



Kuratornettverk for FAIR forskingsdata

National Curation Network Project in Norway

RDA Norway Networking Event:
Implementing cultural and structural change
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Thanks for inviting me!

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What is the Curation Network?

- National project, funded by the National Library of Norway and the 8 project partner institutions: UiT, NTNU, OsloMet, Sikt/NSD, SINTEF, UiB, UiO, USN
- Co-ordinated with the Norwegian RDA node (RDA Norway)
- One-year project, starting in September 2022

Project group

Institution	Participants
UiT (project owner, project coordination)	Philipp Conzett, Leif Longva, Aili Sarre
NTNU (project coordination)	Svein Høier, Ingrid Heggland, Ane Møller Gabrielsen
NSD/Sikt	Trond Kvamme
OsloMet	Camilla Thorvik (from January 2023), Anne-Inger Hellekjær (until January 2023), Marianne Soon Ophaug Wehus
SINTEF	Ida Eir Lauritzen
UiB	Jenny Ostrop
UiO	Live Håndlykken Kvale, Anne Sæbø
USN	Ali Abdurhman Kelil, Ryan Tamayo Europa (from January 2023)
“Associated”:	
UiS	John David Didriksen (from February 2023), Elin Stangeland (until February 2023)

Other groups

Project Core Group:

- Philipp Conzett (UiT)
- Svein Høier (NTNU)
- Leif Longva (UiT)

Advisory Group:

- RDA Norway coordinating group

Steering Group:

- RDA Norway steering group

Project objectives

- The project will establish a curation network for FAIR research data across Norwegian research libraries and other units for research data management support.
- The network will provide practical support for curators, data stewards, data librarians and other support staff who are set to help researchers organize and prepare research data for archiving and sharing according to best practice.

How to achieve objectives?

Four work packages:

1. Project management and communication

2. Material

- a. Put in place a basic package of material that is useful in curating work
- b. Establish a plan for how the material is to be managed and further developed after the end of the project

3. Competence

- a. Establish a plan for knowledge and experience exchange
- b. Put in place a foundation of practical workshops and webinars, including support for peer mentoring on curation in practice

- c. Establish a plan for how these resources are to be maintained and further developed after the end of the project.

4. Organization

- a. Put in place a suitable model for how membership, collaboration and further development of the curation network should be organized (incl. responsibilities and roles) to ensure sustainability

How to achieve objectives?

- Throughout the project work, we follow the principle “Adopt, adapt, develop”, i.e., that we in priority order will
 - make use of existing resources (“adopt”);
 - adapt them as needed (“adapt”);
 - and only as a last resort develop new resources from scratch.
- The project envisages broad involvement of as many relevant stakeholders as possible in the field throughout the project period, but particularly in the mapping/input (“kartlegging/innspill”) and testing phase.

Work plan

- Phase 1: Map existing resources and reported needs
 - Conduct desktop analysis
- Phase 2: Get input from relevant stakeholders
 - Conduct a survey
 - Get and discuss feedback/input at workshop
 - Conduct interviews/conversations with similar networks and other stakeholders
- Phase 3: Analyze feedback/input and write report with recommendations for further progress. To be approved by the steering group.
- Phase 4: Prepare network resources in alpha version
- Phase 5: Test and evaluate alpha versions of resources
- Phase 6: Adjust and complete stable versions of resources
- Phase 7: Launch the network and complete final project report
 - Milestone 3: The curator network has been launched (August 31, 2023)

What have we done so far?

Phase 1: Map existing resources and reported needs

Conduct desktop analysis

- Have been and are still working on brief descriptions of resources and needs.
- Will be part of the final project report.

What have we done so far?

Phase 2: Get input from relevant stakeholders

Conduct a survey

- Topic: What are the practices and needs in research data archiving and publishing in Norway?
- Collected responses through online survey form October 17 to November 1.
- Got 54 responses; mainly from support staff at universities and university colleges
- Main results presented at workshop (see below)
- Are working on report to be published together with raw data

Get and discuss feedback/input at workshop

- Ran a virtual workshop on November 9, 2022, to get and discuss feedback and input; presentation recorded; PDF available in Zenodo:
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7536420>

What have we done so far?

Phase 2: Get input from relevant stakeholders

Conduct interviews/conversations with similar networks and other stakeholders

- Had a conversation with a representative from the Swedish National Data Service (**SND**) on December 6, 2022
- Had a conversation with representatives from the **Data Curation Network** (DCN; USA) on December 7, 2022
- Had a conversation with a representative from the **Digital Research Alliance of Canada** on January 18, 2023
- Had a joint conversation with representatives from **national research infrastructures**, focusing on the added value of the planned network, its relation to other similar networks, and the national landscape, on February 10, 2023

What have we done so far?

Phase 3: Analyze feedback/input and write status report with recommendations for further progress. To be approved by the steering group.

- Status report with recommendations being sent to the project steering group
- To summarize: We see **three main functions** to be filled by the network:
 - a) Facilitate **informal networking** (discussion forum/platform, overview of resources, point to other resources and services); relatively easy to manage.
 - b) Providing **resources and competency building** (guidance on relevant topics and specific requests); requires more organization and commitment from partner institutions.
 - c) Providing **curation** as a service.

Phase 4: Prepare network resources in alpha version

- Have started working on WP 2-4.

How to stay tuned about the project?

- Keep yourself informed about project activities and outcomes by following/joining the Norwegian RDA node (<https://rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-norway>).
- Contact the project core group or any of the project participants.

Thanks for your attention!

Questions and comments?