


Research Data Infrastructure – Securing Long-term Storage and Use

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Large projects conceived in the last decade are generally aware of the entire life cycle of data. Digital infrastructure departments of hosting institutions help to organize how projects deal with data, from the initial stages of planning the projects and onwards, including financial resources and staff positions. Older projects – many of which have run for several years or even decades – are problematic with regard to establishing organization of the data, finding adequate storage in repositories, and gaining financial support. This latter case includes many research projects run by the [Academies Programme of the Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities](#). Here, Dieta Svoboda-Baas reports her experience with the projects of the [Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities](#) as she attempts to avoid isolated approaches through standardized solutions. Examples of solutions include several initiatives for the [National Research Data Infrastructures \(NFDI\)](#) in Germany, as well as the need for growing data literacy combined with disciplinary expertise.

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