



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The idea for this pitch arose at the IDCC conference in February 2018, after the presentation of the US initiated [Data Curation Network Project](#). There, it became clear that such a project might be beneficial for the Dutch situation as well. The process of archiving research data and making it publicly available, sets requirements to data curation. The [FAIR Guiding Principles](#) offer basic criteria for (amongst others) data curation processes. However, we do not have a clear picture of the current Dutch data curation landscape. With this project we hope to shed some light on the Dutch data curation practices.



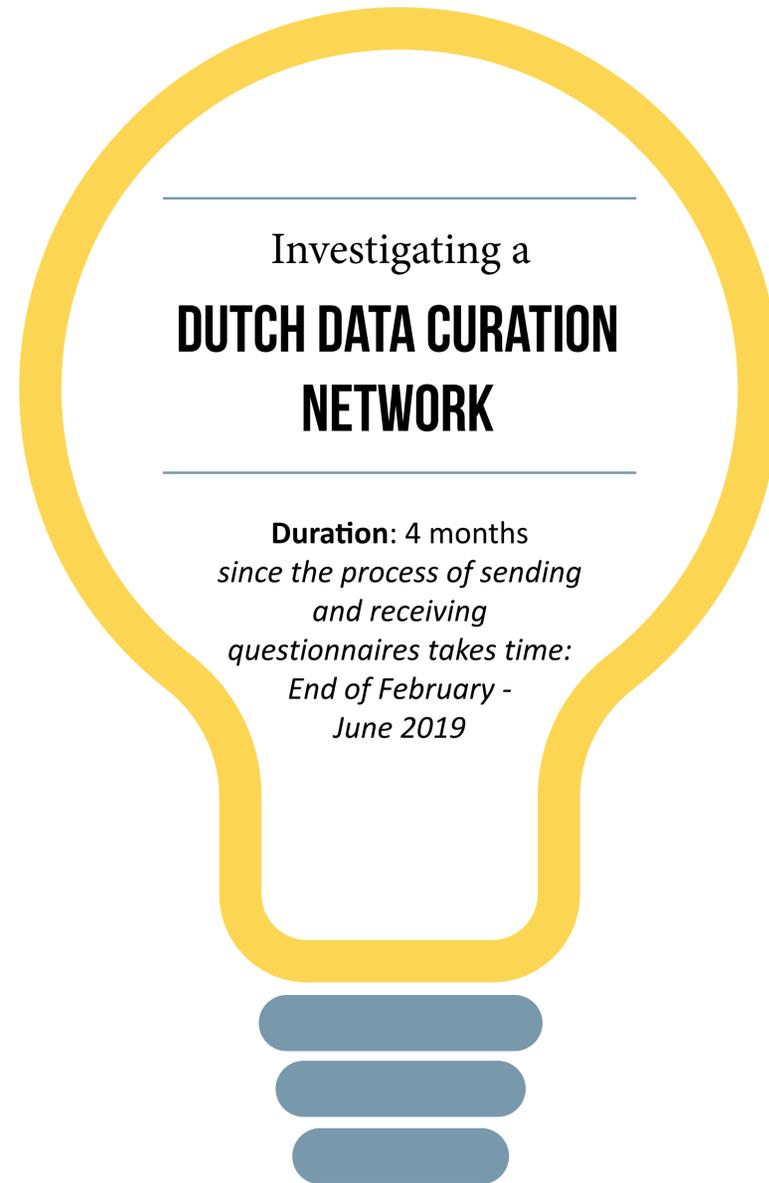
IMPORTANCE

In the Netherlands, data curation processes are organised rather fragmented and protocols that provide a framework for curating data are generally lacking. Moreover, as we cannot (yet) expect a single university or research organization to have in-house, full skill expertise in the broad field of disciplinary data curation, there might be a need to create a Dutch cooperation with regard to this topic.



OUTPUT AND DELIVERABLES

- Exploring the need and possibility of establishing a Dutch Data Curation Network.
- Aimed at (1) mapping the current knowledge and (2) to draw up an inventory of the wishes and needs concerning data curation.
- In a later phase, depending on the outcome of this project, developing data curation standards.



EXAMPLE WORK PLAN

- Making an inventory of existing knowledge and practices of data curation, for instance via a questionnaire.
- Making an inventory of wishes on and needs for data curation, for instance via interviews or focus groups.
- Giving advice on the feasibility of a data curation network in the Netherlands. And, if positive, identify mutual issues to be addressed in such a network, and the scope of data curation in the full data life cycle.



TASK GROUP COMPOSITION

- Five or six enthusiastic people, preferably with particular interest in data curation processes in the Netherlands.
- If possible, some people in an advisory function.



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