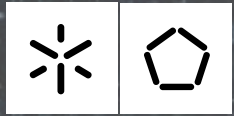


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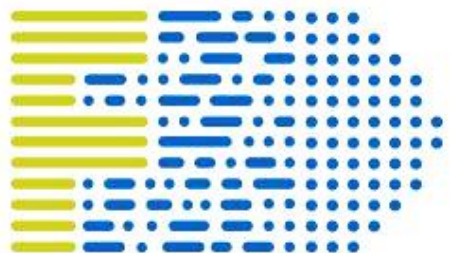


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# DATA STEWARD IN SCIENCE SKILLS AND CHALLENGES

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# FITTED - Project

## FITTED

A flexible platform for generating synthetic virus to control infectious diseases

The FITTED project intends to develop a flexible platform for generating synthetic virus to control infectious diseases.

**Collected and generated data**

Genomic data

Proteomic data

Protocols

Images

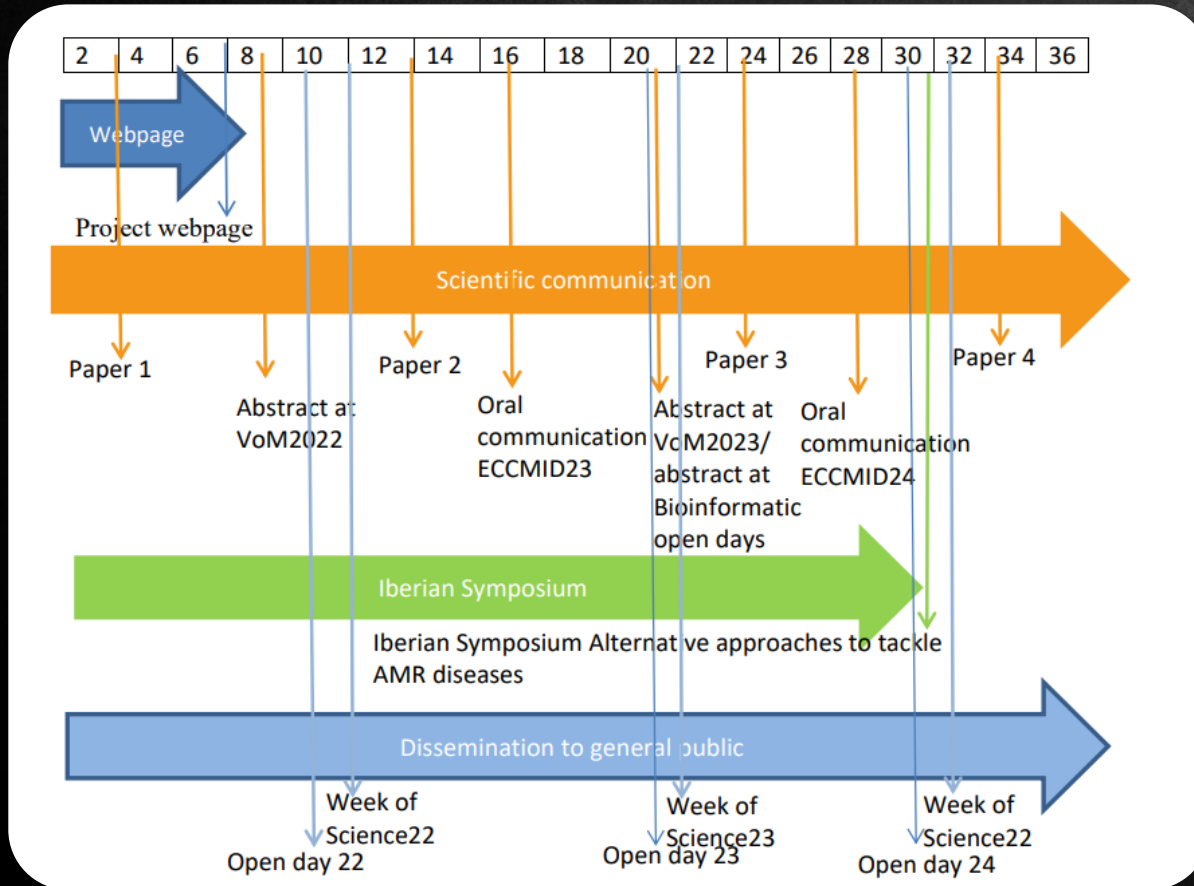
Code (software)

Process

Manuscript



# FITTED - Project



Defined schedule

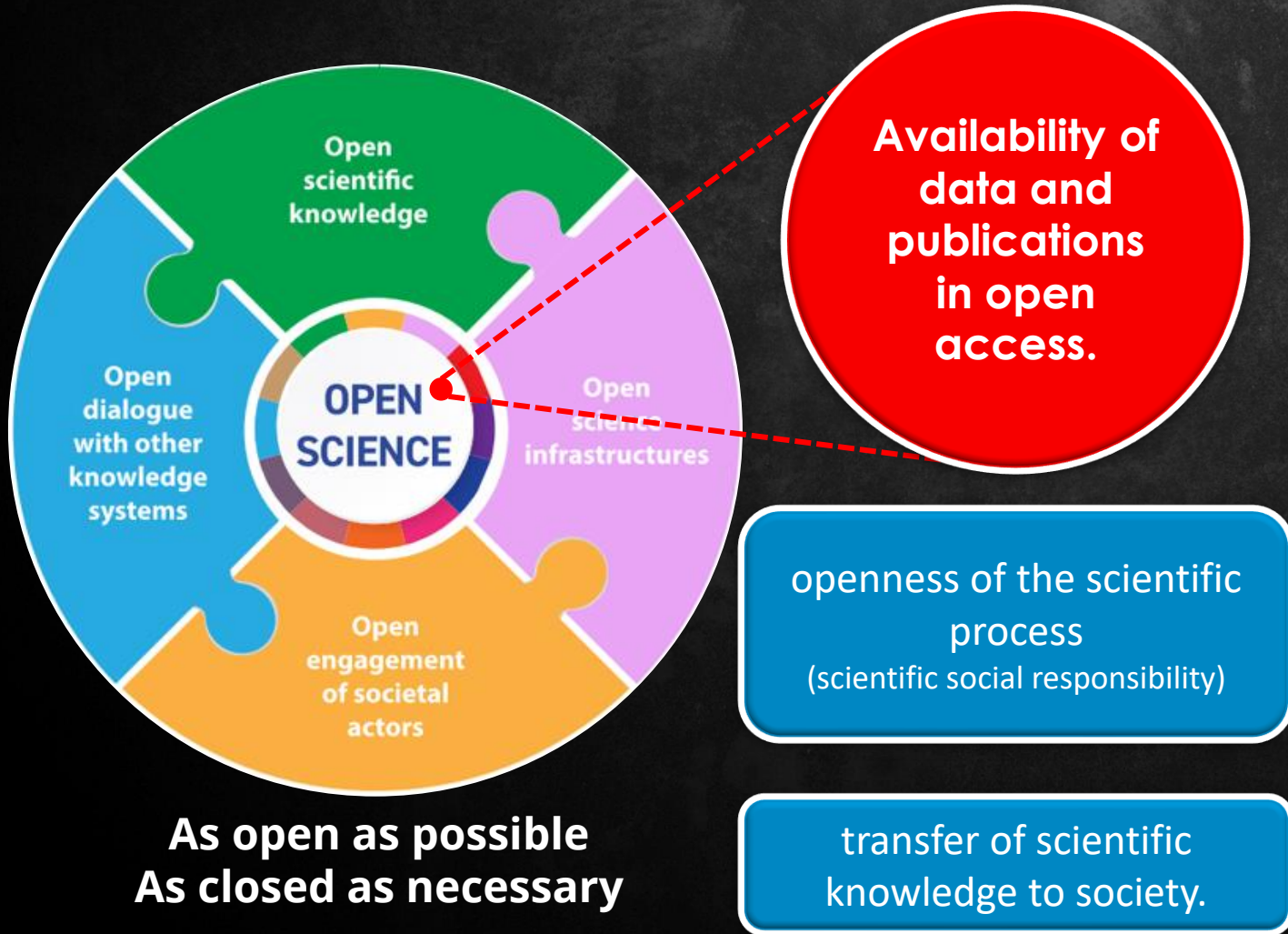
2 research groups

Many researchers

Different roles

DMP

# OPEN SCIENCE



## Advantages of Open Science

Increases research efficiency

Increases knowledge of the scientific work process

Promotes academic rigor and increases the quality of research

Accelerates the creation of new research themes

Promotes the involvement of society and culture / scientific literacy

Increases the economic and social impact of science

Values intellectual property

Promotes scientific return to institutions

# DMP



Research data life cycle

**PLAN**

**ACCURATE**      **FAIR**

**DMP**

**DYNAMIC**

# FAIR PRINCIPLES

## Findable

Metadata and data should be findable for both humans and computers

## Interoperable

Data needs to work with applications or workflows for analysis, storage and processing

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## Accessible

Once found, users need to know how the data can be accessed

## Reusable

The goal of FAIR is to optimise data reuse via comprehensive well-described metadata

# LaCaixa DMP

## Output summary

The data or output that will be generated or collected.

The formats and standards that will be used.

The value the output may have for other researchers.

What data or output cannot be shared and why.

## Responsibilities

Monitoring the plan.

Managing the data or outputs.

Preservation and conservation.

## Findable data

Which metadata will be used.

Which identifier will be used for the data.

What version control will be undertaken.

## Accessibility

Who can access the data and when

Availability of the data

Methods or software to access the data

Documentation on the necessary software included

Where the data, metadata, documentation and code are deposited

How access is granted.

## Interoperability

Describe how interoperability of the data through the use of controlled vocabularies will be facilitated.

## Reusability

Degree of reuse permitted when the data are made available.

When the data will be accessible for reuse.

Will the data generated and/or collected in the project be reusable?

Periods during which the data may be reused.

## Data recovery processing, secure storage and transfer of sensitive data

Describe the measures adopted to safeguard data security. This includes storage and security copies, long-term storage and how security and protection of the data will be maintained.

## Coverage of the ethics review procedure context

Possible ethical issues in the gathering, retaining, processing or storing of the data.

Ethical principles and relevant national, EU and international legislation applied.



# LaCaixa DMP

## Output summary

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What data or output cannot be shared and why.

The FITTED project intends to develop a flexible platform for generating synthetic virus to control infectious diseases.

Multiple data will be collected and generated.

Data: genomic and proteomic data on the genome, genes and proteins of bacteriophages. Also, data on its properties will be collected or generated

Used international relevant standardized formats: FASTQ/ab1/FASTA/GenBank/TSV/CSV/JSON/PZFX/JPEG/TIFF/PDF.

Richly-described metadata, preferably in a machine-readable and machine-actionable format whenever possible.

Compliance with the FAIR principles.

Open Science

3-year embargo to assess IP

# LaCaixa DMP

## Responsibilities

Monitoring the plan.

Managing the data or outputs.

Preservation and conservation.

## Data Steward (DMP)

- Sílvio Santos

## Finding, gathering, and collecting data

- Sílvio B Santos
- Ivone Martins
- Óscar Dias
- Hugo Oliveira
- Alexandra Fraga
- Jorge Pedrosa
- Ana Oliveira
- Diana Priscila Pires
- Luís Melo
- Alexandre Lima
- Rita Domingues
- Joana Azeredo

## Managing and maintaining/preserving/conserving the data

- Ivone Martins
- Óscar Dias
- Hugo Oliveira
- Alexandra Fraga
- Miguel Rocha

# LaCaixa DMP

- Rich, generous and extensive metadata
- Structured and searchable way
- Keywords and ontology terms
- International standard schemas
- Metadata in a machine-readable format
- Globally unique and persistent identifier – DOI
- Domain-specific repository (genbank)
- Versioning with documented history

## Findable

Metadata and data should be findable for both humans and computers

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- Standardized formats
- Metadata in machine-readable and machine-actionable format
- Open formats
- Ontologies whenever possible
- Qualified references to other data and metadata.

- Chosen repository (dataRepositorium) established using the Dataverse Open Source

## Interoperable

Data needs to work with applications or workflows for analysis, storage and processing

- Open science
- Institutional repository (dataRepositoriUM)
- Freely available with obligation to quote
- Embargo (3 years) to assess IP
- Standardized formats (no proprietary)
- License info available
- Persistent metadata

## Accessible

Once found, users need to know how the data can be accessed

## Reusable

The goal of FAIR is to optimise data reuse via comprehensive well-described metadata

- Optimize data reuse
- Richly-described data and metadata
- Standardized formats
- Freely available without limitations after embargo
- Use of a clear licensing status

# LaCaixa DMP

Data recovery processing, secure storage and transfer of sensitive data

Describe the measures adopted to safeguard data security. This includes storage and security copies, long-term storage and how security and protection of the data will be maintained.

Data stored in our institutional repository (Data Repositorium)

dataRepositorium allows a safe and secure storage, data recovery and long-term preservation.

Access to data will be given through data protection methods like password protection, allowing a secure collaboration

Different access levels will be defined (view; add; edit) mitigating the risk of data loss.

Mitigate information leak risk by avoiding storage of data on computers in the lab or external hard drives

We are not using any personal information.

# LaCaixa DMP

Coverage of the ethics review procedure context

Possible ethical issues in the gathering, retaining, processing or storing of the data.

Ethical principles and relevant national, EU and international legislation applied.

We are not using any personal information and ethical issues are not applied here.

Animal experimentation will be performed at the Life and Health Sciences Research Institute UM (ICVS)

ICVS has a license in accordance with European guidelines for the care and use of animals for research purposes

Animals will be handled in accordance with Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes

# DMP tool

<https://ds-wizard.org/data-management-plans>



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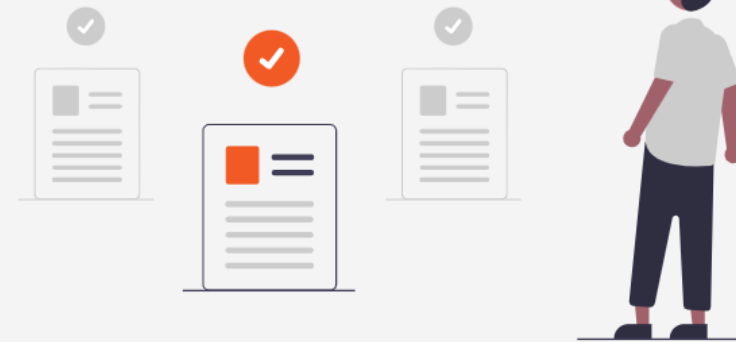
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## Data Management Plans

DMPs as formal documents that outline how data were managed during and post-project have become an important and often indispensable part of grant applications, as well as a good research practice. DSW brings a complex solution for creating high-quality DMPs in any discipline.



Data Management Plan  
**FITTED (LaCaixa HR21-00533)v2.1**  
Following the Horizon 2020 DMP Template v2.0

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Data Management Plan created in Data Stewardship Wizard - [ds-wizard.org](https://ds-wizard.org)

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## Smart Questionnaires

The Data Stewardship Wizard provides a simple way to create the DMP by filling the Questionnaire in a smart way. What does "smart way" mean? Based on your previous answers in the Questionnaire, only relevant questions for your case will be shown and further followed.

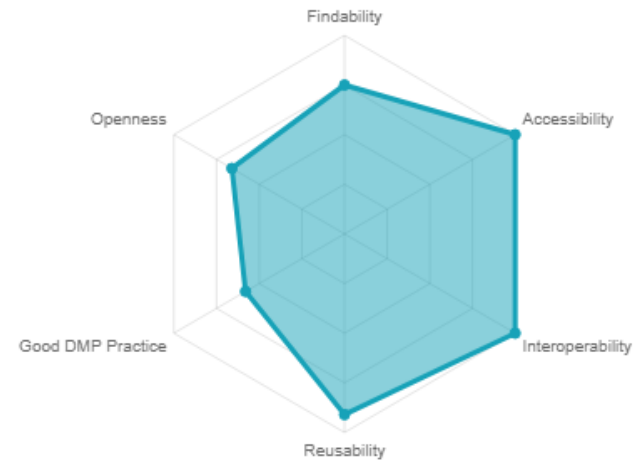
# DMP tool

## Summary Report

Answered (current phase): 193/193

Answered: 342/349

Metric	Measure
Findability	0.75
Accessibility	1.00
Interoperability	1.00
Reusability	0.91
Good DMP Practice	0.58
Openness	0.66



# dataRepositoriUM



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Data Repository of the project "A flexible platform for generating synthetic virus to control infectious diseases"

Search this dataverse... Find Advanced Search Add Data

- Datasets (0)
- Files (0)

This dataverse currently has no dataverses, datasets, or files. You can add to it by using the Add Data button on this page.

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Permissions Current access configuration to your dataverse.

Select if all users or only certain users are able to add to this dataverse, by clicking the Edit Access button. Edit Access

Who can add to this dataverse? Anyone adding to this dataverse needs to be given access

When a user adds a new dataset to this dataverse, which role should be automatically assigned to them on that dataset? Contributor - Edit metadata, upload files, and edit files, edit Terms, Guestbook, Submit datasets for review

Users/Groups All the users and groups that have access to your dataverse. Assign Roles to Users/Groups

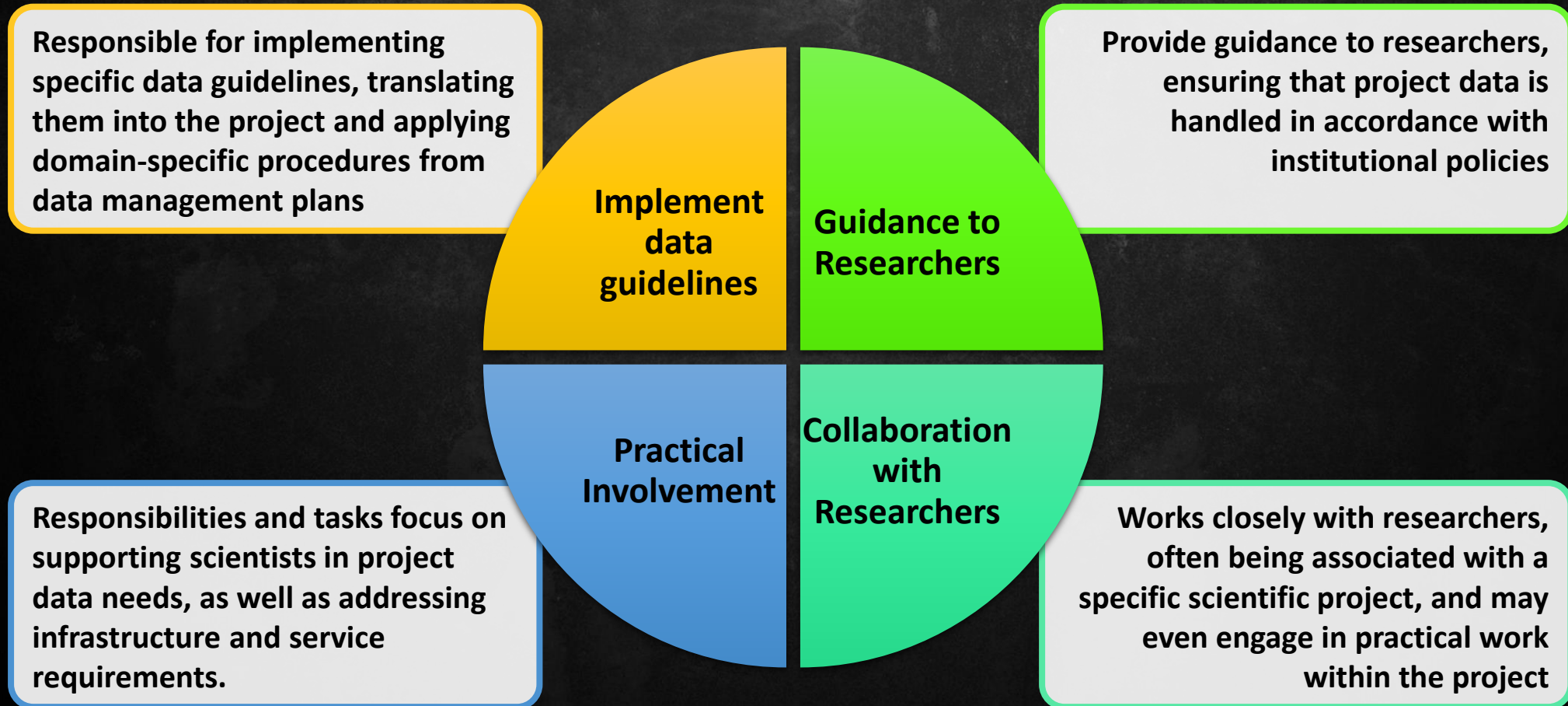
14 Users/Groups

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Alexandra Fraga	@afraga	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Alexandre Lima (CEB/ICVS)	@Limalex	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Andre Vieira (Universidade do Minho)	@andrevieira	Admin	Remove Assigned Role
Diana Priscila Pires	@dppires	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Hugo Oliveira (CEB)	@hugooliveira	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Ivone Martins (Centro de Engenharia Biológica)	@ivone.martins	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Joana Azeredo (Universidade do Minho)	@d2045	Curator	Remove Assigned Role
Jorge Pedrosa	@jpedrosa	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Luis Melo (CEB-UM)	@LuisMelo	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Oscar Dias	@odias	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Paula Moura (University of Minho)	@paulamoura	Admin	Remove Assigned Role
Pedro Principe (Universidade do Minho)	@pedroprincipe	Admin	Remove Assigned Role
Rita Domingues	@ritadomingues18	Dataset Creator	Remove Assigned Role
Silvio Santos (Centre of Biological Engineering, University of Minho)	@silviosantos	Admin	Remove Assigned Role





# Data Steward | Responsibilities



# Data Steward | SKILLS

## Project Management

The ability to efficiently manage data projects from planning to implementation, ensuring delivery within established timelines and budgets

## Technical Knowledge

A data manager needs a solid technical understanding of tools and technologies relevant to data management, such as databases, programming languages, and data analysis platforms.

## Communication Skills

Strong communication skills to collaborate effectively with researchers, data scientists, and other stakeholders, fostering a culture of open communication.

## Domain Knowledge

In-depth understanding of the specific scientific domain, including terminology, methodologies, and research processes.

## Problem-Solving

Being able to address complex challenges related to data quality, data integration, and technical issues that may arise during research.

# Data Steward | SKILLS

## Training and Development

Ease in training and developing the team in effective data management practices, fostering a data-centric culture within the organization.

## Data Curation

Expertise in curating and maintaining high-quality datasets, ensuring data integrity and reliability for scientific analysis.

## Data Governance

Ability to establish and enforce data governance policies, ensuring compliance with ethical standards, privacy regulations, and industry best practices.

## Data Analysis and Interpretation

Capacity to critically analyze data, identifying patterns, trends, and insights relevant to the research.

## Data Analysis Support

Understanding the needs of researchers and providing support in data analysis, including helping with data queries, interpretation, and troubleshooting.

# Data Steward | SKILLS

## Data Documentation

Thorough documentation of datasets, methodologies, and data processing steps to enhance transparency and reproducibility of scientific findings.

## Metadata Management

Proficiency in creating and managing metadata, facilitating the discoverability and understanding of datasets by researchers.

## Sensitive Data Management

The ability to handle sensitive and confidential data, ensuring compliance with regulations and ethical practices, is crucial.

## Regulatory Knowledge

Staying updated on data protection regulations, research ethics, and legal requirements to ensure compliance.

## Data Privacy and Security

Expertise in ensuring the privacy and security of sensitive scientific data, implementing measures to safeguard against unauthorized access or data breaches.

# Data Steward | CHALLENGES

## Undefined Career

Data Steward is a relatively new profession (~2017). The job profile is not always formally defined and the career-track may be unclear.

## Data Lifecycle Management

Managing the entire data lifecycle, from data acquisition to archiving, and ensuring proper documentation at each stage.

## Up-to-date Management

Handling the evolution of research methodologies, adapting to changes in the data environment and team needs.

## Keeping Abreast of Technology

Staying updated on advancements in data management technologies and tools relevant to scientific research.

# Data Steward | CHALLENGES

## Constant Support

Researchers expect support and advice during the whole data cycle at all time.

## Data Integration/Complexity

Dealing with the complexity of integrating data from formats, structures, and sources, ensuring consistency and interoperability.

## Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Overcoming challenges related to collaboration among researchers from different scientific disciplines, each with unique data requirements and practices.

## Data Quality Assurance

Addressing challenges related to maintaining and assuring the quality of scientific data, including validation, cleaning, and error handling.

# Data Steward | CHALLENGES

## Adherence to Standards

Ensuring adherence to data standards and promoting best practices for data management and sharing within the scientific community.

## Ethical and Legal Compliance

Navigating the ethical and legal landscape of scientific data, ensuring compliance with institutional review board approvals and other regulatory requirements.

## Data Security

Ensuring proper security and protection of data, especially when dealing with sensitive and personal information.

## Resource Allocation

Efficiently allocating resources, including time and budget, to support data management activities while balancing the needs of multiple research projects.

# Data Steward | SWOT analysis



**Domain Expertise:** Deep understanding of the scientific domain enhances the ability to effectively manage and curate domain-specific datasets.

**Data Governance Skills:** Maintains ethical standards compliance, privacy regulations, and industry best practices, ensuring data integrity and reliability.

**Effective Communication:** Facilitates collaboration with researchers, data scientists, and stakeholders, fostering a transparent and open data culture.

**Data Analysis Support:** Adds value by assisting researchers with queries, interpretation, and troubleshooting, enhancing the overall research process.

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**Data Security Risks:** Security threats poses risks to the security of sensitive scientific data, requiring constant vigilance and robust security measures.

**Regulatory Changes:** Rapid changes in data protection/privacy regulations pose challenges in adaptation, affecting data management practices.

**Data Quality Assurance Challenges:** May be threatened by challenges related to validation, cleaning, and handling errors in complex datasets.

**Competing Priorities:** Balancing diverse needs of multiple projects threatens resource allocation, impacting the quality of data stewardship.

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**Resource Dependency:** Limited budget and time, may be a weakness, especially if constraints limit the execution of comprehensive data management practices.

**Technological Challenges:** The fast-paced evolution of data management technologies may pose challenges in keeping abreast of the latest tools and ensuring that the infrastructure meets current standards.

WEAKNESSES

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**Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Provides an opportunity for DS to bridge gaps between different scientific disciplines, facilitating broader research initiatives.

**Data Standards Advocacy:** Opportunities for DS to advocate for the establishment of data standards, enhancing consistency and interoperability.

**Advancements in Technology:** Embracing advancements in data management technologies can improve efficiency and effectiveness in handling scientific data.

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# CONCLUSION



**Data Stewards**  
**Have The Worst**  
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# CONCLUSION

## Integral Support in Scientific Communities

- Data Stewards play a vital role in scientific communities, actively supporting and promoting recommended data management practices.

## Time-Efficient Assistance for Researchers

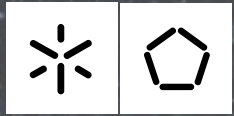
- Their contribution significantly saves researchers time by providing essential support in data management efforts, allowing scientists to focus more on their core research.

## Informal Career Path and Background

- Data Stewards typically lack a formal career path or specific qualifications but bring valuable insights with their background in scientific or research fields.

**Data Stewards are indispensable**

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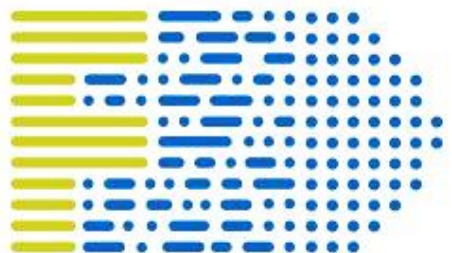
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