Collaboration and Cooperation in RDM
Experiences of a central specialist library

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Key Questions:

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ZBW – Fact Sheet

- founded in 1919
- largest specialist library for economics
- located in Hamburg and Kiel
- member institute of the Leibniz Association

- 4.4 Mio. books
- 31.000 periodica, journals
- 5,5 Mio downloads of digital full texts

- ~ 265 employees
- 23 Mio. Euro budget/year
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Our Principles in RMD

• …we act in close cooperation with the economic research community and orient our activities to the needs of this community as well as seek constant feedback from them,

• …we act with a strong subject-specific view, without neglecting overall developments and discussions,

• …we think it is useful to have a division of responsibilities in RDM, which are based on complementary skills (e.g. storage of and access to data)

ZBW’s role: support discovery, citability and sharing of data as well as provision of guidelines and best practices
Partners in RDM:

Discipline specific:

Across disciplines:
Some of ZBW’s activities in RDM
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Staff Development and Roles

- Key expertises for data management could be:
  - metadata and data standards
  - copyright and authors’ rights
  - subject-specific experience with data
  - repository management

Role: Data Librarian
- counselling of researchers to support them in RDM
- data expert within the library to support staff
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RDM integration in library workflows and structures

- new topics/innovations in general:
  - build up a new organizational unit as a temporary project with (new) staff or
  - directly start integrating it into the existing workflows

- RDM:
  - specific know-how is needed
  - traditional library workflows (e.g. cataloguing) and metadata standards (RDA vs. e.g. DDI) etc. do not necessarily apply
  - joint effort with researchers (e.g. specific knowledge of datasets are needed from researchers)
Discussion

• Which roles within the RDM are currently carried out by your library and what are your important cooperation partners in this field?

• Which measures of staff development are you applying to best support researchers in RDM?

• How are you integrating RDM support into other fields of activities within your library?
Thank you very much!

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