



Research Data Curation Network Norway

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1. Who are we?

The Research Data Curation Network Norway ('the Network') was born through a collaborative project with funding from the National Library of Norway. The Network was soft-launched in mid-2024 and aims to create a holistic ecosystem for competence-building and collaboration for research data curators across Norwegian research institutions. The Network will be integrated with the Norwegian node of the Research Data Alliance (RDA-Norway) and with the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

3. Why is the Network needed?

Data curation is a task that requires competence and skills in a range of scientific, legal, ethical and technical areas. The current capacity of university libraries and other units for research support in Norway to integrate data curation into their offered services varies significantly. The Network assists Norwegian research institutions in establishing and maintaining high-quality data curation services for their research communities by:

- *Being open to and relevant for all types of research institutions and having a clearly defined scope and mutual responsibilities.*
- *Providing best-practice support in all relevant aspects of FAIR data curation.*
- *Coordinating an active discussion forum where curators can ask and get help with practical questions.*
- *Developing and sharing materials that support curation tasks.*
- *Organizing face-to-face and virtual seminars, workshops and networking, as well as an onboarding program for new members.*
- *Establishing working groups with dedicated themes and tasks.*

2. What is research data curation?

As a part of the ongoing open science movement, researchers are increasingly publishing their data in repositories. Data curators support the researchers in this process by carefully reviewing their datasets prior to publication to ensure that they support the FAIR Data Principles (*Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable*) as far as possible.

4. How to join the Network and our future plans:

During the ongoing launch phase, data curators at any Norwegian research institution can register to participate in the Network free-of-charge and commitment-free using this form:
nettskjema.no/a/kuratornettverk.

We are currently establishing the organizational structure and a sustainable long-term funding model for the Network. With time, the Network may expand its scope to also include other aspects of FAIR research data management such as Data Management Plan support.

We hope that professionals working with research data curation in Norway will see the benefits and the potential and that you decide to join us and help us build the Network!

Register Here!

