

Sections Onboarding Event

Section ELSA

Online, 10.12.2025

Thank you everyone!

- Break-Out-Room 1: Section Industry Engagement
 - Presenting working groups: overview of all three working groups
- Break-Out-Room 2: Section ELSA
 - Presenting working groups: Ethics
- Break-Out-Room 3: Section Training & Education
 - Presenting working groups: Helpdesks, Materialsammlungen
- Break-Out-Room 4: Section (Meta)daten, Terminologien, Provenienz
 - Presenting working groups: Research Software Metadata, Knowledge Graphs
- Break-Out-Room 5: Section Common Infrastructure
 - Presenting working groups: RSE, DMP

Section Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects (ELSA)

About ELSA

Ethical Legal Social Aspects in RDM

Can I
share my
data?

What are ethical
principles?

Which EU
regulations
apply?

Which
licensing tools
can I use?

Our **main activities** are currently focused in three **Working Groups** (WG):

- WG Data Protection
- WG Ethics
- WG Licensing & Agreement Rule Automation (LARA)

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How can I participate in the sections' work?

You can directly participate in ELSA and in the WGs by joining our regular meetings.

Coming up next:



11.12.2025, 10:00 - 11:30 h - ELSA Section Meeting

<https://uni-mannheim.zoom-x.de/j/65658723858?pwd=lp6r7QdkxS21Q1pqOD2RmpH1W2CM1v.1>

12.12.2025, 10:00 - 11:30 h - ELSA WG LARA Meeting

<https://conf.dfn.de/webapp/#/?conference=979169768>

17.12.2025, 13:00 - 14:30 h - ELSA WG Ethics Meeting

<https://uni-koeln.zoom.us/j/94139503223?pwd=Y2dLQW5HT1hYZGkrbzhp dEj jMlFSZz09>

Section Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects (ELSA)

How can I find more information?

Contact us and join the **Mailing Lists** for the latest updates:

ELSA Section

Speakers: Vasilka Paunova (BERD@NFDI), Ulrich Sax (NFDI4Health)

Coordinator: Patrick Brunner (NFDIxCS)

Mailing List: <https://lists.nfdi.de/postorius/lists/section-elsa.lists.nfdi.de/>

WG Data Protection

Coordinators: Oliver Watteler (KonsortSWD), Timo Reichelt (KonsortSWD)

Mailing List:

<https://lists.nfdi.de/postorius/lists/section-elsa-wg-data-protection.lists.nfdi.de/>

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WG Ethics

Coordinator: Thomas Richter (NFDI4Ing)

Mailing List: <https://lists.nfdi.de/postorius/lists/section-elsa-wg-ethics.lists.nfdi.de/>

WG LARA

Coordinator: Constantin Breß (FAIRagro)

Mailing List: <https://lists.nfdi.de/postorius/lists/section-elsa-wg-lara.lists.nfdi.de/>

ELSA WG Ethics

Overview

The Working Group Ethics provides **a space to discuss ethical issues** arising across the different NFDI consortia and to develop **useful knowledge and resources** to address these issues.

Activities focused in three Study Groups:

- CARE Principles
- Dark Data
- AI Ethics

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Ethics Study Groups

CARE Principles

Lead: Josef Jeschke, Martha Stellmacher (NFDI4Culture)

Focus: The relevance of the CARE principles on indigenous data governance for the NFDI and the German scientific community.

Dark Data

Lead: Björn Schembera (MaRDI)

Focus: Focus: The ethical implications of dark data in data infrastructures and the NFDI in particular.

AI Ethics

Lead: Maria Christoforaki (NFDI4DS)

Focus: Ethics of the use of AI in data infrastructures and the NFDI in particular.

ELSA WG Ethics

Ethics Webinar Series in 2026

We are currently organizing a webinar series on topics around the ethics of data infrastructures.

Objectives

- Raise awareness for ethical issues in data practice
- Demystify ethics, address what it means, and why it matters
- Help technical and scientific staff acquire useful knowledge and skills regarding ethical thinking and reflection

What to expect

- Open for NFDI members as well as other interested participants
- Topics: Introduction to Ethics, Ethics in Data Practice, CARE Principles, Ethics of AI, and more!
- Topics will be added based on interest, community feedback, and available expertise

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Thank you for your attention!