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DataNord: Data Literacy –Strengthening Bremen's Research

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DataNord is an interdisciplinary data competence center for the Bremen region, established as part of the U Bremen Research Alliance (UBRA) –a regional collaboration network of the University of Bremen and twelve non-university research institutes. It serves as a hub for cross-disciplinary and interinstitutional data science learning, research, and networking in the Bremen region. DataNord is one of eleven data competence centers funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) as part of a nationwide initiative. Bringing together universities, non-university research institutions, state institutes, NFDI consortia, and infrastructure centers, DataNord consolidates comprehensive expertise in research data management and data science. Its scientific profile areas include: (1) Environmental and Marine Sciences, (2) Social Sciences, (3) Material and Engineering Sciences, (4) Health Sciences, and (5) Humanities.

DataNord provides support for researchers at all career levels to enhance their data skills. Its comprehensive offers include trainings, consulting services, hackathons, summer schools, networking opportunities, self-learning materials, and research projects.

Key pillars of DataNord include the Data Science Center (DSC) at the University of Bremen, which provides tailored training and consultations through its interdisciplinary team, and the Data Train program, designed specifically to equip PhD students and early-career researchers with essential skills in data science and research data management.

In our presentation, we introduce DataNord as an inter-institutional solution for promoting data skills and accelerating the cultural shift towards a FAIR data culture. We explore DataNord's role within Bremen's data ecosystem and its significance in Germany's broader research landscape. With its interdisciplinary focus and extensive collaborations –including partnerships with eleven NFDI consortia –DataNord serves as a scalable model and best-practice for other regions in Germany.

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