



Welcome to the 26th 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 and upcoming events from FDM-NDS & Friends. Enjoy reading!

## News from the State Initiative & more

### The new FDM-NDS mascot, Mola, is here!

Do you remember our mysterious splashing and bubbling? Something round and unusual, moving leisurely through the sea of data? Well, the mystery has been solved: We're excited to introduce Mola—our new FDM-NDS mascot!

Mola is a sunfish and will accompany FDM-NDS on its future journeys through the seas of data. Together with us, Mola wants to discover how to do FDM well, explore new waters, and unearth the occasional data treasure. Welcome on board, Mola!



## Data Days Niedersachsen 2026 – What to expect

Data Days Lower Saxony 2026 is fast approaching—and the program for November 25 and 26 in Oldenburg is taking shape. Look forward to two diverse in-person days featuring exciting discussions, hands-on workshops, and plenty of opportunities for networking!

To kick things off, Robert Strötgen, Astrid Nieße, Christiane Thiel, Thomas Rupp, and Gábor Kismihók will discuss current challenges and prospects for research data management and a resilient scientific community from five different perspectives.

The atmosphere will then take a festive turn at the FAIR Data and Software Awards ceremony, before you can choose from three workshops in the afternoon—ranging from establishing a Data Champion network to usage rights for research data in doctoral programs to challenges in using electronic lab notebooks. We'll wrap up the first day with a joint evening event at the Oldenburg Computer Museum.

The second day also offers a variety of opportunities to get involved: In addition to the marketplace and its insights into various RDM offerings, you can look forward to workshops on legal issues related to research data and data literacy, and an RDM consultation session.

The virtual theme day continues on November 27. The first presentations and topics have already been finalized—including the legal framework for handling research data, FAIR AI, change management for FDM professionals, OER in RDM, and many more. The full program will be published shortly.

Curious? Then secure your spot now at the 2026 Lower Saxony Data Days!

[Further information and registration link](#)

## New FDM-NDS Event Portfolio

Since 2024, the State Initiative FDM-NDS has been offering a wide range of events for different target groups – from information, training, and exchange formats to subject- and tool-specific sessions as well as train-the-trainer formats. To make these offerings more visible, clearly structured, and easily accessible in the future, the FDM-NDS event portfolio has now been newly consolidated and published on the State Initiative's website.

The new event portfolio provides researchers and RDM multipliers in Lower Saxony with a structured overview of the State Initiative's events. The offerings can be searched by topic area, target group, event format, event series, and access type. This makes it easier to find suitable formats on research data management – from legal and ethical issues to steps in the research data lifecycle and tool-specific workshops.

The new event portfolio was presented on 8 September 2026 as part of the FDM-NDS Da-tenDienstag. The session also opened up perspectives on future topics and formats. In addition, interested parties can continue to submit their wishes and needs for future event offerings via the website.

[Link to the event portfolio](#)

## RDM as a Research Contribution: Workshop Aims to Identify New Ways to Recognize It

How can RDM be given greater recognition as a research contribution? On November 5, 2026, FDM-NDS invites you to the Royal Stables in Hanover to discuss new approaches to research evaluation and the recognition of research data management. Together with experts from the DFG and the Volkswagen Foundation, as well as winners of the FAIR Data & Software Award Lower Saxony, we will examine current developments such as CoARA, funding opportunities, and best practices. The focus will be on the question of which incentives and framework conditions can help to sustainably embed FDM in everyday research practice.

Together with researchers and research support staff from across Lower Saxony, we aim to develop concrete ideas for greater recognition of FDM and derive potential measures for the state initiative FDM-NDS.

Participation and refreshments are free of charge. Registration is required.

[Further information and registration](#)

## eLabFTW available in the Academic Cloud

We are pleased to announce that the electronic lab notebook (ELN) eLabFTW is now available in the Academic Cloud. Researchers must first request a team to use the ELN. Further information on how to use the ELN can be found on the service page in the Academic Cloud as well as in the FAQs on the project website of eLabFTW@FDM-NDS.

[Link to the service in the Academic Cloud](#)

[Link to the project webpage](#)

## New Publications in the Zenodo Community of FDM-NDS

### Focus on Data Literacy

Several materials on Data Literacy have been published in the FDM-NDS Zenodo community. These include, among others, a flyer for the Data Literacy course for bachelor's and master's students, a poster on competence development in the field of Data Literacy, and a DMP template for students that provides a compact and accessible introduction to data management plans.

[Links to the publications](#)

### OER Collection to Strengthen Students' Data Literacy

As part of the project "Einstein Your Data – Datenkompetenz für Studierende", an OER collection on RDM and Data Literacy has been published. The collection includes interactive learning modules, videos, presentations, and didactic materials, supporting lecturers, RDM staff, and multipliers in strengthening data literacy in higher education as well as in consulting and training contexts.

[Link to the publication](#)

## Slides from the Presentation “Research Data Management with Machine Training Support”

This contribution addresses current developments at the intersection of research data management, scientific information systems, and machine-based support. It highlights perspectives on how data, visualizations, citations, and scientific argumentation can be better connected.

[Link to the publication](#)

## News from the RDM Community

### Managing Research Data Sustainably

How can research data management be made more resource-efficient? In a new publication, the Greening DH Working Group offers specific recommendations for a more sustainable approach to research data—from collection and processing to storage and archiving.

[View the publication](#)

# RDM consultants from Lower Saxony introduce themselves

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## Responsibilities:

General RDM consulting, RDM in grant proposals, training, and support for data publication in the LeoPARD institutional repository

## Professional Background:

Degree in Physics, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering

## Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

What I enjoy most is working with course participants on interactive activities and discussing them, such as the LEGO metadata game.

## What is your wish for the future of RDM?

More endorsements for tools and services, as well as researchers who are open to the topic of RDM.

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

Enjoying gardening and harvesting without any stress, eating something delicious, and reading an exciting book. I manage to do that almost every weekend.

## Most important item in the office/home office?

None of the items are really important, but my nice coworkers certainly are.

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

Freie Dübel und Muttern

## Events by FDM-NDS & Friends

25.09.2026, online

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

[Link to registration and more information](#)

01. & 02.10.2026, Göttingen

Title: Train-the-Trainer Workshop zum Forschungsdatenmanagement

[Link to registration and more information](#)

05.10.2026, online

Title: FDM im Bibliotheks-Alltag – Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen

[Link to registration and more information](#)

13.10.2026, online

Title: DatenDienstag: Widerstände verstehen – FDM wirksam kommunizieren

[Link to registration and more information](#)

26.10.2026- 8.02.2027, Hybrid, Jeden Montag

Title: Data Literacy and Research Data Management: Upskilling Your Data Competencies for Your Thesis

[Link to registration and more information](#)

28.10.2026, online

Title: Ansätze zur strategischen Weiterentwicklung vom FDM am Standort

[Link to registration and more information](#)

05.11.2026, 09.30 am– 04.30 pm, Hannover

Title: 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 15.10.2026, at [info@fdm-nds.de](mailto:info@fdm-nds.de), and you'll be featured next time.

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