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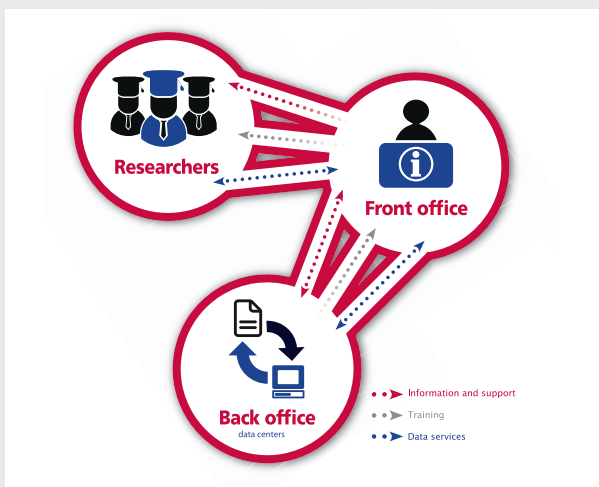
Many scientific breakthroughs and applications valuable for society are based on research data collected by others. Data also have to be available to replicate research and make science more transparent. For these reasons sustainable ways of saving and sharing research data are of vital importance.

Research Data Netherlands (RDNL) is an alliance between 3TU.Datacentrum, DANS and SURFsara. Together, they support the accessibility and responsible reuse of scientific research data by offering a single point of expertise and contact to customers of data archiving services.

Building a bridge together

Researchers can address their questions to their own front office at their institution or in their research field. By interconnecting the knowledge, skills and objectives of the RDNL partners, a powerful back office is established to service these front offices efficiently. The front offices and other parties, such as the technical infrastructure suppliers, benefit from a national centre of expertise that can be accessed via a single point of contact: *your partner in research data curation*.

RDNL has been operational since May 2013 and is open to other partners with a back office in long-term data archiving. RDNL partners all have at least the *Data Seal of Approval*.



What can RDNL do for you?

- **Long-term access to research data** Researchers can find data from previous research in the RDNL partners' long-term archives and can deposit data there themselves. The archives maintain the data and corresponding documentation to keep the data usable in the long term.
- **Data management knowledge and advice** RDNL is a knowledge centre and advisory body to support the design and implementation of policies for good research data management and data stewardship before, during and after research.
- **Data Management course** RDNL organises a course for front office data supporters, called 'Essentials 4 Data Support'. Data supporters help researchers to save, manage, archive and share their data. At the end of the course, participants will know the different stages in the life cycle of scientific research data and the corresponding management actions and facilities.

"The combination of online material, contact with colleagues from other organisations and practical exercises has taught me a lot about the various aspects of data management", a data supporter wrote.

- **The Dutch Data Prize** RDNL awards the Dutch Data Prize to researchers who bring together data, document data and make data accessible to others. Two prizes are awarded every two years: a prize for the humanities and social science and a prize for exact and technical science.

"Go ahead and show everyone how great your database or dataset is already! The Data Prize is the jewel in our crown", one of the winners said. Another winner adds: "Our objective is to make incomprehensible data comprehensible. Our Data Prize has allowed us to make some improvements we had been planning for a long time."