

# Call: Join our project group Machine Actionable DMP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE RENEWAL OF DMPONLINE.BE? THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The **Flemish policy plan Open Science**<sup>1</sup> aims to embed Open Science-by-design as a natural part of the research process, following the principle “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”. By 2030, researchers in Flanders should be able to apply the Open Science principles smoothly, without additional administrative burden.

The policy plan translates this mission and vision into seven strategic objectives, further elaborated into operational goals and concrete policy actions. To achieve these objectives, Flemish knowledge institutions join forces through the **Flemish Research Data Network (FRDN)**, a network organisation that stimulates knowledge sharing, collaboration, and professionalisation.

This call is part of the strategic goal **SD 4**:

Researchers apply Open Science and FAIR principles in a thoughtful way, as a foundation for high-quality and reproducible research.

and the **action 4.2.1**:

We aim for an actionable and machine-readable data management plan (DMP) to reduce the administrative burden of monitoring DMPs, as well as storing, sharing, and reusing data for researchers and research support staff.

Within this strategic objective and action, this project group will initially focus on participating in user testing of the renewed DMPonline.be. Within the FedOSC-project (Belnet – Belspo), the current DMPonline.be platform is being optimised to further support researchers in drafting a data management plan. A project group within the FRDN will take part in the user testing to evaluate the new functionalities and identify any missing features.

## What will you do?

As a member of the project group Machine Actionable DMP, you will play an active role in shaping and delivering the group’s objectives:

- participate in user testing with Belnet;
- identify bottlenecks and opportunities.

## Who are we looking for?

Project groups are composed based on complementary expertise and ideally consist of 6 to 8 members. As a group, they bring together different areas of expertise. This expertise is either directly present within the project group or accessible through expertise that members of the group can easily call upon.

We are looking for professionals who:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ewi-vlaanderen.be/nieuws/vlaams-beleidsplan-open-science-2026-2030-goedgekeurd>

- are affiliated with one of the partner institutions;
- have knowledge of different aspects of data management plans, in particular the Flemish minimum uniform DMP;
- are familiar with the relevant requirements and regulations;
- understand and are attuned to the day-to-day reality of researchers;
- are aware of international developments regarding DMPs or know which network to approach to acquire such knowledge.

Do you recognise yourself in this profile? Don't hesitate to join the project group.

## What do we offer?

- the opportunity to make an impact;
- collaboration with engaged colleagues/participants from different domains of expertise and institutions;
- the opportunity to further develop your knowledge and skills;
- new insights and experiences, which you can bring back to your own workplace;
- space to contribute your own ideas and help shape the project;
- a valuable network both within and beyond the organisation.

## Practical information

The project group 'Machine Actionable DMP' will run from May '26 through December '26. Participation requires on average about 1 hour per week (indicative), with alternating more intensive and quieter periods. Within the existing framework of agreements, the project group can further define its activities and organise its own way of working.

This project group reports both to the Open Science Policy thematic group (content-related) and to the Architecture thematic group (technical), as well as to the Coordination Hub.

## Interested?

Please apply **before 22/05/2026** via [frdn@fwo.be](mailto:frdn@fwo.be). Please include the CPOC of your own institution in cc, so they are informed as well.

**Provide a short introduction of yourself and briefly explain why this project group is a good fit for you.** Also indicate whether you are interested in taking on the **role of chair or co-chair** of this project group.

If you would like more information about our policy, feel free to visit our [website](https://www.frdn.be) ( <https://www.frdn.be> ) or send an email to [frdn@fwo.be](mailto:frdn@fwo.be) .

We look forward to working together!

