

The story of the FWB Data Ambassadors Network

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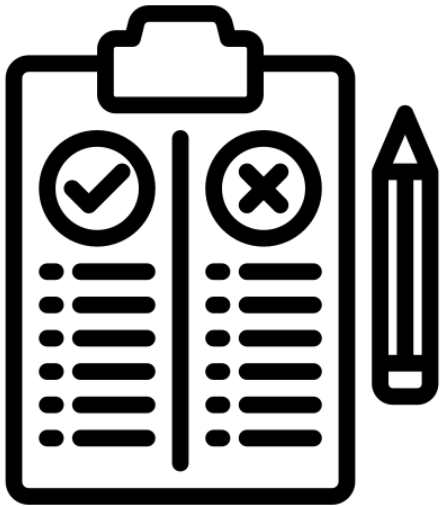
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The beginning: Research Data Officers

RDOs provide on-demand **help**, deliver **training** and develop **tools** for good RDM



As institutional staff, RDOs usually lack :

- **Hands-on**, sector-oriented knowledge of what a researcher really needs to match the FAIR principles
- **Discipline-specific**, actionable advice
- The ability to **reach** each and every member of the scientific staff

To strengthen RDM good practice: Data Ambassadors Network

Objectives

Discover and **highlight** the already existing RDM expertise and initiatives

Increasing the general RDM skills by activating **peer-to-peer** support

Place RDM **beacons** in research units

What DAs can expect

Networking spaces

to exchange good practice, ideas, resources, tips...

Upskilling opportunities

access to dedicated training sessions and seminars

Recognition and career development

through visibility and endorsement

What RDOs can expect

Field data

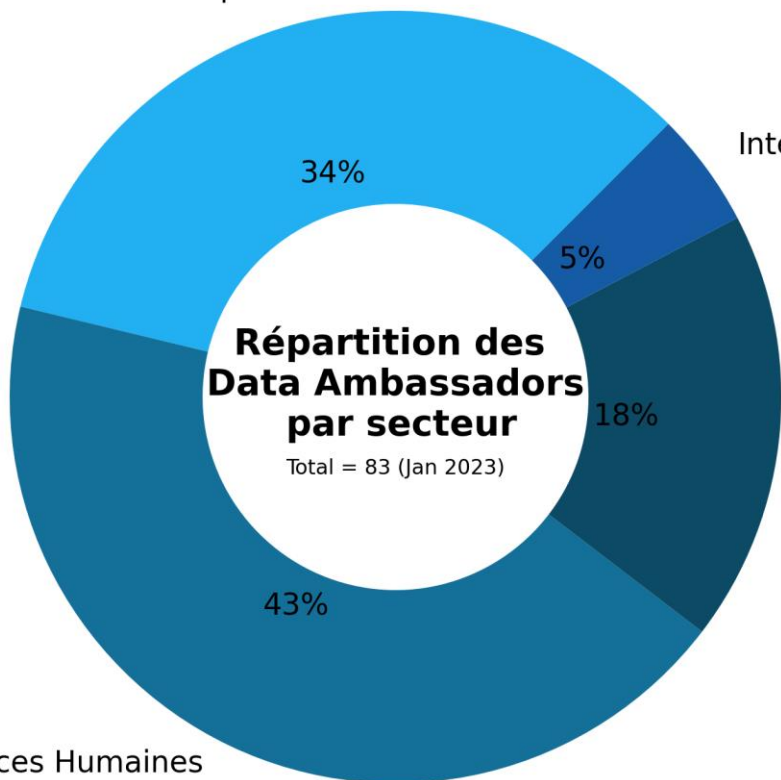
(questions, needs, common issues...)

Creating relevant, discipline-specific training or tools

Help from DAs in **pointing** their colleagues towards the right resource (RDO, DPO, Legal, TTO...)

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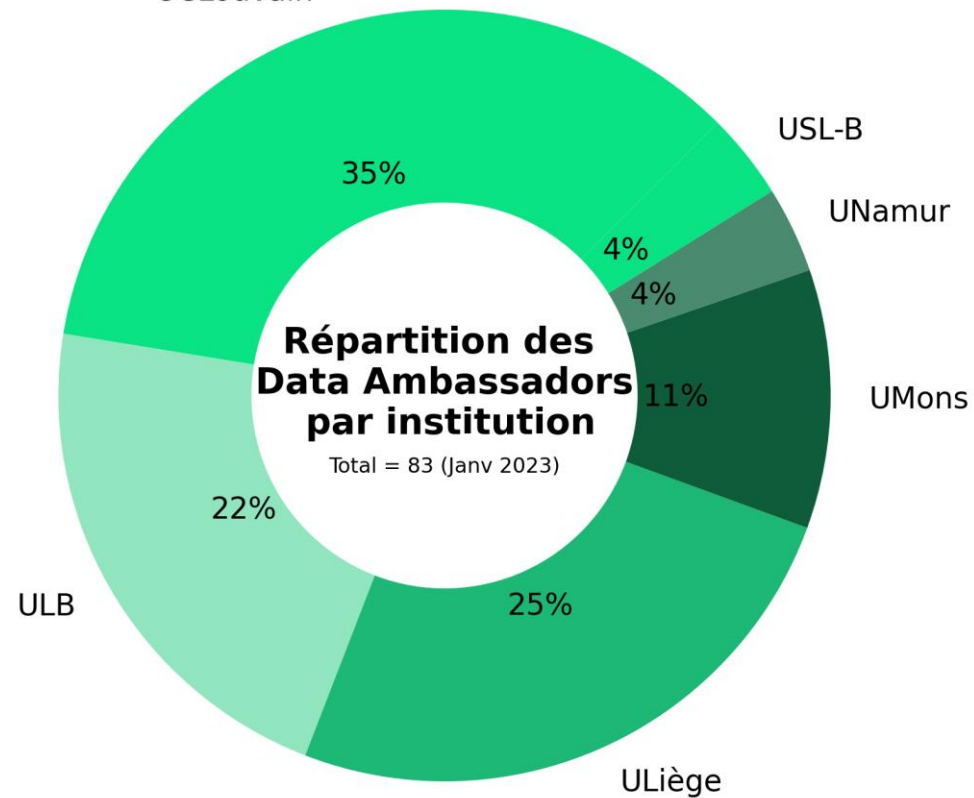


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Example of activities

Online training

Data ethics by Data Curation Center,
Anonymisation techniques by IT prof., ...

Lunch webinars

Data in knowledge transfer processes, sensitive
data, open data testimonies, dual use, ...

In-person meetings

Networking activities, brainstorming
Qualitative data management training

Successes and observations

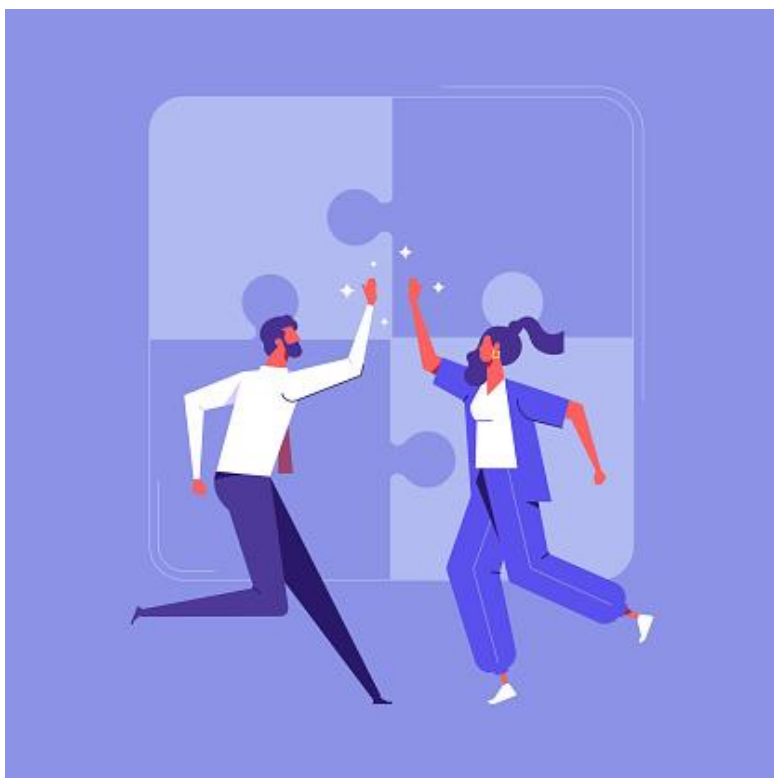
Interdisciplinarity boosts mutual learning and
sparks a lot of conversation

Social sciences and humanities have
expressed the greatest need for training and
tools in RDM-> high representation in DAs

Self-assessed upskilling ([publication](#)) : support
staff and RDOs skills have increased too thanks
to the DA network (we have attended and provided
training)

[Website under construction](#)

The DA FWB Network & the BRN : what can we expect from each other?



Mutual inspiration

In content and form: data management is a massive part of reproducibility watch

Upskilling

Let us invite each other to our training opportunities

Mutual Recognition & lobbying

Let us promote each other
There is still some resistance

Communication

Let us keep up on a regular basis