



Welcome to the 25th newsletter of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony. Today, we cover News from the State Initiative & more, News from the RDM community, RDM consultants from Lower Saxony introduce themselves (New!) and upcoming events from FDM-NDS & Friends. Enjoy reading!

News from the State Initiative & more

FDM-NDS Celebrates the Halfway Point – Let's Look Back on 2 ½ Years of the State Initiative

Summer and the vacation season offer a chance to slow down a bit. We're taking advantage of this to look back today on the past 2 ½ years of the FDM-NDS state initiative.

A lot has happened since the official kickoff of the state initiative on November 24, 2023. A particular highlight, of course, is the Data Days Lower Saxony, FDM-NDS's annual networking event, which brought together researchers, RDM advisors, and NFDI participants in [Hanover in 2024](#) and in [Braunschweig in 2025](#). As part of the Data Days, the [FAIR Data and Software Award Lower Saxony](#) has already been presented twice. A total of 15,500 euros in prize money (2x Data Award, 2x Software Award, 1x Special Award) has already been awarded. This year, we are once again looking forward to Data Days Lower Saxony—this time in Oldenburg—and the presentation of the FAIR Data and Software Awards. Feel free to check out the [information page](#) and join us.

Our [help desk](#) has received nearly 200 ticket requests so far, mostly seeking advice on general FDM and legal issues.

Various events and formats were held, including during [Love Data Week](#). A brand-new addition is the FDM-NDS event series "[DatenDienstag](#)" where the [relaunch of the FDM-NDS event portfolio](#) will be presented at the next session.

At the same time, local FDM structures were established at all 10 Pillar 2 ("Basic Infrastructure") locations, and data stewards were appointed as FDM points of contact. They advise researchers, develop information and training programs, and support the establishment of FDM structures and services on site.

An active network has also emerged from the 10 Pillar 2 universities: Together with the Pillar 2 Coordination Office, the data stewards collaborate in various working groups—for example, on awareness, funding, eLabFTW, and guidelines—and develop materials and formats for reuse. One example of this is the joint World Café “Raising Awareness in RDM,” which was held, among other events, at the 2025 DINI Annual Conference, FDM@Campus, and the 2025 Data Days.

Another highlight is the [FDM-Campus Hannover](#), a collaboration between Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts, the Hannover University of Veterinary Medicine Foundation, Hannover Medical School, and the University of Music, Drama and Media Hannover. Together, the four institutions provide a cross-institutional training and continuing education program on research data management for their members. Many of the materials developed as part of FDM-NDS have been published in our [Zenodo community](#) for reuse. This community currently includes a total of 87 publications. The most viewed and downloaded resource was the [„Hilfestellung für den Beratungsalltag zu den Anforderungen wichtiger Fördermittelgeber in Deutschland und Europa bezüglich Forschungsdatenmanagement“](#). Feel free to take a look.

A total of 9 [Pillar 3](#) projects have now gotten underway, with more in the pipeline. They complement the offerings of Pillars 1 and 2. September 4 is the final deadline for submitting a project to be funded by the Pillar 3 fund.

Would you like to delve deeper into past events at FDM-NDS? Then feel free to browse our [newsletter archive](#).

Data Days Niedersachsen 2026 – Call For Posters

Data Days Lower Saxony 2026 cordially invites researchers, project staff, and academic initiatives to showcase their work in the fields of research data, data infrastructures, and data-driven research. As part of a poster session, we would like to give you the opportunity to present your research activities, project progress, or conceptual approaches to a broad audience of experts and to engage in dialogue with colleagues from Lower Saxony and beyond. In addition to our main theme, “**Promoting Resilient Science—Research and Data Management in an Open Society**”, all other topics from the world of research data and software are welcome.

The poster session will take place on November 26, 2026, at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg and is a central component of Data Days. All information about the event, the program, and organizational details can be found on the official website: <https://fdm-nds.de/index.php/data-days-2026/>.

If you would like to submit a poster, please send your submission by **September 15, 2026**, to info@fdm-nds.de. The following information is helpful for planning:

- Title of the poster
- Name(s) of the contributors and institution
- Brief description of the project or research topic (2–3 sentences)

All presenters are invited to be on site during the poster session to engage with visitors and answer questions.

The poster session is a central part of Data Days and offers excellent networking opportunities.

[Further information and registration link](#)

“DatenDienstag” event series gets off to a flying start

Our new “DatenDienstag” event series kicked off on August 11. We’d like to thank our colleague Benjamin Golub-Overbeck from the Pillar 3 project [eLab-FTW@FDM-NDS](#), who shared his expertise on electronic lab notebooks in a one-hour workshop titled “Hidden Gems in Chemotion ELN: 7 Features You Probably Don’t Use (Yet).” The [slides](#) from the workshop are already available in our Zenodo community.

Be sure to join us for the next session on September 8 to learn about FDM-NDS’s new event portfolio.

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

Registration Extended for FDM Train-the-Trainer Workshop as Part of FDM@Campus

You can still secure a spot at the Train-the-Trainer workshop in Göttingen. Registration for the in-person workshop—which is taking place as a satellite event of FDM@Campus—is open on a first-come, first-served basis until September 20.

Here’s an overview of the details:

Date: October 1 and 2, 2026 (Thursday and Friday)

Time: Day 1: 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. / Day 2: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: SUB Historic Building, Bülow Hall, Papendiek 14, 37073 Göttingen

Registration deadline: September 20

Language: German

Participation fee: None!

Join us!

[Further information and registration link](#)

New Publications in the Zenodo Community of FDM-NDS

New Resources on Data Literacy

Our colleagues from the State Initiative have published several new resources on data literacy. These include materials from the course [„Data Literacy and Research Data Management – Upskilling your data competencies for your thesis“](#), which is aimed specifically at bachelor’s and master’s students and covers topics such as data literacy, research data, the research data lifecycle, and the FAIR principles. The new materials are available on [Zenodo](#).

Additional Publications

In addition, further materials from the State Initiative have been released: A Coffee Lecture focuses on the use of [Zotero in research data management in the humanities](#). The poster [„Das Projekt FDM-NDS: Vernetzter und innovativer FDM-Support in Niedersachsen“](#) provides a concise overview of the structure and the three pillars of the

state initiative. In addition, the materials from the “DatenDienstag” session “[Hidden Gems in Chemotion ELN: 7 Features You Probably Don’t Use \(Yet\)](#)” are available for reuse and introduce practical, lesser-known features of Chemotion ELN.

Publication Guidelines for the Zenodo Community

Be sure to check out the brand-new [publication guidelines](#) for the FDM-NDS Zenodo Community, where we clearly define what content is included in our community.

News from the RDM Community

New BMFTR Funding Guidelines for FDM at Universities of Applied Sciences

The Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space (BMFTR) has published new funding guidelines for testing and networking in FDM at universities of applied sciences (HAW). The goal of the funding is to further establish and expand high-performance FDM structures at HAWs and to strengthen their integration with the National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI).

The funding program comprises two funding streams: On the one hand, it supports projects for the testing and further development of FDM structures; on the other hand, it supports initiatives that analyze existing structures and advance their integration with the NFDI. Project proposals may be submitted until September 18, 2026.

Further information and the complete funding guidelines can be found [here](#).

News from the Academic Cloud

The Academic Cloud is now available to universities and research institutions throughout Germany. A new [information section](#) has been added to the website for this purpose. It provides an overview of the Academic Cloud’s structure, the individual services, the funding model, and the available quotas.

For universities in Lower Saxony, central funding for selected services is secured through the end of 2026. Starting in 2027, a new funding model will take effect, and universities will need to enter into a corresponding agreement with the GWDG to use it.

Tip: If you’d like to stay informed about current developments, new services, and other news regarding the Academic Cloud, you can subscribe to the newsletter by emailing news-subscribe@academiccloud.de.

New: RDM consultants from Lower Saxony introduce themselves

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Research Data Management Specialist

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Museology and Information Science
Degree in History
Academic Writing Instructor

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

Subject-specific advice on all aspects of RDM
Systematic documentation of published research data

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

RDM and data publication will become a natural part of scientific work, and the necessary resources will be made available. In addition, research data will receive the same attention as traditional scientific text publications.

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

That's a great question. In the morning, I'd visit a museum all by myself; in the afternoon, I'd let off some steam in the garden; and I'd end the evening by the sea.

Most important item in the office/home office?

A teacup and a digital calendar with a reminder function

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

Fleißige datenverliebte Menschen

Events by FDM-NDS & Friends

25.09.2026, online

Titel: Onboarding von (neuen) Beschäftigten im FDM – Wo finde ich welche Infos, Materialien, Netzwerke?

[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 15.09.2026, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.

PPS: No longer interested in our newsletter? No problem—you can unsubscribe at any time via the following [link](#).

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