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Impressions from the First Day and Introduction to Working Sessions

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Impressions from first day

Message well received – cooperation, not competition

- ▶ **Networking was defined as main objective of the NFDI Conference**
- ▶ **Networking was taken up very efficiently**
 - during the parallel sessions
 - using the consortia initiative's posters
 - during coffee breaks, lunch and dinner
- ▶ **Networking seems to lead to fruitful discussions on how potential consortia need to be tailored**
 - Message understood that there are both needs and opportunities to rethink the original intended consortia cuttings
 - Message understood that there is no harm in working on an initiative's maturity before handing in an proposal in the 2nd or 3rd call

Impressions from first day

Message well received – further guidance requested

- ▶ Many consortia representatives asked for more and clearer orientation regarding crucial points which are likely to make an application successful
- ▶ **Address your request by means of three communication lines (if only after the conference ...)**
 - The NFDI Expert Committee will provide a general feedback to all conference participants pointing out issues that are either beneficial or unfavourable for an application
 - The NFDI Expert Committee will adopt the documents for consortia applications
 - Guidelines for Consortia
 - Instructions and Template for Consortia Proposals
 - Funding Criteria for NFDI Consortia
 - The DFG's head office will provide advice regarding the application documents and is happy to answer related questions

Impressions from first day

The major challenge - tailoring consortia in the right way

- ▶ **Granularity is different from maturity**
- ▶ **Both need to be taken into account when tailoring a consortium initiative**
 - A large-size consortium is not necessarily the best solution – although there can be constellations that ask for a large consortium ...
 - A small-size consortium does not necessarily mean that the consortium is not yet ready („mature enough“) to hand in a proposal – although there are constellations where a small initiative needs to think again ...
- ▶ **Reflect further on how you can have the necessary exchange to tailor a suitable consortium initiative – and continue networking**

Impressions from first day

Be inclusive – deal seriously with communities and users

► Consortia are groups of *users* and providers

- It is hard to imagine that a consortium defines and provides its services without having even talked to its user community – and yet we heard about such initiatives
- Be honest with yourself – did you only „assume“ user needs?

► Communities as such may be more diverse than mighty drivers wish to realise

- „Supertankers“ should mind smaller user groups that clearly belong to their initiatives' remit and discuss with them how such groups and their needs will be taken into account .
- Reflect on the tangible benefits of inclusiveness.
- „Supertankers“ should carefully reflect whether they make real use of the NFDI's potential.

Impressions from first day

Be clear on your objectives – and watch out for alarming signals

- ▶ **Build on already existing structures, yet ...**
- ▶ **... in developing them further, make clear and explicit why/that you need new or further elaborated structures**
 - It may not be good enough to simply carry on with what you already do – and just give a new name to that ...
- ▶ **There are clear areas that indicate an initiatives' immaturity, e.g.:**
 - Plans do simply not relate to potential users.
 - Needs that a consortium initiative shall respond to have not been identified.
 - Preliminary work is non existent.

Introduction to Parallel Working Sessions

- ▶ **Identification of numerous topics during conference day 1**
 - Huge variation, clear highlights, yet rather low statistical significance
- ▶ **Need to limit discussions to eight topics (for logistical reasons ...)**
- ▶ **Topics as such not unexpected**
- ▶ **What did you, in writing up your suggestions, really bear in mind?**
 - Invitation to explain your understanding in the parallel working sessions
 - Invitation to consider *how* the identified topics could be taken up by consortia

Introduction to Parallel Working Sessions

Overview Parallel Working Sessions 1-4

TOPIC	MODERATORS	ROOM (capacity)
1. Data Quality	Rahm / Katerbow	Rheinaue (40)
2. Data Literacy and Training	Neuhaus / Hartmann	Einstein (40)
3. Software – with regard to web applications and curation	Oevel / Kant	Lenné (40)
4. Open Standards	Decker / Renner	Arndt (40)

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TOPIC	MODERATORS	ROOM (capacity)
5. Governance	Trumbore / Lässig / Winkler-Nees	Schumann (240)
6. Interoperability and Transfer	Ludwig / Ciacchi / Schuster	Mann (40)
7. Use of existing infrastructures	Hinz / Kämper	König (40+)
8. How to form consortia based on datatypes in life science & medicine?	Eggert / Hartig	Haber (40)



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Thank you for your attention!

More information

- ▶ on the DFG: www.dfg.de
- ▶ on the NFDI: www.dfg.de/nfdi/en