

# *From Workshops to Community* Advancing **Data Stewardship in** **Germany**

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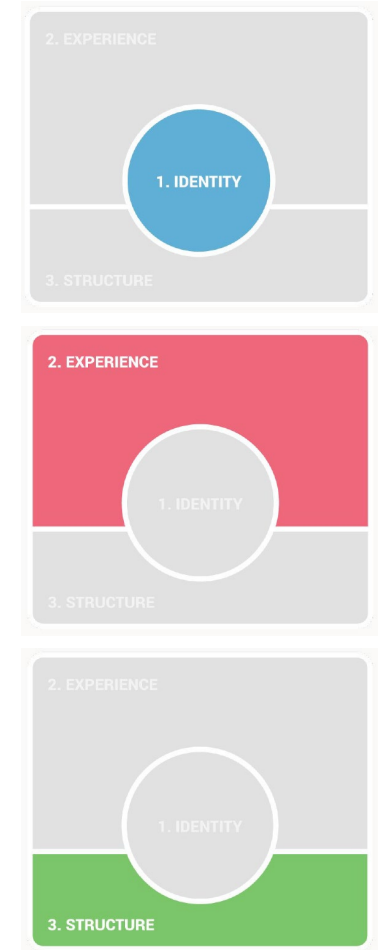
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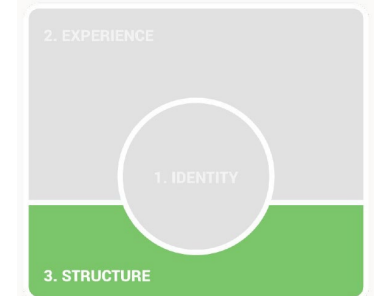
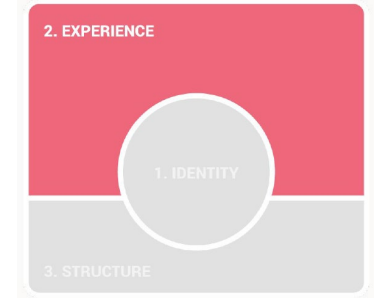
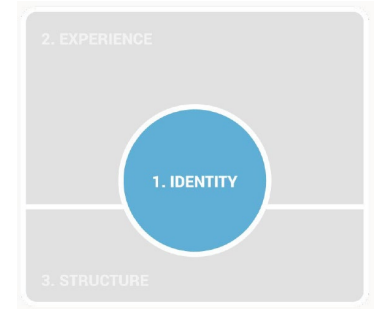
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**Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly. ([Wenger-Trayner et al. 2023](#))**



# Data Stewardship in Germany (DSgG) in Action

## Vision

Data Stewardship as a strategic cross-cutting priority in the research ecosystem

- **Co-Creation**
- **Transparency**
- **Drive cultural change**
- **Professional Development:**  
Strong national **networking** and beyond
- **Sustainability**

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## **Manifesto of the German Research Data Steward Community** A Strategic Vision for the Future of Research Data Stewardship

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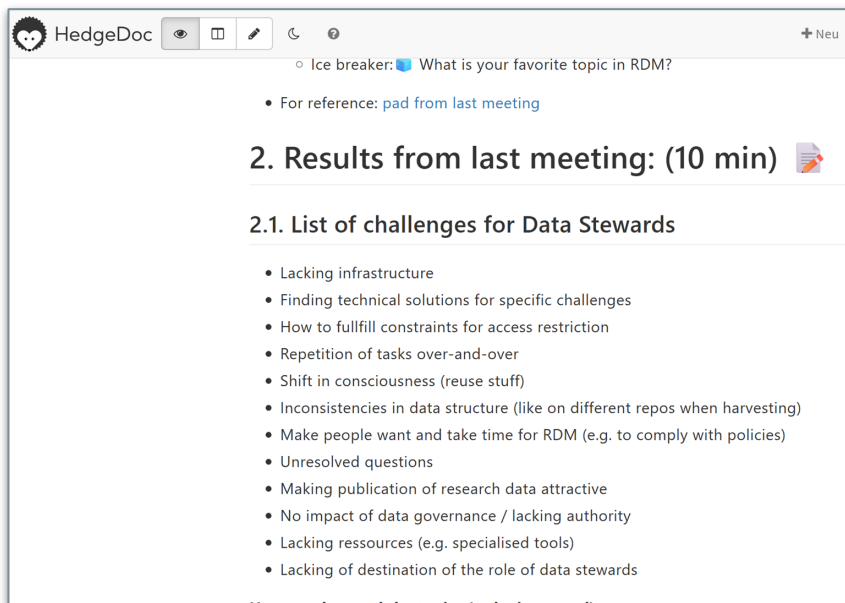
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## Challenges

Exchange about common challenges, such as those related to

- Roles/ def. of Data Stewards
- Infrastructure & providers
- Internal communication
- Cultural change
- Finding RDM resources & get researchers to use tools
- Reaching people
- Legal questions
- ...

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## Yellow pages & communication

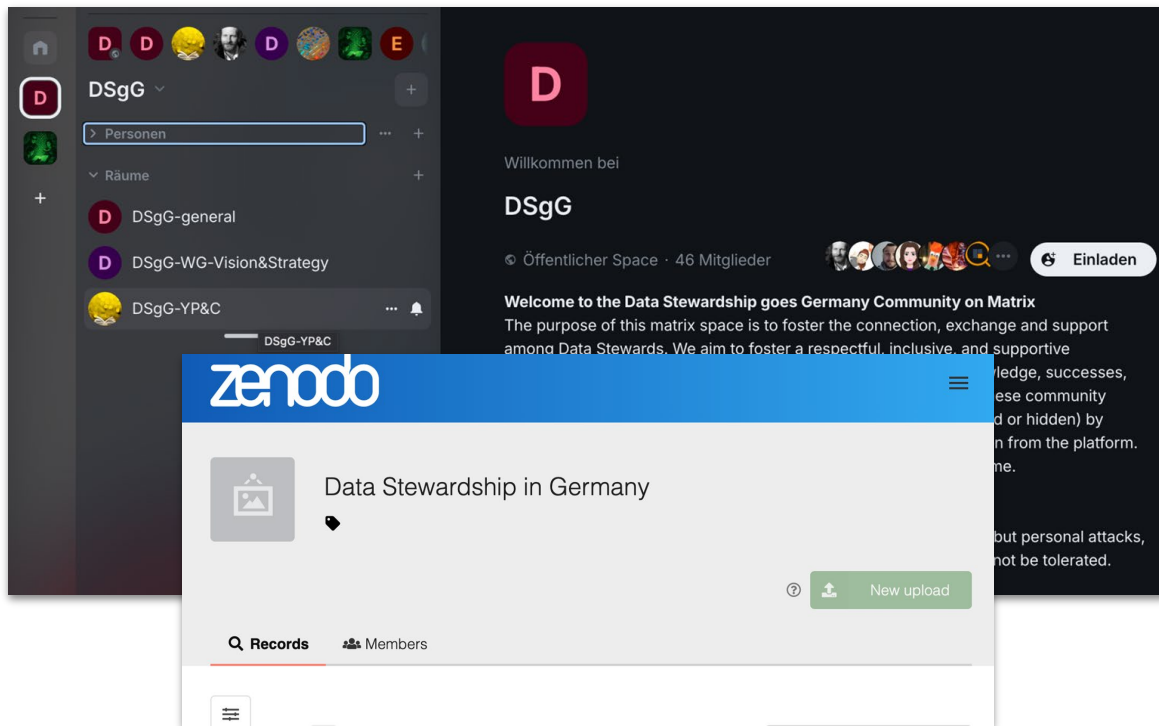
### Goals:

- Virtual space for stewards to communicate
- Easy access
- Community-driven

### Needs:

- Involvement of members with a technical interest

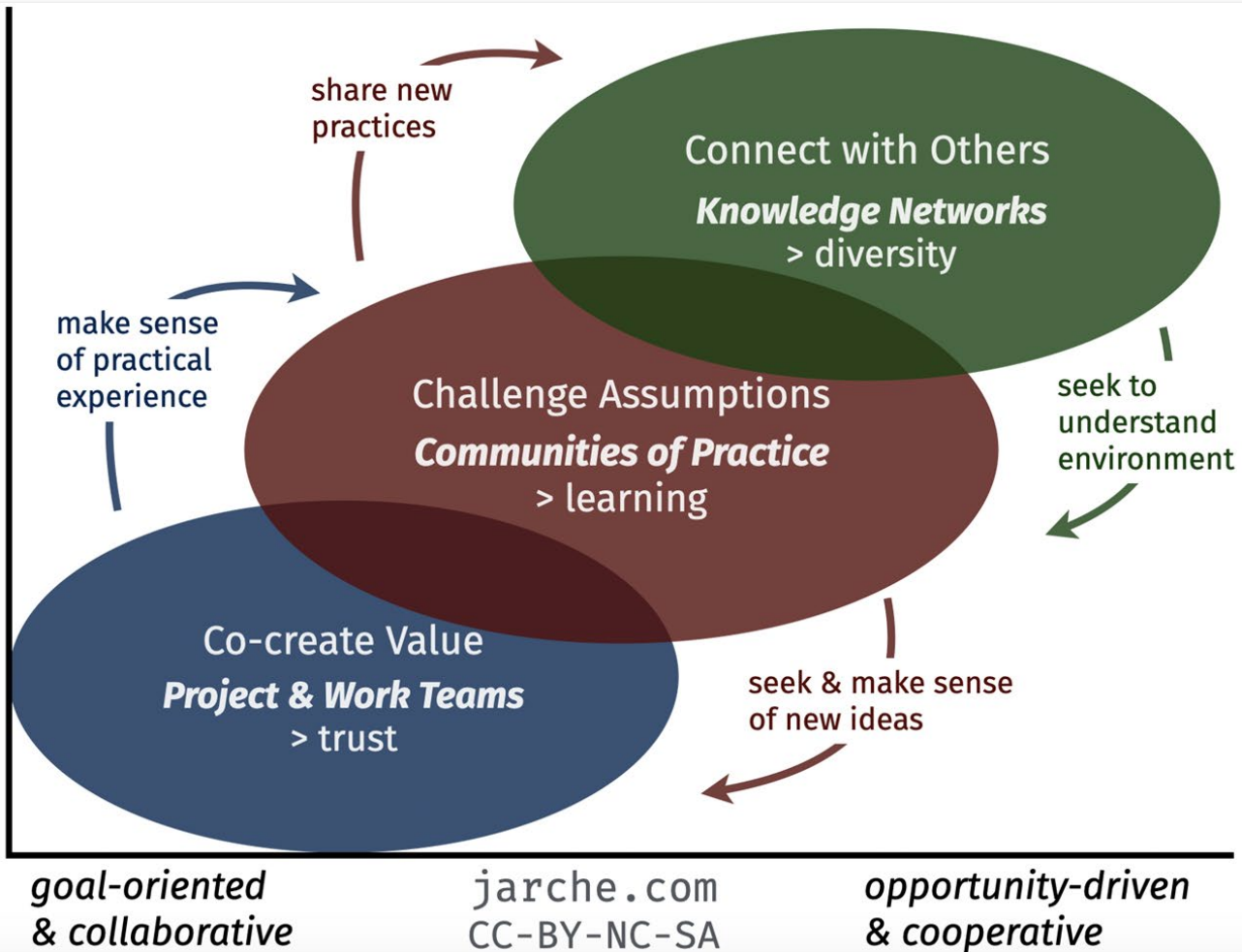
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**Mailinglist w/ more than 150 members!**

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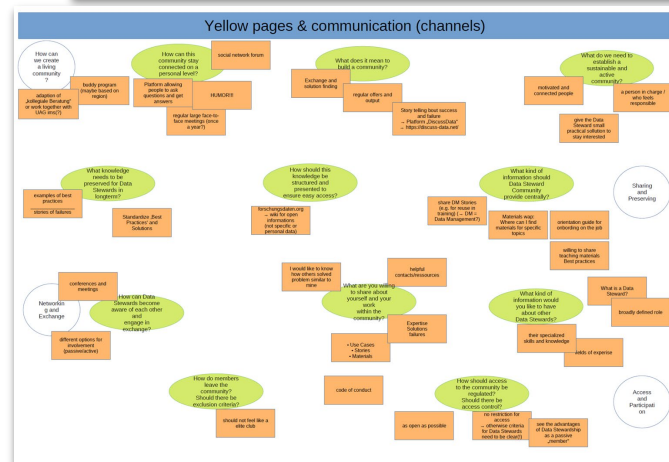
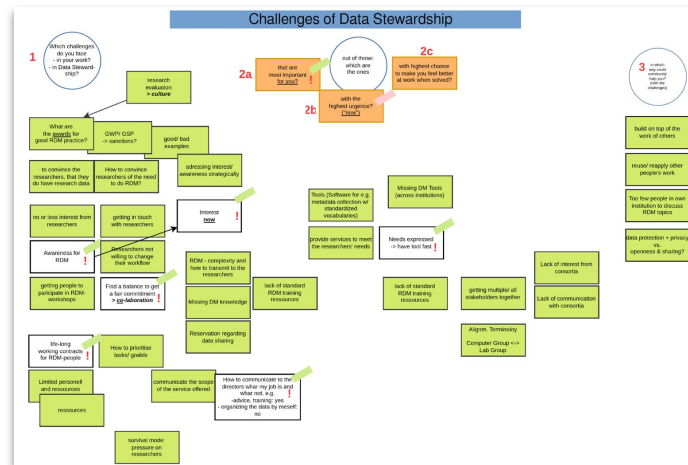
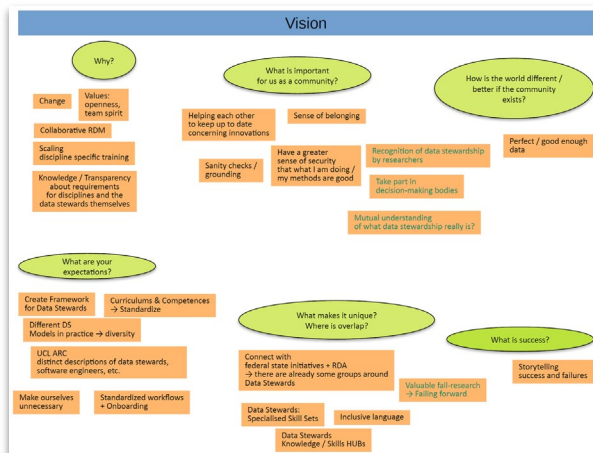
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- DSgG 2024
- Fellowship of the Data 2025
  - Workshop/ World Café of the three WGs



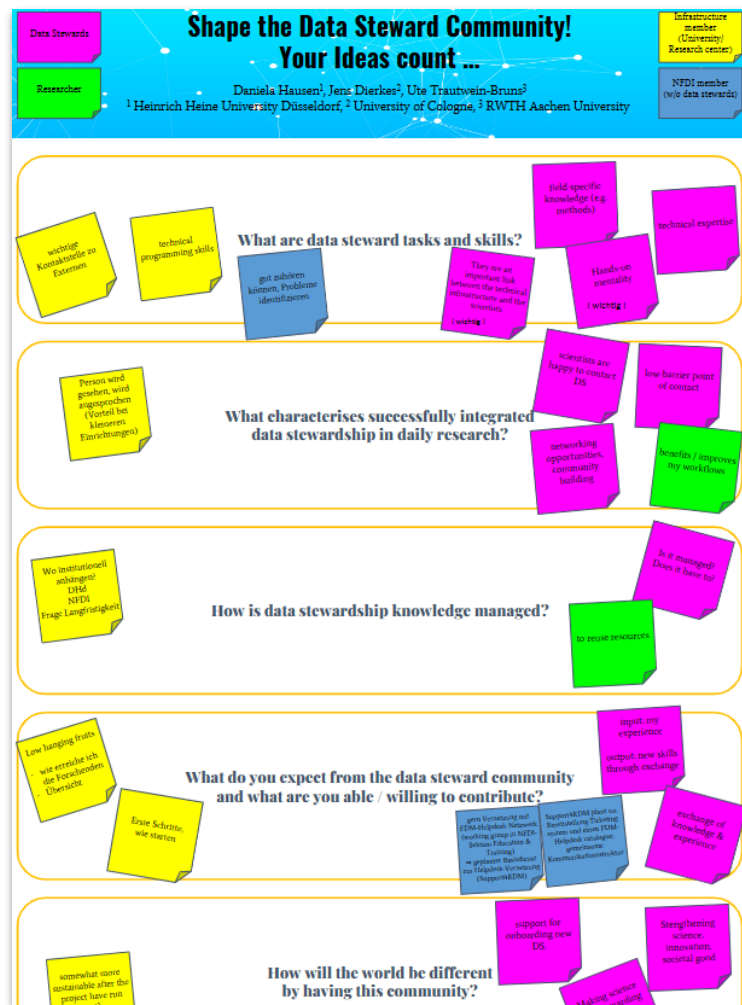
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- **E-Science Tage and CoRDI**
  - Talk and interactive poster

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# DSgG - Key Characteristics

- ★ Openness and inclusiveness
- ★ Focus on people
- ★ No intention to re-invent but to connect and learn
- ★ Community of practice
  - Exchanging knowledge, solving problems, and improving skills
- ★ Community of purpose
  - Shared mission or goal → mobilising → manifesto
- Short-term and long-term goals

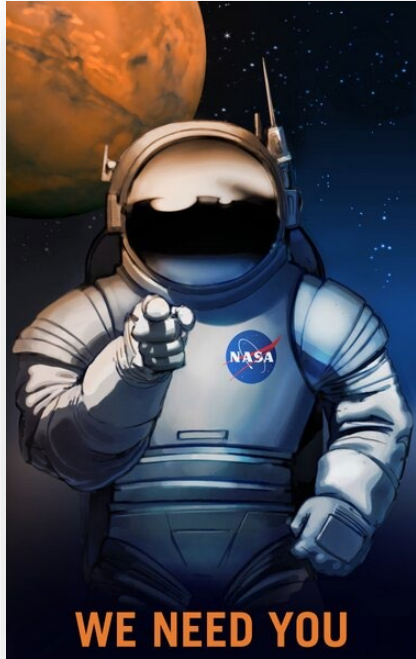
# Manifesto

Vision → Mission → Strategic Priorities → Community Structure and Governance  
→ Strategic Alliances and Advocacy → Call to Action

## Strategic Priorities

- Professionalise and define Career Pathways
- Promoting the strategic Role of Data Stewardship
- Strengthen Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange

# Data Stewards, let's work together: Shaping a living Community



NASA/KSC, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

- Deep dive:
  - Vision
  - Governance
  - Communication
- Fishbowl

# Data Stewardship Germany

- ★ Mailinglist:

[https://www.listserv.dfn.de/sympa/subscribe/datastewardsgermany?previous\\_action=info](https://www.listserv.dfn.de/sympa/subscribe/datastewardsgermany?previous_action=info)

- ★ Matrix space:

<https://pad.otc.coscine.dev/s/TQADD7exW>

- ★ Zenodo Community:

<https://zenodo.org/communities/dsgg>

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