

Carrot or stick, my role as a Data Steward in Research data management

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In an interactive workshop, we would like to gather ideas about the role of Data Stewards and creative strategies for stimulating (carrot) and/or enforcing (stick) proper data management.

At RIKILT Wageningen University & Research, data is generated which, next to the original purpose of the analyses, could also be used for direct or indirect (food) concerns. To enable finding those datasets and combining them with data from within or outside RIKILT, it is necessary to make the datasets FAIR. We have prepared guidelines for writing a Data Management Plan and for storing data sets and meta-data (contact person, type of data, software used, etc.) in a practical and insightful way.

We are planning to train data stewards to support their colleagues in achieving FAIR data at RIKILT and to ensure that the guidelines are applied consistently. But, what should be the role of data stewards? And how can they ensure that everyone participates? Pitch your creative solutions, inspire others and compete for the winning prize.