

We do not believe that the full data management cycle can or should be completely left in the hands of the researchers since it is not their primary task. For this reason we advocate the lasting support of data expertise centres funded by national and/or international funding entities. These data centres need this funding for continuity and visibility of their work, and to guide researchers in setting up their DMPs. The actual implementation of the DMP could (also) be funded by allocating part of the budget in the research proposal to data management support by a data expertise centre.

For researchers the university libraries are a natural entry point for posing questions regarding data management. The expertise centres can be installed as back offices for consultancy and data curation tasks.

For the Netherlands efforts directed at data curation will be undertaken within the framework of the CLARIAH project in which data curation is one of the pillars of WP3.

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