Data Steward @Unibo

Funding source	In-kind value	Timeframe	Target group	Scale	Year of reporting
Institutional	**< €100k**	**Spring 2022 – ongoing**	**Researchers**	**Institutional**	**2022**

Case study

Data Steward @Unibo is a strategic project supporting multidisciplinary research data management. By applying a transversal approach, the project follows the data lifecycle and enhances collaboration between data stewards, privacy officers, and knowledge transfer offices. The initiative is inspired by participation in a Task Force of the EOSC Association, and aligns with the university's digital transformation and commitment to Open Science practices.

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Added value

- **Interdisciplinary collaboration** supports the adoption of FAIR principles, promotes global standards in open research, and ensures the sustainability and local adaptability of EOSC.

- Teaching research data management, data stewardship, and data science at institutions of higher education is essential for **normalising Open Science practices**.

- A disciplinary approach to research data management helps to define specific **interpretations of FAIR principles**.

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Problem addressed

Open Science calls for a unified culture of data stewardship that recognises research data as a crucial output. Consistent curation of datasets and a cultural shift in data handling practices are needed to ensure the long-term reuse of data across disciplines, institutions, and countries. The Data Steward @Unibo project works towards an open-by-default research data environment, adhering to FAIR principles and promoting open access for publicly funded research.
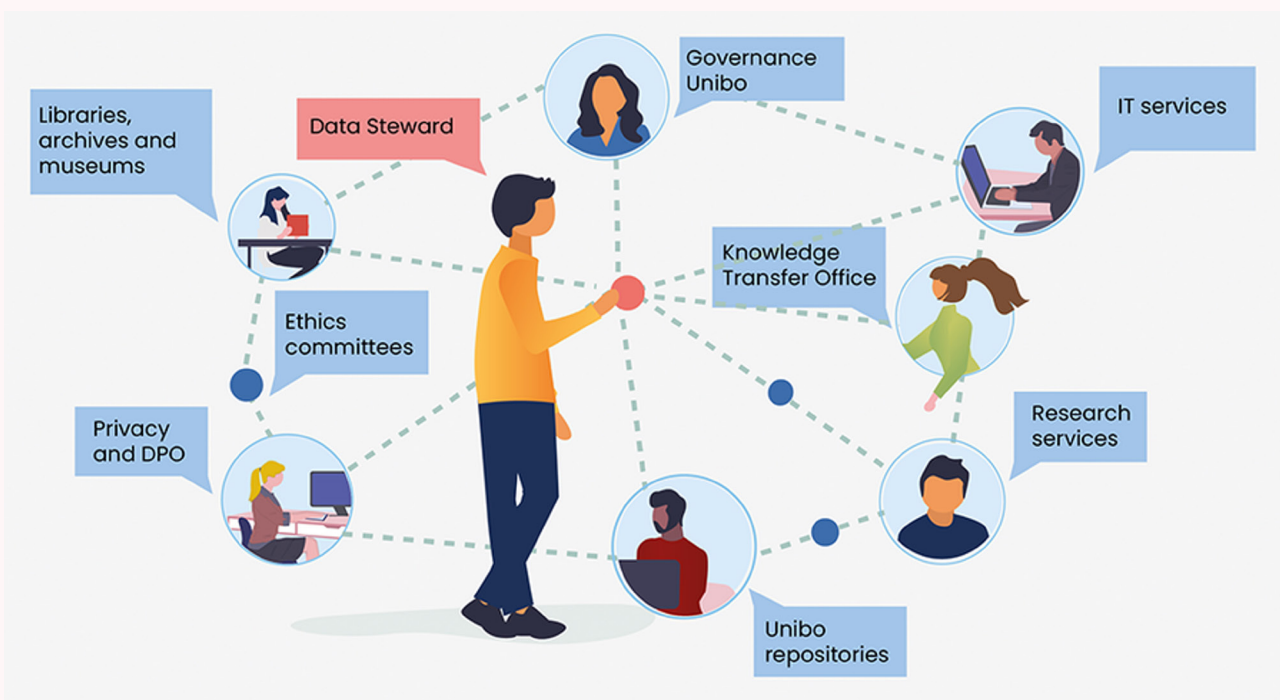

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SRIA General Objective	Research areas			Type of result
GO1: Ensure that Open Science practices and skills are rewarded and taught, becoming the 'new normal'	Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Medical and Health Sciences	Training
	Humanities	Agricultural Sciences	Engineering and Technology	

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