

Helmholtz Metadata Collaboration (HMC) – Integrating Large-Infrastructure Data

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About HMC

The Helmholtz Metadata Collaboration is tasked to connect and integrate the Helmholtz Association's data products into the ongoing global activities, like the EOSC and other coordinated programs. HMC is working on a concept to address interoperability and reusability to make Helmholtz' data FAIR.

To achieve this HMC develops a Helmholtz wide knowledge framework, upgrades our data infrastructures with consistent semantic concepts and implements technical concepts like FAIR Digital Objects. We thus strive to establish practical use cases **turning "FAIR in to reality"** at Helmholtz.

HMC Facts

- **Budget:** ~5M€/yr
- **Personnel:** 42 permanent FTEs, ~15 project FTEs
- **Scope:** Six research fields (Energy, Earth and Environment, Health, Information, Matter, and Aeronautics, Space, and Transport.)
- **Implementation:** 10 involved Centres
- **Funding:** 5 years set-up phase (2019-2024), permanent funding subject to review

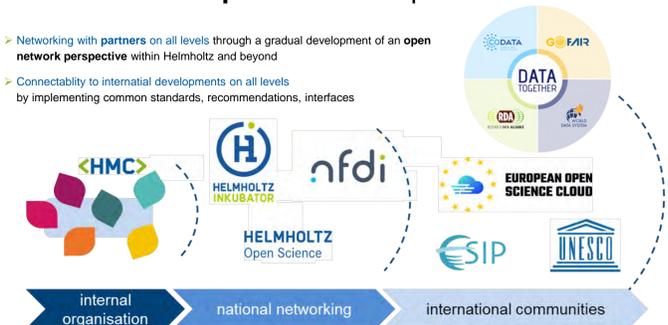
HMC Organization

Bridge tech and practice, i.e. science community demands and current RDM implementation scenarios.



HMC Integration

Define **common practices** with partners.



Current Activities

- Setting up **communication structures**
- **Harmonizing activities** across research areas
- **Determine status** of Helmholtz structures
 - Mapping of „Metadata Landscape“
 - Evaluate infrastructures
 - Assess technical capabilities
- Define **vision**
- Decide on long-term **implementation concept**

Main Challenges

- Strong **community involvement** to speed up implementation
- Rapid development of **example tools and data** methods as proof-of-concepts
- Implementing a transparent provenance track of data products demonstrating their Helmholtz origin to funders

Hub Earth and Environment



Scope of Data Products:

- Wide Range** of data sources and topics
- covers Earth-, Ocean- and Atmospheric Sciences, Biodiversity, Environmental Sciences
 - from expeditions and field campaigns, laboratories, mobile and stationary sensors, time series, modelling

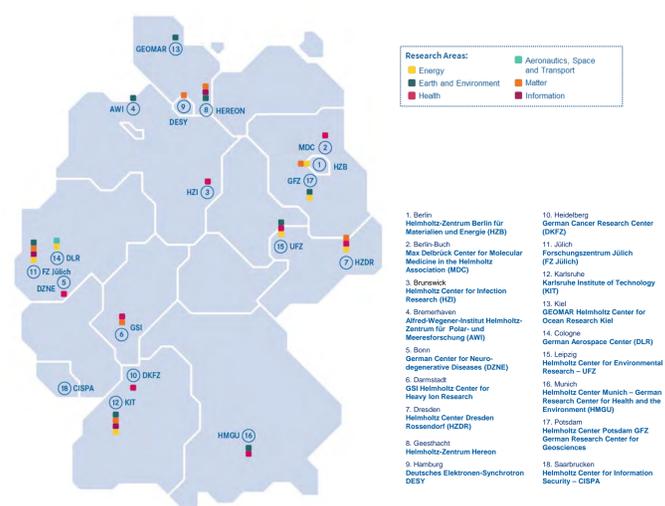
HMC Project Ideas

To further the Earth and Environment Data Structures in-line with HMC concepts, we suggest and welcome solutions in the following areas:

- Enhance existing data collections to improve semantic and / or technical Interoperability with other international large scale infrastructures
- Develop machine readable metadata for particular aspects, types of data or sub-disciplines.
- Implement the concept of FAIR Digital Objects within an existing infrastructure, types of data, methods or disciplines
- Collaborations between research groups and infrastructures to improve metadata quality.

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Helmholtz Association and Research Centres



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Helmholtz contributes to solving major challenges facing society, science, and the economy through top-level scientific achievements in six Research Fields: **Energy, Earth and Environment, Health, Information, Matter, and Aeronautics, Space, and Transport.**

Infrastructures and Use-Cases



See more at: <https://helmholtz-metadaten.de/de/erde-und-umwelt/use-cases>