Sustained Access to Digital Research Data
‘Open if Possible, Closed if Necessary’

DANS in a Nutshell

Mission:
• Data service provider (50 colleagues); institute of KNAW and NWO; 2005 and 1964
• Mission to promote permanent access to digital research data
• Focus on social sciences and humanities

Main tasks and services:
• Archiving: EASY, DataverseNL
• Reuse: NARCIS
• Training and Consultancy: RDM, digital curation, certification
• Research: sustained access

Challenges
• Funding (structural versus project funding)
• Constantly changing landscape with growing competition
• Software sustainability

Successes
• Long-term preservation and certification
• Long-term planning

Certification

Data during Research
You can store and share data via DataverseNL during research. Check if your institution is connected.

Visit DataverseNL

Data after Research
You can store your data in a sustainable manner with the online EASY archiving system upon completing the research.

Visit EASY
Read more about depositing data.

Research information
You can add data on researchers, organisations and research projects to the NARCIS science portal.

Visit NARCIS

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Driven by data, DANS ensures the further improvement of access to digital research data with its services and participation in (inter)national projects and networks. Please visit dans.knaw.nl/en for more information and contact details.