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ORCID in Germany - a project-driven success story

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In order to promote the widespread implementation of ORCID at universities and non-university research institutions in Germany, the project "ORCID DE" was launched and is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

With the development of claiming services for the national bibliography of the German National Library and the BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine), one of the world's most voluminous search engines especially for academic web resources, ORCID DE provides central tools for shaping the distribution and quality of metadata of scholarly communication from Germany.

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As coordinator of the project, the Helmholtz Open Science Office makes an important contribution to improving scientific information management in the context of Open Science

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