

L'edizione pilota del «Master in Data Management and Curation (MDMC)»

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Summary

- Why MDMC?
- Supporting Institutions and projects
- Schedule and details of MDMC



WHY MDMC?

IMPORTANCE OF DATA MANAGEMENT IN SCIENCE



- *"Research cannot flourish if data are not preserved and made accessible. All concerned must act accordingly".*
- *"Data management should be woven into every course in science, as one of the foundations of knowledge"*

'Editorial: Data's Shameful Neglect'

(**10 September 2009**) in Nature 461, p. 145, doi:10.1038/461145a.

FAIR PRINCIPLES

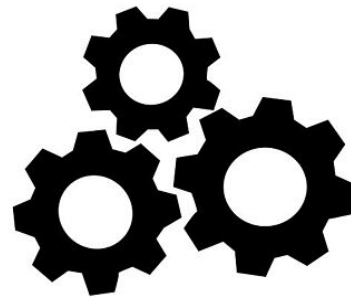
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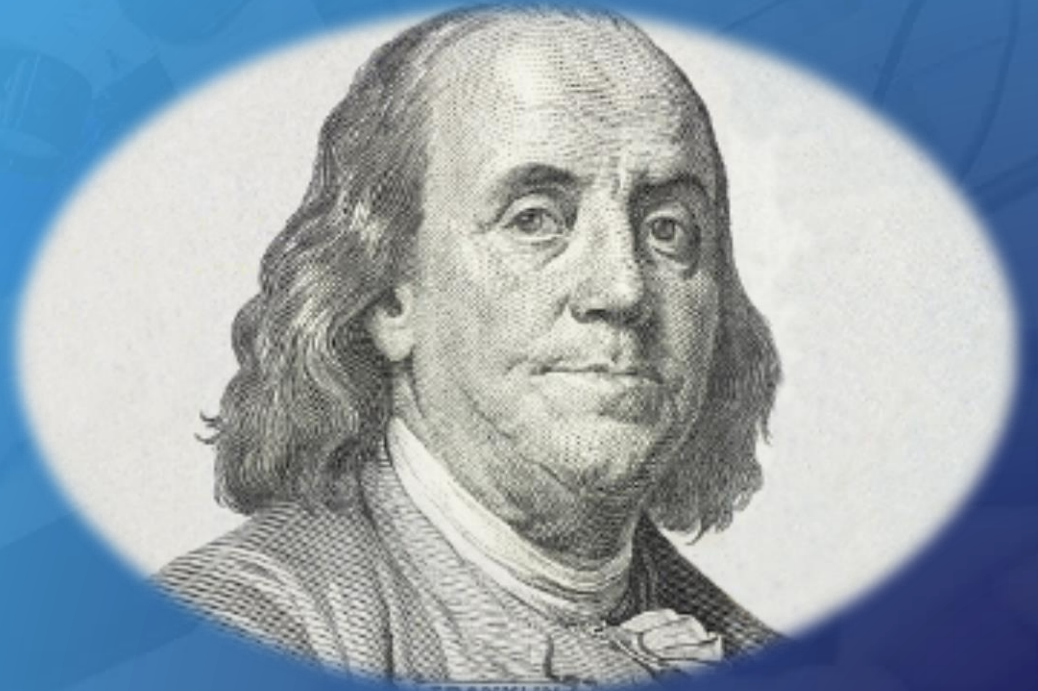


R
Reusable



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**“If you think education
is expensive,
Try ignorance”**



Benjamin Franklin

“If you think ~~education~~
data management is expensive,
Try ~~ignorance~~ ignore it”



Stefano Cozzini

COST OF NOT HAVING FAIR DATA

AREA	INDICATORS	COST (Million EUR per year)
Impact on research activities	1. Time spent	4500
	2. Cost of storage	5300
	3. License costs	630
Impact on opportunities for further research	4. Research retraction	4,4
	5. Double funding	25
	6. Cross-fertilization	N.A.
Impact on innovation	7. Potential economic growth (as % of GDP)	N.A.
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ROLES AND RESPONSABILITIES IN RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

Research Data management responsibilities relies **first on PI or researcher who created or collected the data.**

They extend than to other people involved in the research process that play a role in ensuring quality data stewardship.

It is fundamental that the roles and responsibilities of data management are clearly defined and assigned, rather than assumed.

EOSC SYMPOSIUM 2024



Scientific keynote:

- FAIR, what else? (Claudia Draxl)
- FAIR for AI and AI for FAIR (Julia Lane)

Take away message:

We need more data engineers and data curators

FAIR (2016) Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable



Picture from «The Turing Way» [10.5281/zenodo.3332807](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3332807) Scriberia

FAIR (2024) Fully AI Ready

To build the EOSC nodes federation, Interoperability is the key

MDMC Master in Data Management and Curation
Pilot training programme (Master) in Data Management and Curation

Area Science Park, CNR-Istituto Nazionale di Materiali and **SISSA** organize the first pilot edition of the Master in Data Management and Curation (MDMC).

This will be the first training course on Research Data Management focused on the implementation of FAIR-by-design research workflows in the involved laboratories.

The innovative aspect of MDMC lies in its strong emphasis on practical training modules during the six weeks of lessons, coupled with the ambitious aim of implementing FAIR-by-design pipelines and workflows in the selected laboratories as part of the thesis projects.

The course structure is outlined in the following table:

Course	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4
Introduction to Data Management and Curation	Introduction to Data Management and Curation	Introduction to Data Management and Curation	Introduction to Data Management and Curation	Introduction to Data Management and Curation
Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management
FAIR Principles	FAIR Principles	FAIR Principles	FAIR Principles	FAIR Principles
Open Science	Open Science	Open Science	Open Science	Open Science
Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management	Research Data Management
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PARTICIPANT LEARNING GOALS:

- Open Science principles and methodologies, within the context of Horizon Europe and EOSC (European Open Science Cloud).
- FAIR principles, FAIR-by-design workflows for RDM and FAIRification of data.
- Tools and software for data acquisition and metadata enrichment.
- Tools and methods for preliminary data and metadata analysis.

MDMC OUTCOMES:

1. Having a stable presence in all project laboratories of FAIR data experts both at the level of implementation, maintenance and constant upgrade of the FAIR-by-design technology interoperability with the distributed headquarters, and stewardship with respect to the users.
2. Creation of a new generation of experts, formed in FAIR data management and stewardship.

MDMC summary numbers

Category	Value
RESEARCH DATA	150
RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT	150
RESEARCH DATA CURATION	150
RESEARCH DATA INTEROPERABILITY	150
RESEARCH DATA REUSABILITY	150

FAIR BY DESIGN IN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE - CENTRAL DATA LAKE

FAIR BY DESIGN AT LABORATORY LEVEL - AUTOMATIC WORKFLOW

PAR SUPPORTING PROJECTS:

- PRP** (Partnership for Research Project)
- nffa-di** (National Federated FAIR Data Infrastructure)

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME - TRAINING MODULES

FAIR as FULLY AI READY

Many of the world's hardest problems can be tackled only with data-intensive, computer-assisted research. FAIR data allow much more effective artificial intelligence and playing with the ecosystem. Beyond Moore claims that FAIR can be interpreted as "Fully AI Ready".



SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECTS





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and Curation



PILOT TRAINING COURSE MASTER IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND CURATION

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The skills and knowledge of **FAIR** Research Data Management, Curation and Stewardship are nowadays essential to ensure responsible and reproducible research.

The structure and program of the master are entirely innovative on both **national and international** levels, with a specific focus on the implementation of **FAIR-by-design processes** in the involved laboratories.

Scientific committee:

Prof. Giorgio Rossi (*University of Milan and CNR-IOM*)

Dr. Stefano Cozzini (*Area Science Park*)

Prof. Stefano Ruffo and prof. Eugenio Piasini (*SISSA*)

MDMC Coordinator:

Mariarita de Luca (*Area Science Park*)



PNRR SUPPORTING PROJECTS*



MATERIALS SCIENCE PATH

NANO FOUNDRIES FINE ANALYSIS – DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE (NFFA-DI)

NFFA-DI creates a unique environment for basic nanoscience and advanced technologies, bridging the gap between fundamental research on quantum matter and functional micro- systems for the digital transformation.



LIFE SCIENCE PATH

PATHOGEN READINESS PLATFORM FOR CERIC-ERIC UPGRADE (PRP@CERIC)

PRP@CERIC focuses on developing and implementing platforms and tools to address pandemics, including tools for diagnostics, early intervention, treatment development, and prevention approaches.



SCHEDULE AND DETAILS OF MDMC



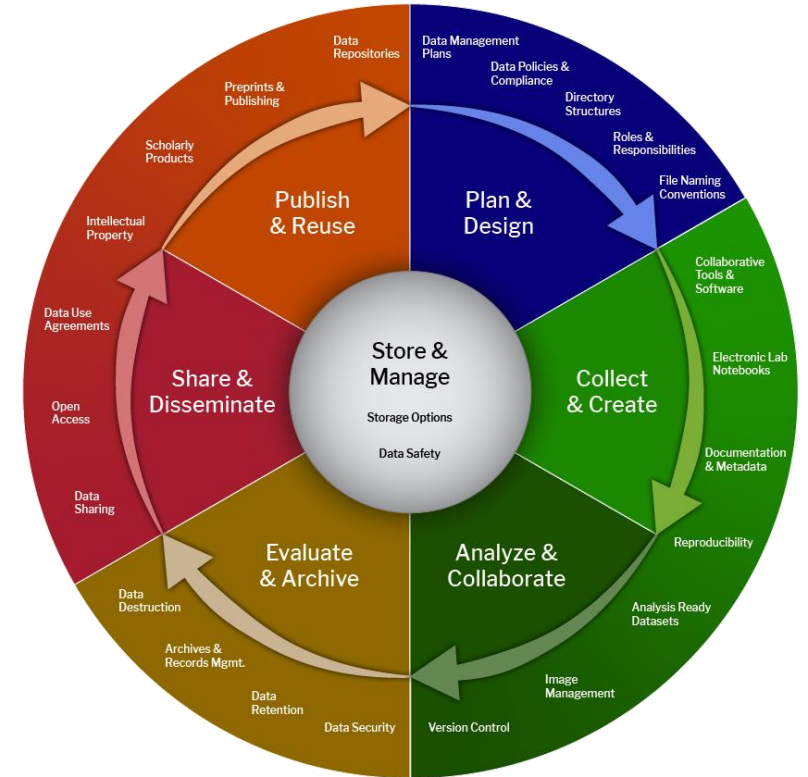
FAIR-BY-DESIGN

The next generation of researchers should be trained and supported to do transparent and reproducible science from day one — that is, to be “open science natives”. [Open By Design — Open By Design at Stanford \(dsi-cores.github.io\)](https://openbydesign.org/)

FAIR data management by design is an approach that ensures the application of FAIR principles from the inception of a project, making the data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) throughout all stages of research data lifecycle:



- plan and design
- collection and creation
- analysis and collaboration
- evaluation and archive
- sharing and dissemination
- publication and reuse



Harvard Biomedical Research Data Lifecycle, [10.5281/zenodo.8075933](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8075933)

TIMELINE OF MDMC

	Part I	Part II	Part III	Part IV
Duration	6 weeks (~ 166h)	~ 2-3 days	7 months	~ 2-3 days
Dates	September 16th - October 25th 2024	October 28th - 30th 2024	November 2024 - May 2025	end of May 2025
Topic	Introduction to Data Management and tools	Definition of FAIR-by-design approach in the labs	Implementation of FAIR-by-design approach in the labs	Thesis Discussions
Location	Training in Trieste	Presentations and meetings in Trieste	OU and labs	Presentations and meetings in Trieste

[Google Calendar - Week of September 16, 2024](#)

PARTICIPANTS

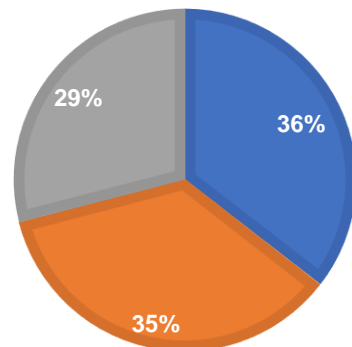
In this pilot version, during the academic year 2024/2025, we have **31 participants** selected by the various operational units of the supporting projects.

Two categories of students:

- **23 Full participants:** Students enrolled in the entire training program (six weeks of live lecturers and seven months of laboratory internship);
- **8 Auditors:** Students enrolled only in the six weeks of live lectures, 5 of which decided to continue after the six weeks of lesson with a small project dedicated to FAIR/Open Science topics.

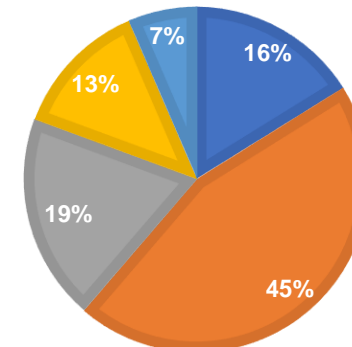
HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

■ Bachelor's degree ■ Master's degree ■ PhD



BACKGROUND FIELD

■ Chemistry ■ Physics ■ Engineering



PARTICIPANT LEARNING GOALS

- Open Science principles and practices, within the context of Horizon Europe programme and EOSC;
- FAIR principles: data FAIR-by-design approach and FAIR-ification of data processes;
- Basic knowledge of data infrastructure and cloud data infrastructure
- Tools and software for data acquisition and metadata enrichment;
- Tools and methods for data and metadata analysis.

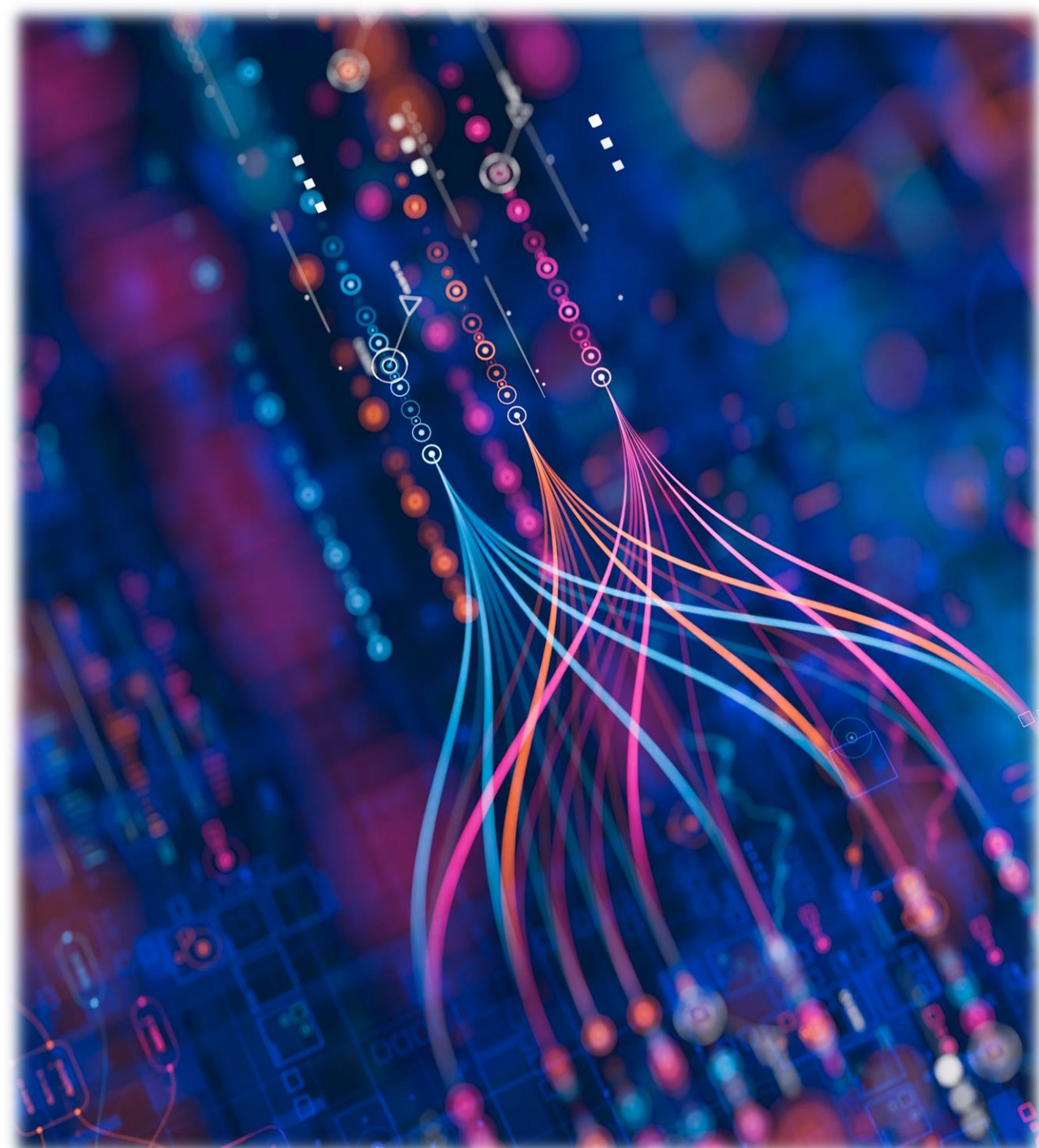


TRAINING MODULES

List of the seven training modules:

- Introduction to Open Science (OS)
- Scientific Programming Environment (SPE)
- Cloud Data Environment (CDE)
- Python for data management (PY)
- Data Infrastructures (DI)
- Data Management Tools (DMT)
- Introduction to Statistical Data Analysis and Machine Learning (SDA&ML)

All training materials (slides and additional materials) is openly available on the Zenodo Community of MDMC : [Master Data Management and Curation \(MDMC\) \(zenodo.org\)](https://zenodo.org)





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Training

PhD courses

Pre-PhD Fellowships

**Professional Master
Courses**

Master Courses

Visiting Student program (ViS)

Master in Data Management and Curation (MDMC)



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PILOT TRAINING COURSE IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND CURATION

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In the digital and data-driven paradigm promoted by Open Science, data is at the core of the scientific process and its production grows at ever-increasing rates. The skills and knowledge of Scientific Data Management and Curation are nowadays essential to ensure responsible and reproducible research in the framework of the possibilities offered by the [European Open Science Cloud \(EOSC\)](#)

Having EOSC compliant Research Infrastructures and **FAIR-by-design Research Data Management** is among the objectives of the two supporting projects:

- [NFFA-DI](#) (Nano Foundries and Fine Analysis Digital Infrastructure)
- [PRP@CERIC](#) (Pathogen Readiness Platform for CERIC-ERIC Upgrade)



FIRST EVALUATION



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Define your level of interest in the topics covered

● Very interested ● Enough interested ● Indifferent ● Not interested

Open Science

Scientific Programming Environment

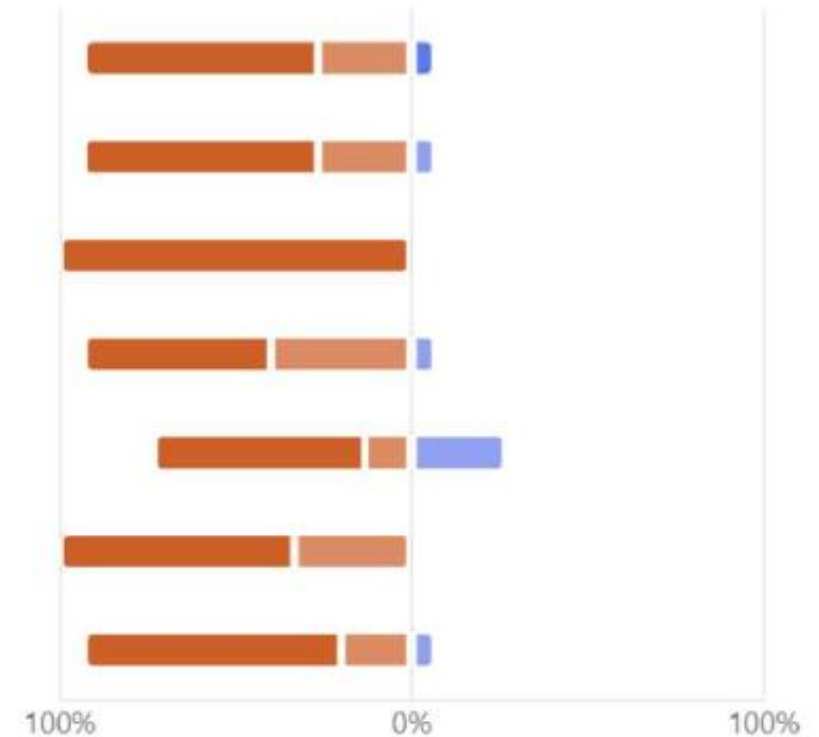
Python

Data Infrastructure

Cloud Data

Data Management

Data Analysis



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Thank you for your attention