

conference on grey literature and repositories



Research and Development in the Field of Research Data and Dissertations The D4Humanities Project at the University of Lille

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Our project

• White paper on data in dissertations

• 2015-2018

• On the agenda:

- Education

– Workflow

Université de Lille Les données de la recherche dans les thèses de doctorat Livre blanc LANRT

An integration into the doctoral education

A discipline-specific approach

A proposal of data management plans

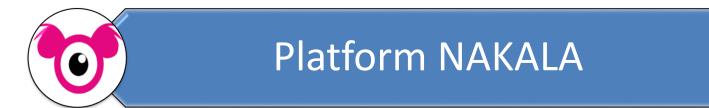
Incentives for the digital deposit of research data

A contribution to the preservation and dissemination of data

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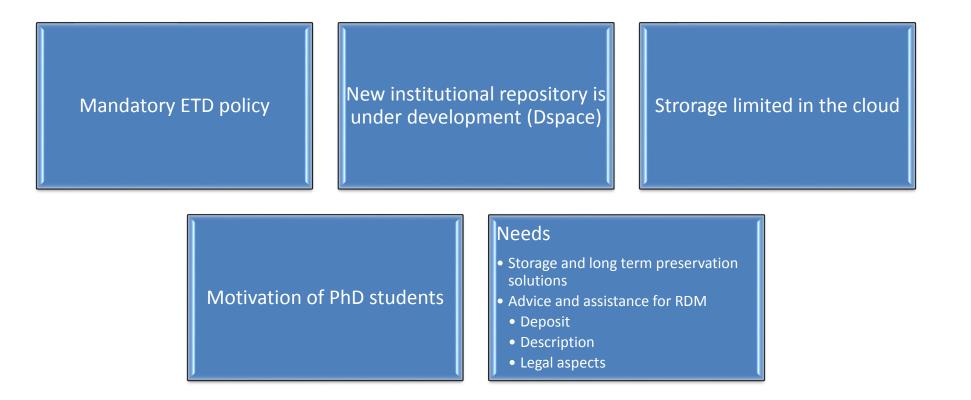


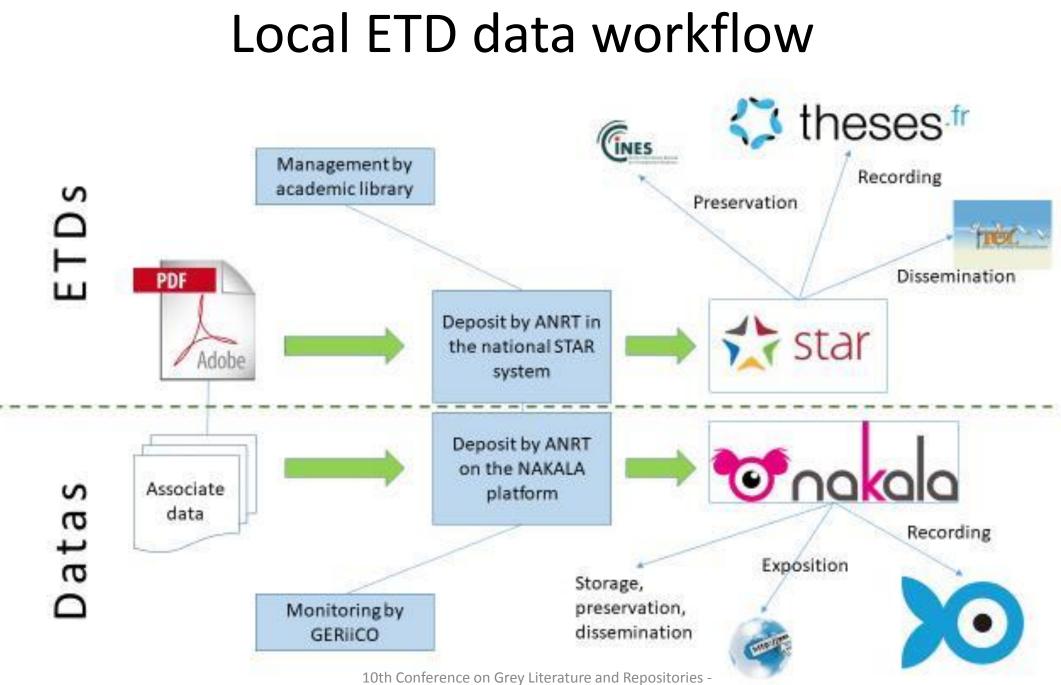












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Not a development of a new system but

the interconnection of two existing systems

- STAR & NAKALA
- Interface of deposit (?)
- Procedure
- Issues of compliance and interoperability

Main issues of discussion

- Content and coverage
 - Granularity
 - Reuse
 - Data format
 - Checklist
 - Data base

- Metadata
 - Indexing
 - ETD metadata
 - Data structure
 - METS
 - Referentials
 - 5 DC elements
 - Identifier
 - Handle
 - Source code

- Other issues
 - Legal aspects
 - Deposit
 - Who has access?
 - Data size

Other issues

- Long term preservation
 - National infrastructure

- Quality
 - Validation?
 - Filter?

- Promotion
 - But no « data sharing ideology »
- Technical documentation
 - For students
 - For staff

The PhD training program

• Introduction (3h)

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- Data literacy, RDM etc.
- Data Managament Plan (3h)
- Why? Which content? How to write a DMP? Follow-up?
- Research data life cycle (3h)
 - RDM as part of the research process
- Data description (3h)
- Metadata
- Data structuration (3h)
- Formats, XML etc.
- Data preservation and publishing (3h)
 - Backups, storage, long term preservation, data papers, repositories

• Feedback and evaluation (2h)

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Key elements of training program

- Mixed team (scientists, librarian)
- Multidisciplinarity (but limited to SSH)
- 20 hours, six months
- Different levels of PhD projects – May be discontinued
- Mix of (some) theory and (much) practice
- PhD DMP as the red line of the training program
 With DMP platform
- Individual follow-up and time for discussion
- Evaluation

LESSONS LEARNED

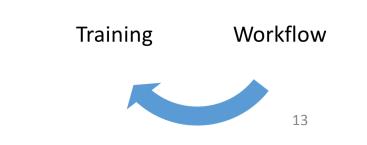
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Not a technical problem

- RDM not a technical problem
- But often a « people problem » (Ward et al. 2011)
- "Improving tools are not the only steps necessary to overcome barriers. The next steps will likely involve training for scientists (...)" (Tenopir et al. 2015)
- Our focus is not on data but on people
- The most important decision of our project was perhaps the choice of a specific target group

Technical solution and education

- Data literacy (DMP, RDM) as good scientific practice
- It is not enough to develop RDM tools if you don't teach scientists how (and why) to use them
- Infrastructure will shape the training program
- But the training program contributes to further development
- An organizational learning process on the campus.

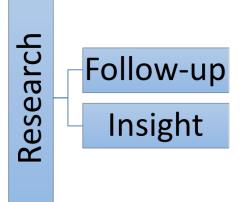


NOT a library project

- The library staff is part of the project, their contribution is essential for the success of the project
- Yet, designed as a research project with a doctoral training program, under the responsibility of the graduate school, with a scientific project management, and under political and strategic leadership
- Why:
 - legitimacy (in the sense that scientists have everyday experience with RDM);
 - scientists usually don't consider RDM as a "library affair" but as part of their daily reseach work with other scientists and technical staff.

Not limited to education and workflow

- Its main character is research, on two different levels
- Follow-up
 - monitoring and assessment of the training program
 - including feedback and continuous adjustment
 - evaluation of uptake and usage of the new data workflow
- Insight
 - type, format and content of datasets
 - impact of data on format and content of ETDs
 - the text and data mining of dissertations and data



THANK YOU !

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