Writing a Data Management Plan (DMP) in DMPonline – Instructions on how to use DMPonline

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General information

Should you have an opinion (positive, negative, constructive, etc.) about
– the instructions at hand (i.e., the powerpoint document; e.g., layout, format, etc.),
– the actual DMP template within DMPonline (e.g., layout, format, wording, clarity, questions, guidance, etc.), and/or
– DMPonline as a tool itself:

please share it with us (contact DMS via dms@slu.se).

Should you have questions, need advice, or help with anything in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact DMS via dms@slu.se.
1. Signing in

- Go to https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk.
- The first time you sign in you will have to create an account with DMPonline. To do so, go to the ‘Create account’-tab. Fill in your first and last name, use your SLU e-mail address, put “Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences” down as organisation, and add a password.
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- Should you already have a DMPonline account you may either sign in using your e-mail address and password or choosing ‘Sign in with your institutional credentials’. The latter is described in more detail on the subsequent two slides.
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- Type “SLU” into the ‘Type the name of your organisation’-box and select “SLU”.
- Click the ‘Continue’-button.
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- Login to DMPonline using your SLU AD-account credentials.
2. Creating a plan

- Choose the ‘Create plans’-tab to create a data management plan.
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- Tick the ‘No funder associated with this plan or my funder is not listed’-box.
- Click the ‘Create plan’-button. At this point, ‘SLU’s Data Management Plan’ template will automatically be selected.
3. Filling in project details

- Fill in the information on the ‘Project Details’-tab.
- Untick box ‘Digital Curation Centre’ (under ‘Select Guidance’ to the right).
- Click ‘Save’ (save frequently to ensure working on the plan at a later point in time).
4. Listing contributors

- List any contributors.

A contributor may be any person, who is involved in creating/managing/administrating this DMP or in managing the project’s data (e.g., Principal Investigator, Data Manager, Project Administrator, etc.).
5. Checking plan overview

- Choose ‘Write plan’.

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SLU’s Data Management Plan

This plan is based on the “SLU’s Data Management Plan” template provided by Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

**The Carrot and the Stick**

A data management plan (DMP) is a formal statement describing how data is managed and documented in and throughout a project, and how data is preserved long-term.

Managing data in a planned and well thought-through manner increases work efficiency and the data's value, validity, as well as security (the carrot). On the other hand, both research organisations, funding agencies, and governments increasingly require data management (the stick).

**SLU’s Data Management Plan**

SLU’s data management plan has been designed to support researchers and other staff at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in considering all relevant aspects of managing their projects’ data.

The template itself is based on Recommendations for a Data Management Plan formulated by the Swedish Research Council (VR) and the Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions (SUHF), who in turn adapted Science Europe’s Core Requirements for Data Management Plans.

SLU’s data management plan template has been designed to comply with requirements from the following funders:

- Swedish Research Council (VR),
- Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (FORMAS),
- Swedish Environment Protection Agency (NV),
- Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ),
- Science Europe.

**Additional Support**

For practical advice on managing data as well as related policies see the Data Curation Unit’s (DCU) SLU-website. In case you should have any questions regarding DMPs in general and/or are in need of more specific help with respect to SLU’s DMP template, please do not hesitate to contact DCU at dcu@slu.se.

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Instructions

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6. Writing a plan

- To start filling in the template, we advise you to choose ‘expand all’.
- Note that questions from sections 2-7 are mandatory when aiming at complying with requirements set by funders (here, FORMAS, VR, NV, RJ, and Science Europe).
6. Writing a plan

- Via ‘Guidance’ and ‘SLU’, you may find help with filling in respective questions. ‘SLU example answers’ provide further help in this regard.
- Make sure to hit the ‘Save’-button frequently. Saving often will guarantee that you may continue completing the plan at a later point in time.
7. Resuming an already existing plan

- ‘My Dashboard’ lists the plans that you have created and that have been shared with you by others. Should you have already started creating a plan but paused the writing, you may resume working on it by selecting ‘Edit’ (under ‘Actions’).
8. Sharing a plan

- Should you want to share your plan with someone (e.g., to add information to the plan prior to finishing), choose the ‘Share’-tab, fill in the necessary information, and choose ‘Submit’.
9. Requesting feedback

- Should you need help with your DMP, select the ‘Request feedback’-tab and click on the ‘Request feedback’-button. A member of SLU’s Data Management Support (DMS) will get in contact with you and provide you with feedback.
10. Downloading a plan

- Choose format, select download settings, and decide on font settings.
- Click the ‘Download Plan’-button.