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Action Line B5.3: Establishment of a Network for Data Stewardship List of Approved Projects

Call Deadline: 15.06.2023

Decision by the Delegation Open Science: 25.10.2023

Overview Approved Projects Action Line B5.3

Submissions: 1 Approved projects: 1 Funding rate: 100%

Short title	Full title	Leading institution	Partner institution(s)	Project Manager	Total costs (CHF)	Funds Requested (CHF)
SRDSN	Swiss Research Data Support Network	University of Bern (UniBE)	University of Basel, University of Zürich, Università della Svizzera italiana, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Haute école pédagogique du canton Vaud, Swiss National Data and Service Center for the Humanities, Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences	Dirk Verdicchio	336'632	132'770

Short Summaries of the Projects

Abstracts by the Applicants:

SRDSN

Swiss Research Data Support Network

With the support of 31 institutions, the Swiss Research Data Support Network (SRDSN) project aims to establish a robust and inclusive research data support community in Switzerland. It will facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing, and best practice development among research data professionals from various disciplines and institutions, including libraries, IT services, core facilities, and research management offices. SRDSN builds on and expands an existing research data support network and the SwissDS-ENV project. It will serve as an organizational framework, facilitating the formation of specialized nodes that address specific areas of research data management starting with a node for Data Stewardship coordinators that will be established during the project.

Through regular meetings, both at the level of the overall network and the nodes, members will have a platform to discuss relevant topics and share expertise. In doing so it promotes professionalization and specialization of research data management support in Switzerland. To enhance visibility and external communication, SRDSN will establish a visual identity, a dedicated website, and a contact address. To organize efficient information exchange, knowledge sharing, and coordination among network members the technical tools will be provided.

The sustainability and the character of an inclusive community will be ensured by establishing a good governance, entailing rules for membership, an ethics code, and a memorandum of understanding. In addition, a sounding board will be established consisting of researchers and other stakeholders relevant to research data management. The sounding board will help to secure a strategic positioning with the national and international re-search data landscape.

The project will address the international alignment directly by establishing contact to international initiatives and organizations, inviting relevant persons to events, and promoting international cooperation.