developments such as CoARA.

Speakers from the DFG, the Volkswagen Foundation, and winners of the FAIR Data & Software Award Lower Saxony have been invited. Together with researchers and research support staff from Lower Saxony, concrete ideas for greater recognition of RDM will be developed.

[Link to registration and more information](#)

Hands-On Workshop: Using Templates Effectively in eLabFTW

How can standardized templates be used to document laboratory processes more efficiently? In this interactive in-person workshop, participants will learn how to create and customize templates in eLabFTW and use them to ensure consistent research documentation. In addition to hands-on exercises, the workshop will focus on topics such as metadata, controlled vocabularies, and best practices for designing templates.

The workshop is aimed at researchers, data managers, and lab staff. Please bring your own laptop for the hands-on exercises.

[Further information and registration link](#)

New Publications in the Zenodo Community of FDM-NDS

The publication “Empfehlungen für Gesetzgebung, Förder- und Forschungsinstitutionen zur Beseitigung datenschutzrechtlicher Hemmnisse im Bereich der Forschung” is available on Zenodo. The document summarizes results from the FODAHEMM project and formulates recommendations for improving scientific data protection processes – including legal, institutional-organizational, and funding-related aspects.

[Link to publication](#)

A new version of “Mission FDM: Forschung, Daten, Mindset – Forschungsdatenmanagement an Hochschulen etablieren” is available on Zenodo. The publication documents results from a workshop held at the FORTRAMA Annual Conference 2026 and presents practical approaches to making RDM more visible and effective at universities through communication, motivation, and cooperation.

[Link to publication](#)

New Versions of Existing Materials on Zenodo

Updated versions of the previously published materials “[Experimente, Ressourcen und Auswertungsskripte – Begleitmaterial zum Workshop Hands-on eLabFTW](#)”, “[Workshop Hands-on eLabFTW](#)”, and “[Hilfestellung für den Beratungsalltag zu den Anforderungen wichtiger Fördermittelgeber in Deutschland](#)” are available on Zenodo.

FDM-NDS Introduces Itself

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Responsibilities:

Train-the-Trainer Programs (Pillar 1, AP2)

- Design and implementation of training and event formats, particularly for multipliers and researchers

Einstein Your Data (Project in Pillar 3)

- Review and creation of OER and teaching resources on the topic of FDM
- Support and advising of instructors on the use of OER to teach FDM in the classroom

Professional Background:

Degree in History

Instructor in Academic Writing

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

Professional Development (Training and Consulting)

Event Planning and Execution

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

Creation of permanent RDM positions at all locations and for cross-functional tasks; integration of RDM and data literacy into the curricula; establishment of long-term structures and formats to promote RDM competencies

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

Taking a private jet to South Asia or Central America to explore the most beautiful dive sites (unfortunately, this isn't realistic because of decompression sickness)

Most important item in the office/home office?

Whiteboard, notepad (squared)

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

Finde Dein Mantra

Events by FDM-NDS & Friends

17.08.2026, 09.00 am – 12.00 pm, Braunschweig

Titel: Working with templates in eLabFTW and beyond

[Link to registration and more information](#)

01. & 02.10.2026, Göttingen

Titel: Train-the-Trainer Workshop zum Forschungsdatenmanagement

[Link to registration and more information](#)

05.11.2026, 09.30 am– 04.30 pm, Hannover

Titel: Wandel in der Forschungsbewertung: Perspektiven für die Anerkennung von Forschungsdatenmanagement in Niedersachsen

[Link to registration and more information](#)

Data Days Niedersachsen 2026

25. & 26.11.2026 in-person, 27.11.2026 online

[Link to registration and more information](#)

DatenDienstag (Event series)

Every second Tuesday of the month, 9 am

[Link to registration and more information](#)

FDM Campus Hannover (Event series)

Every second thursday of the month, 1 pm

[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](#)

See you next time!

Best regards,

The FDM-NDS Team

PS Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Let us know by 15.08.2026, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.

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