

Call: Join the Coordination Hub

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FLEMISH OPEN SCIENCE POLICY? THEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The **Flemish policy plan Open Science**¹ 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.

The day-to-day operation and coordination of the network are in the hands of the Coordination Hub, facilitated by the network coordinator. The Coordination Hub acts as the link between policy and its implementation, as well as between the government and the knowledge institutions.

The Coordination Hub is composed as follows:

- the network coordinator;
- the community manager of the Knowledge Hub;
- the Open Science policy advisor at the Department WEWIS;
- the chairs of the thematic groups;
- 4 representatives from different institutions.

For this last group, we are looking for enthusiastic members. We aim for a balanced composition, with 50% representation from divisions other than the universities.

What will you do?

As a member of the Coordination Hub, you will actively take part in the various activities of this body. Among other things, you will help with:

- the day-to-day management of the network;
- facilitating collaboration;
- the internal and external communication of the network;
- the preparation, follow-up and progress monitoring of the thematic and project groups;
- preparing the reporting to the FOSB;
- organising events;
- organising calls for participation in the project groups;
- developing the stakeholder forum;
- drawing up the annual work plans.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for driven and committed professionals from the Flemish knowledge institutions who:

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

- are affiliated with one of the partner institutions;
- are familiar with Open Science and the FAIR principles;
- actively facilitate and promote collaboration;
- want to bridge the gap between policy and practice;
- have an eye for international integration;
- can think strategically about stakeholder engagement and networking;
- are motivated to take on an active role within a dynamic network;
- are willing to put their knowledge and experience to use to help drive progress within the network.

Do you have expertise in one or more relevant domains, are you motivated to contribute to the implementation of the Flemish Open Science policy, and do you have the mandate from your own institution to do so? Don't hesitate — join the Coordination Hub.

What do we offer?

- the opportunity to make an impact;
- collaboration with engaged colleagues and participants from a range of expertise areas and institutions;
- the opportunity to further develop your knowledge and skills;
- new insights and experience that you can take back to your own workplace;
- space to bring forward your own ideas and help shape the work;
- a valuable network within and beyond the organisation.

Practical information

Members (representatives from the institutions) are selected through a biennial call. We aim for a balanced composition, with 50% representation from divisions other than the universities. Members of the Coordination Hub may, however, remain active in the Coordination Hub for longer than two years. The final composition is endorsed by the FOSB.

The time commitment may vary over the course of the policy plan, with intensive and less intensive periods alternating. We estimate an average time investment of half a day per week.

Interested?

Please apply **before 22/05/2026 2026** via the CPOC of your institution at frdn@fwo.be.

Provide a short introduction of yourself and briefly explain why the Coordination Hub is a good fit for you.

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.

We look forward to working together!

