



Action Line B5.2: Action plans for the (further) development of ORD specialists / data stewardship

Approved projects

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Overview approved projects

22 approved projects, including 5 with conditions to start

Title	Lead institution	Partner	Project Manager	Total costs (CHF)	Funds requested (CHF)
Data Steward PHLU II	PH Luzern	-	Dorothee Brovelli	50'653,60	25'326,80
Data Stewardship HSLU II	HSLU	-	Stefan Jörissen	70'044	35'000
Le data stewardship à la HES-SO	HES-SO	-	Constance Delamadeleine	167'000	70'000
ORD Stewards UniNE	UniNE	-	Laurent Gobat	55'917	27'916,70
DSETHZ 2.0	ETH Zurich	-	Julian Dederke	167'317	77'450
DataPro	Unilu	-	Doris Schmidli	34'100	17'000
SDS PHSG	PHSG	-	Michael Beck	26'510	10'000
Data stewardship at HfH	HfH	-	Peter Klaver	39'844	13'571
Data Stewardship UZH	UZH	-	Susanna Weber	285'958	89'958
Data Stewards @ UniBE	UniBE	-	Dirk Verdicchio	222'000	66'582
SUPSI-ORD2	SUPSI	-	Massimiliano Cannata	92'854	46'427
ADASTE plus	PHBern	-	Doris Edelmann	52'294	26'147
DSembedded 2.0	ZHAW	-	Simon van Rekum	141'866	70'933
Data Stewardship Universität Basel	Universität Basel	-	Silke Bellanger	109'065,05	54'532,55
Data Stewardship PHTG	PHTG	-	Lars-Jochen Thoms	16'000	8'000
Research Data Stewardship FHNW	FHNW	-	Andrea Kofler	144'440	71'900

ORD-Engage@GR	FHGR	-	Cristina Carlino	80'653	23'653
Data Stewardship @UNIGE	UNIGE	-	Marie Fuselier	403'377	66'983
Data Stewardship II	Unifr	HEP Fribourg	Thomas Henkel	100'000	50'000
EPFL-RDSN	EPFL	-	Chiara Gabella	50'224	25'112
HSG OS Office	HSG	-	Ruedi Lindegger	106'250	52'000
DSN@UniDistance	UniDistance	-	Samah Posse	60'819,20	23'819,20

Brief summaries of the projects

Abstracts by the applicants

Pädagogische Hochschule Luzern (PH Luzern)

Data Steward PHLU II: Weiterentwicklung des Data Stewardship an der Pädagogischen Hochschule Luzern

Mit der beantragten Fortführung des Projekts «Massnahmenplan zum Aufbau eines Data Stewardship an der PH Luzern» sollen die in den letzten zwei Jahren entwickelten Grundlagen im Bereich Open Science (OS) und Open Research Data (ORD) gefestigt und durch innovative Ansätze erweitert werden. Der Fokus liegt auf den Bereichen: strukturelle Umsetzung von Research Data Management (RDM), Unterstützung bei RDM und ORD, Austausch durch Workshops sowie Sensibilisierung und Kompetenzaufbau bei Mitarbeitenden der PH Luzern.

Zur Anschlussfähigkeit an nationale OS-Bemühungen werden Ziele (Tasks) aus den swissuniversities-Programmen «Open Science II» verfolgt. Geplant ist, Mitarbeitende durch Beratung und innovative Workshops gezielt bei der Umsetzung von ORD, OA und OS zu unterstützen. Das erworbene Wissen der letzten Jahre soll systematisch übertragen werden, um eine offene Wissenschaftskultur zu fördern.

Zusätzlich werden Workflows und Best Practices weitergeführt oder neu entwickelt, um die Qualität, Transparenz und Offenheit von Forschungsprozessen sicherzustellen. Das bestehende Netzwerk mit Hochschulen in der Zentralschweiz und anderen pädagogischen Hochschulen der Schweiz wird weiter gepflegt und intensiviert, etwa durch gemeinsame thematische Workshops oder den Austausch von Schulungsunterlagen oder Best Practices Beispielen. Ziel ist es, die offene Wissenschaftspraxis langfristig zu etablieren und die Zusammenarbeit zwischen den Institutionen zu stärken.

Hochschule Luzern (HSLU)

Data Stewardship HSLU II: Fortführung und Ausbau der Massnahmen des Projektes Data Stewardship HSLU: Zusammenspiel zwischen Open-Research-Data-Expert*innen in zentralen Servicestellen und Forschenden in einem Peer-to-Peer Netzwerk von Open-Science-Ambassadors, Bereitstellung von spezialisierter Information sowie Awareness Raising.

Data Stewardship HSLU II hat zum Ziel, das Forschungsdatenmanagement-Netzwerk (FDM-Netzwerk) der HSLU weiter auszubauen: Nachdem das Netzwerk in der ersten Projektphase unter den zentralen Diensten inkl. Erstellung eines "Infoportales" etabliert wurde, soll nun der Fokus auf Angebote gelegt werden, die möglichst nahe an den Forschenden und ihren Forschungsbereichen sind: Die Forschenden sollen möglichst direkt in ihrem Umfeld für Open Research Data (ORD) und Open Science sensibilisiert und durch praxisnahen Support unterstützt werden. Ausserdem soll das Bewusstsein für ORD-Praktiken an der HSLU weiter gefördert und Anreize für Open Science geschaffen werden. Dies soll über folgende Massnahmen geschehen:

- Bildung und Schulung eines Netzwerks von Open Science Ambassadors, welche Konzepte und praktische Aspekte zu Open Science in den Departementen vertreten und als Ansprechpersonen an den Departementen der HSLU zur Verfügung stehen
- Erweiterung des Infoportals durch grafische und interaktive Elemente, Testimonials, Tipps von Forschenden sowie eine Übersetzung ins Englische
- Überprüfung und Konsolidierung des gesamten Informationsflusses innerhalb des FDM-Netzwerkes, Anpassung nach Bedarf
- Überprüfung der Dienstleistungen des Rechtsdienstes/Datenschutzbeauftragten in Bezug auf FDM sowie bedarfsgerechte Bereitstellung von Infomaterialien über das Infoportal: z.B. Vorlagen für ein Consent-Formular, FAQ, Verlinkungen zum Datenschutzgesetz (DSG)
- Durchführung Info-Kampagne zu den neuen Dienstleistungen mit Abschlussevent im letzten Quartal
- Einführung eines Open-Science-Preises, um Anreize zu schaffen und Leistungen / Best Practices bei der Umsetzung von Open Science sichtbar zu machen
- Ergänzung der institutionellen Projekt- und Publikationsdatenbank mit einem Modul zur Erfassung von Forschungsdaten, um diese sichtbar zu machen und ins akademische Reporting einbeziehen zu können.

Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse occidentale (HES-SO)

Le data stewardship à la HES-SO : plan d'action 2025-2026

Dans le cadre du plan d'action ORD (ligne B5.2), période 2023-2024, un projet pilote a été mis en place afin de développer le Data Stewardship au sein de la HES-SO, une institution qui regroupe 28 hautes écoles, réparties sur sept cantons et organisées en six domaines de formation et de recherche. Le plan d'action 2025-2026, capitalise sur les enseignements de la phase pilote afin de structurer et renforcer le soutien aux chercheur·euses en matière de gestion et d'ouverture des données de recherche en poursuivant les objectifs suivants :

- Renforcer la coordination et la mutualisation des ressources entre les différentes parties prenantes impliquées dans la gestion et l'ouverture des données de recherche. Il s'agira également de renforcer les réseaux disciplinaires, composés de personnel de soutien ORD, établis lors de la première phase, afin de favoriser le partage de bonnes pratiques et de mutualiser les ressources.
- Renforcer l'offre de formations en matière de gestion des données, en pre-nant en compte les spécificités des domaines, les différents profils (e.g. doctorant·e/jeunes chercheur·euses) et l'évolution des pratiques.
- Fournir un cadre de référence sur les principes éthiques.

Pour assurer la mise en œuvre des deux premiers objectifs, un·e Data Coordinator jouera un rôle central en assurant la liaison entre les niveaux opérationnel et stratégique, en facilitant les synergies entre les différentes parties prenantes, et en mobilisant les ressources existantes pour soutenir durablement au sein de la HES-SO la gestion des données de recherche selon les principes FAIR. Un·e expert·e éthique sera mandaté·e afin d'atteindre le troisième objectif.

Université de Neuchâtel (UniNE)

ORD Specialists and Data Stewardship UniNE : consolidation and expansion

The Université de Neuchâtel (UniNE) seeks to enhance its data stewardship efforts by consolidating and expanding existing structures within the institution. This project will finance the development of a structured data stewardship network, consisting of a central data steward and faculty-integrated data stewards. The initiative aims to strengthen Open Research Data (ORD) practices, provide training, support, and advisory services, and ensure the long-term accessibility and FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) compliance of research data at UniNE. By embedding data stewardship within faculties, the project will enhance researchers' ability to manage and share data effectively while fostering a university-wide Open Science culture.

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH Zürich)

DSETHZ 2.0: Data Stewardship at ETH Zurich - Consolidating and Broadening Activities (2025-2026)

At ETH Zurich, ETH Library together with the ID Scientific IT Services offer structured support for research data management (RDM) along the entire research data lifecycle. This central support is supplemented by discipline-specific expertise of data stewards who work in research units such as departments, platforms, institutes, or research groups. During a first project to establish data stewardship at ETH Zurich, running from 2023-2025, the Data Stewardship Network at ETH Zurich was initiated and established. Moreover, the project facilitated and formalised the collaboration between central RDM support and data stewards in various research units. The current follow-up project running from 2025-2026 employs the know-how of the data stewards to extend the reach of training efforts on RDM and FAIR data. While the central units usually provide trainings on general aspects of research data management, staff with further insights into a discipline's research practice is able to produce more discipline-specific training content. Such trainings will facilitate knowledge growth on RDM in different research communities at ETH Zurich. Moreover, the follow-up project will broaden the data stewardship-related activities by addressing additional ORD specialist profiles. In particular, it will explore connections and synergies between data stewards at ETH Zurich with research software engineering professionals and communities.

Universität Luzern (Unilu)

DataPro – Data Protection at University of Lucerne

The University of Lucerne is experiencing an increasing demand for legally binding advice and information on data protection by researchers, particularly since the expansion of the department of Health Sciences and Medicine into a faculty 2023 and the recent establishment of the faculty of Behavioral Sciences and Psychology. Currently, legal support to researchers is provided by the RDM team. However, this support is neither comprehensive nor legally binding. In response to the growing demand for advice on data privacy, the university intends to set up a position for data protection matters in the field of research, aiming to ensure a more streamlined and legally sound approach to RDM. This position will be situated within the RDM team. The primary responsibility of the role will be to provide advice regarding data protection issues, primarily for researchers but also for research-related areas. Additionally, the role will involve creating documents, such as a documentation on legal requirements, templates, or checklists.

Pädagogische Hochschule St. Gallen (PHSG)

SDS PHSG: Sustainable Data Stewardship: Advancing Open Research at PHSG

The Sustainable Data Stewardship: Advancing Open Research at PHSG project aims to enhance research data management (RDM) and Open Science practices at the University of Teacher Education St. Gallen (PHSG). As part of the Open Research Data (ORD) initiative, the project builds on previous efforts to institutionalize data stewardship, improve metadata management, and foster a culture of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) data.

The extension of the project (2025–2026) focuses on several key areas:

- Expanding CRIS and RDMO integration: Strengthening PHSG's research infrastructure by optimizing metadata workflows and enhancing connections with SWIS-SUbase and FORS.
- Training and awareness: Providing tailored workshops, blended learning modules, and self-learning materials to support researchers, lecturers, and students in adopting FAIR data principles.
- Legal and ethical compliance: Developing training materials and guidelines in collaboration with PHSG's Legal Office and Media Consortium to ensure compliance with data protection, copyright laws, and research ethics.
- Institutional sustainability: Embedding ORD principles in seminar and thesis work, integrating Open Science into PHSG's long-term strategy, and securing hybrid funding models to support future developments.

Through these measures, PHSG is strengthening research transparency, data accessibility, and reproducibility, ensuring that researchers and students have the tools and knowledge to engage with Open Science effectively.

This project contributes to the broader Open Science movement in Switzerland, fostering and strengthening the existing collaboration among universities of teacher education in Switzerland and advancing responsible and sustainable research data management.

Internationale Hochschule für Heilpädagogik (HfH)

Data stewardship at HfH: Action plan for the further development of data stewardship / ORD specialists at the University of Teacher Education in Special Needs

As part of the first PgB project on data stewardship (action line B5.2), the University of Teacher Education in Special Needs (HfH) led the collaborative project "Data Stewardship at small and medium-sized universities of teacher education", which implemented action plans to professionalize data stewardship at EHB, HfH, PHSG, PHSZ and PHTG. The project created the basis for data stewardship, Open Research Data (ORD) and research data management at the institutions by taking appropriate actions in organizational, technical and personnel areas. Even if the necessary framework conditions have been created, a cultural change towards ORD, reuse and data management as well as competence acquisition takes time. This project aims to accelerate this process in a first step by expanding the infrastructure for FAIRer data and the promotion of reuse within and outside HfH. This includes implementing an additional internal metadata platform for enhancing findability for researchers and students at our institution, as well as developing an HfH research data website for visualizing and promoting HfH research data to the whole research community. In a second step the project aims to build the competencies of staff and students by integrating a module on ORD and reuse into the institutional learning platform. By training and engaging lecturers, students and researchers as well as by providing the necessary infrastructure, this project will help to further anchor ORD and data stewardship at HfH, to gain additional institutional ORD expertise and to contribute to long-term cultural change towards open science.

Universität Zürich (UZH)

Data Stewardship at the University of Zurich (UZH)

In the initial project, the University of Zurich (UZH) established a university-wide Data Stewards Network to provide domain-specific support for FAIR re-search data management. The network consists of 20 UZH researchers and technical staff, along with 8 swissuniversities co-financed data stewards located at technology platforms. These data stewards serve as bridges between researchers and university support services, helping implement FAIR data practices and providing guidance on research data management.

The next project phase will expand this initiative in three ways. First, it will broaden coverage by adding two new ORD specialists: one at the Center for Reproducible Science and another at the Department of Psychology. This addresses the current limitation of support being primarily concentrated at technology platforms. Second, it will enhance support for the network's 20 unfunded data champions through the creation of a knowledge base and improved onboarding and training programs. Third, it will increase awareness of data stewardship activities to engage more UZH researchers and technical staff, building a more robust and inclusive network of expertise and allowing more researchers to benefit from support.

The project focuses on long-term sustainability by integrating data stewardship into UZH's existing organizational and financial structures. The university has demonstrated its commitment through permanent funding for the network coordinator position and temporary funding for technology platform-based data stewards. Future efforts will continue to focus on embedding data stewardship capabilities within existing university financial and organizational structures.

Universität Bern (UniBE)

Data Stewards @ UniBE: Advancement of Domain-Specific Research Data Management Support at the University of Bern

Data stewardship is now firmly implemented at the University of Bern; in the first funding period, Data Stewards have initiated activities and become a well-established part of the university's overall research support network. While a foundation for a sustainable culture of research data management (RDM) has been laid, it requires further strengthening and broadening. New measures will complement the Data Stewards' domain-specific activities by reinforcing topic-based and cross-domain efforts. The Data Stewards will specifically aim to identify and reach out to research communities and individual researchers who might act as Data Ambassadors. Through these groups, it will be possible to organize fine-grained support for and shared activities with researchers working with specific types of data, data platforms, instruments, or tools, as well as to achieve peer-to-peer advocacy for good RDM practices in individual research groups. Further measures include offering dedicated support for early-career researchers in collaboration with Graduate Schools, as well as diversifying other teaching and training offerings for all researchers at the University of Bern by creating e-learning opportunities. As fostering a sustainable culture is not only about providing support and advice but also about acknowledging achievements, we aim to award an Open Science award that will recognize outstanding ORD / FAIR data practices. On the infrastructure level, researcher communities will be further supported and encouraged to adhere to good practices through new features to be implemented in BORIS Portal, the university's institutional data repository.

Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana (SUPSI)

SUPSI-ORD2: SUPSI ORD action plan II

In line with Open research data national Strategy and with the call of the Programme Open Science II Phase B action line B5.2 “action plan on data stewardship” this proposal defines the further implementation of actions that aims at filling gaps that have been yet to be filled. While the plan proposed for the previous B5.2 has been implemented, “awareness” and “application and support” still require actions to be further fostered. For this reason in this new action plan we have identified 5 main objectives (better understanding RDM at SUPSI; improve supporting tools; set monitoring; disseminate practices; offer training) and 7 related implementation tasks that involve the collaboration of different specialists including data scientists, IT professionals, data stewards, coordinators, head of research, data champions to realize effective solutions and strength the connections that effectively establish a solid network of competences toward the scale adoption of ORD in SUPSI. The planned implementation tasks are: survey design and administration; survey results elaboration; adoption/adaptation/development of IT tools; ORD SAS course; presentation of the survey; presentation of the project outputs; set up of the ORD monitoring system.

Pädagogische Hochschule Bern (PHBern)

ADASTE_plus: Aufbau von Data Stewardship an der Pädagogischen Hochschule Bern plus

Das Projekt “ADASTE_plus” schliesst an das von swissuniversities im Rahmen der Aktionslinie B5.2 geförderte Projekt “ADASTE:PHBern” an. Mit diesem Projekt wurde 2023-2024 der Aufbau von Data Stewardship an der PHBern vorangetrieben und nachhaltig umgesetzt. Im Anschlussprojekt geht es um den weiteren Ausbau von spezifischen Aspekten von Data Stewardship in Bereichen, in denen sich während der Aufbauphase zusätzliche Handlungsbedarfe gezeigt haben, deren Bewältigung weitere konkrete Massnahmen verlangen.

Im Projekt “ADASTE_plus” setzen wir uns drei Ziele:

1. Die Entwicklung und Einführung einer standardisierten Datenschutz- und Datensicherheitsprüfung für alle Forschungsprojekte der PHBern.
2. Die Erarbeitung der Grundlagen für die Einführung von Datenmanagementplänen für alle Forschungsprojekte der PHBern.
3. Die Erarbeitung der Grundlagen für Guidelines für das Research Data Management und einer Policy als Voraussetzungen für Open Research Data.

Die in “ADASTE_plus” geplanten Massnahmen dienen der Erreichung dieser drei von uns gesetzten Ziele. Mit den Massnahmen wird die Qualität des Forschungsdatenmanagements an der PHBern nachhaltig verbessert, sie tragen zur Etablierung von Best Practices in den Bereichen Research Data Management und Open Research Data bei und das Data Sharing im Sinn von Open Science wird gefördert.

Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW)

DSembedded 2.0: Data Stewardship embedded: Integrating discipline-specific know-how into data stewardship 2.0

The measures of the original action plan aimed to establish a network of research staff with a strong aptitude for data curation within departmental research communities. By the end of the project, a financially sustainable expert panel was established. The members of this panel act as first points of contact, providing first-level support, and offering feedback on services. However, experience has shown that fragmentation of individual members' tasks, combined with limited resources, hampers productivity. Therefore, while co-creation of services and best practices was part of the members' workload during the project's duration (2023-24), it now lies outside their scope. The proposed extension of the measures seeks to consolidate their previous efforts in this regard.

Two of the main challenges identified during the project period (see project reporting DSembedded 2024) are:

- 1) data anonymization
- 2) data archiving

During the extension period of the action plan, resources will be allocated to further develop and implement services addressing these action areas. To meet the needs related to the first challenge, a service package on data anonymization will be developed. This includes guidelines, a (video) tutorial and work-shops, and inter-institutional networking. The latter notably involves proposing the establishment of a dedicated SRDSN node focused on anonymization. For the second challenge, the implementation of the data archiving solution in collaboration with Switch will be further pursued.

Universität Basel

Data Stewardship Universität Basel: Advancement of the Data Stewardship Programm and Research Data Management Support at the University of Basel

The support for research data management and the data stewardship program have been successfully established at the University of Basel. The activities of the data stewardship coordination and the data stewards during the initial project and the first funding phase of swissuniversities have increased the overall awareness of research data management and the recognition of good research data management as a crucial element of research integrity and transparency, but also of data and information security in the context of research. With the planned introduction of a data classification at the University of Basel, additional support is needed to ensure the necessary changes in established research data management processes. Targeted, low-threshold support for researchers in making these changes is crucial. This should include general guidance and support, subject- and domain-specific advice, and the establishment of efficient and secure workflows together with research groups and departments. Our goal is to provide this support to researchers through the data stewards already working at the University of Basel. Together with three research groups from different disciplines, the data stewards will develop use cases for research data management in the context of data classifications, which will then be adapted for other departments with the involvement of all data stewards. In addition, an overview of sensitive data and frequently used tools will be developed based on existing data sources, which can be used to reliably improve services and infrastructures for research data management. On this basis, the training program can then be adapted for different target groups and new teaching formats can be created. Overall, linking the implementation of data classification with reassessing the maturity of Research Data Management routines and respective support services, will foster the professionalization of Research Data Management at the University of Basel.

Pädagogische Hochschule Thurgau (PHTG)

Data Stewardship PHTG: Ausweitung des Massnahmenplans zum Aufbau eines Data Stewardship an der Pädagogischen Hochschule Thurgau

Im Rahmen des Projekts «Ausweitung des Massnahmenplans zum Aufbau eines Data Stewardship an der Pädagogischen Hochschule Thurgau» wird der Austausch zwischen Data Stewards kleinerer und mittlerer Pädagogischer Hochschulen fortgesetzt und intensiviert, um aktuelle Herausforderungen und neue Entwicklungen in Open Science, Data Management und Open Research Data zu diskutieren.

Ein zentraler Schwerpunkt ist die Integration von Open Science und Open Research Data in die strukturierte Doktorandenausbildung. Hierfür werden zusätzliche, spezifische Workshops in den Summer- und Winterschools des Promotionsprogramms «GraDuaTE» implementiert, die sowohl Promovierende als auch deren Betreuungspersonen ansprechen. Diese Workshops sollen nachhaltiges Wissen im Bereich Open Science und Open Research Data vermitteln und zur Qualitätssteigerung wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten beitragen.

Zusätzlich wird das entwickelte Workshopkonzept evaluiert, praxisrelevante Einsichten zur Integration in die wissenschaftsbasierte Hochschullehre abgeleitet und die Ergebnisse zur Qualitätssicherung und Weiterentwicklung genutzt. Die Erkenntnisse werden in Fachpublikationen und auf Konferenzen vorgestellt, um Best Practices zur Integration von Open Science in die Hochschulausbildung zu verbreiten.

Die PHTG wird darüber hinaus die langfristige strategische Verankerung von Data Stewardship weiterführen, um die Rahmenbedingungen für eine nachhaltige Nutzung von Open Research Data an der Hochschule weiter zu optimieren. Die Intensivierung der Schnittstellen durch den Data Steward und die Vereinigung mehrerer Rollen in dessen Person trägt der Machbarkeit gerade kleiner und mittelgrosser Hochschulen Rechnung.

Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW)

Research Data Stewardship FHNW: Consolidating (Open) Research Data Stewardship at the FHNW within the scope of the ORD Action Line B5.2, Open Science II 2025/2026

FHNW over the course of the last two years and with support of the swissuniversities ORD Data Stewardship funding has built up internal and external networks and established a research data expert at service for all FHNW schools. As proposed, the foundations and structural frameworks are laid at FHNW level. In the next funding period these will be operationalized in the FHNW schools. In addition, a research data expert group will be established. This group will have permanent character, will guide and support across all FHNW schools and monitor the training measures organized by the research data expert. The latter together with the FHNW library services and the research support FHNW will support and mentor one-on-one as well as build up training portfolios in line with the distinct requirements per FHNW school. Despite the many different efforts, awareness building is still critical; an extended awareness raising campaign will be started. To this end, information on Open Science in general and on research data in specific is processed and published in the FHNW intranet; via the research support FHNW newsletter updates on requirements are regularly published. In spring 2026 the research data expert group will organize an OS best-practice event.

Fachhochschule Graubünden (FHGR)

ORD-Engage@GR: Establishing infrastructures and engagement protocols for ORD at the FHGR

The swissuniversities supported project “TP45: Preparing Readiness for Data Stewardship” (2023/2024) established competencies for Data Stewardship at the FH Graubünden (FHGR), a – compared to other Swiss universities – small institution with a high percentage of industrial research. Nevertheless, in the last years the FHGR has made steps in all fields of Open Science, including Data Stewardship, such as the establishment of an internal research office.

The project described herein is a continuation of the first project, and at the same time a part of the move towards an “Open Science FHGR”. It will focus on communicating the existence and benefits of the Data Stewardship services to the researchers, the directorate and other departments. At the end of this project, library and research office will be established as the competence centres for all things concerning Data Stewardship. The project will encompass the following work:

- A multi-methodical analysis of the workflows of researchers at the FHGR, both to understand their concrete needs concerning Research Data Management and their “pain points” on which they will profit instantly from Data Stewardship services.
- An internal communication and engagement strategy for the Data Stewardship services, tailored to the established communication channels and the “familial” structure of the FHGR.

During the first project, it became clear, that the FHGR is one of only few “smaller” Swiss institutions to already having established Data Stewardship as a topic. As such, an additional point in this project will be the strategic communication of Data Stewardship topics towards other smaller institutions.

Université de Genève (UNIGE)

Data Stewardship @UNIGE : Extension du plan d'action Data Stewardship pour l'Université de Genève

Le premier plan d'action “Data Stewardship @ UNIGE” a renforcé la coordination du soutien à la gestion et à l'ouverture des données de recherche au sein de l'institution. Plusieurs actions (identification des ressources au sein des services centraux, projets pilotes, entretien de la communauté ORD) ont été réalisés en collaboration avec les services transversaux et les Facultés.

S'intégrant dans la mise en place d'une politique de gestion des données institutionnelles, la prolongation du projet pour la phase II du Programme Open Science vise à étendre l'impact positif du premier volet, notamment au sein des Facultés. Les nouveaux objectifs se fondent essentiellement sur les « outputs » de la Phase I et s'articulent autour de deux axes :

- mettre en œuvre les recommandations issues de la Phase I, qui seront livrées au rectorat en juin 2025, et étendre de la cartographie des services de soutien existants en englobant le personnel des Facultés ;
- soutenir directement les Facultés en développant de nouveaux projets pilotes et en poursuivant ceux conduits lors de la phase I. À cet effet, un fonds d'impulsion totalement financé par l'UNIGE sera mis en place dans le but d'engager les moyens des Facultés sur le moyen long terme.

Ce projet veut apporter un soutien pérenne aux chercheurs-euses en matière de gestion et d'ouverture des données de recherche, afin qu'ils-elles aient les moyens de mener une recherche de qualité et qu'ils participent activement au changement culturel en faveur de la science ouverte et partagée, promu à l'UNIGE.

Université de Fribourg (Unifr)

Data Stewardship II : Plan de mesures Data Stewardship II

The Data Stewardship (I) project of the PgB Open Science I has trained data stewards at the University and the Haute école pédagogique Fribourg. At the end of this project, nine data stewards had been set up in the libraries, but they still lacked practical experience in the field of archiving research data. The aim of the Data Stewardship II project is to fill this gap by integrating the data stewards into research projects in their field on an ad hoc basis to deal with the archiving and publication of research data. The project will be accompanied by individual coaching for the data stewards and regular exchange sessions to foster a community of practice. The first phase of the project will focus on identifying suitable projects.

Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

EPFL-RDSN: EPFL Research Data Support Network (EPFL-RDSN)

EPFL currently lacks a unified and coordinated approach to research data management (RDM) support. While the EPFL Library's RDM Team provides institution-wide assistance, research data support remains highly fragmented across faculties, research groups, and services. Some faculties and research groups have developed their own RDM practices, with varying levels of advancement—some employing dedicated RDM specialists and well-structured processes, while others have limited or less effective support. This inconsistency leads to uneven service quality, duplication of efforts, and a lack of visibility of available resources. The absence of a centralized hub or a formally recognized role for research data support professionals further hampers collaboration, standardization, and the effective implementation of open science policies. To address these challenges, EPFL proposes the establishment of the EPFL Research Data Support Network (EPFL-RDSN). Led by the EPFL Library, this initiative aims to create a structured, institution-wide framework to enhance coordination, knowledge sharing, and best practices in RDM. The key objectives include mapping existing services, formalizing governance, increasing the visibility of RDM supports, and identifying RDM needs. Acting as a central hub, the EPFL-RDSN will foster interdisciplinary collaboration and align institutional efforts with national RDM initiatives, such as the Swiss Research Data Support Network (SRDSN) and the ETH-Domain Data Stewardship Network (ETH-DSN).

Universität St. Gallen (HSG)

HSG OS Office: Open Science Office Universität St. Gallen

The University of St Gallen (HSG) is creating an 80% Open Science Office position in the Vice-President's Board Research & Faculty from October 1, 2025. This will be the first point of contact for researchers for all questions relating to open science and research data (metadata, DMP, data storage, preregistration, registered reports, etc). In addition, the Office will establish a network of data stewards within HSG, develop guidelines for the handling of research data and create awareness within academia, but also within the research-related administration for open science and research data management. It coordinates the requirements and concerns of the various stakeholder groups, e.g., researchers, schools, the library, legal office, those responsible for open access and IT.

The aim is to offer researchers competent support with regard to Open Science and to guarantee the high scientific quality of research at the HSG in the context of increased demands on the robustness of research projects, transparency, findability and re-use of research data.

UniDistance

DSN@UniDistance : Data Stewardship Network @ UniDistance Suisse

Jeune institution accréditée en tant qu'institut universitaire et en phase de devenir l'Université du Valais en 2027, UniDistance Suisse connaît depuis plusieurs années une évolution très rapide. Parmi ses missions fondamentales figurent l'enseignement à distance et l'excellence académique. Une de ses priorités en matière de recherche est d'instaurer une culture de recherche aussi ouverte que possible et à la fois respectueuse des normes légales, éthiques et sécuritaires, axée sur les stratégies nationales en matière d'OA et d'ORD.

UniDistance Suisse compte fournir une expertise en matière d'ORD facile d'utilisation et d'accès et qui réponde de manière efficiente aux besoins de sa communauté de recherche à travers le développement durable du savoir-faire et de réseaux, l'élaboration d'une politique, des guides et du matériel d'information qui perdureront au-delà de la période de financement du projet.

Dans cette optique, UniDistance Suisse créera via ce projet un réseau data stewardship dont le noyau est constitué de la DPO, du CISO et du Responsable IT.

Ce réseau définira les lignes d'action du data stewardship et dans un contexte plus global, se chargera des questions en lien avec l'ORD et l'OA. Il réalisera notamment une prospection, un recensement et une classification des données de recherche et des dépôts utilisés. Il établira une cartographie de l'ensemble de jeux de données de recherche traitées en matière de recherche et identifiera et analysera les besoins et problématiques des chercheur·e·s en matière d'ORD et d'OA afin d'y répondre par l'implémentation de mesures techniques et organisationnelles efficientes et pérennes.