

Preliminary Agenda

Regional Workshops on (Open) Education in Research Data

Management: Policy, Implementation and Training for Open and Responsible Science

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Project title: [\(Open\) education in research data management to accelerate open and responsible science policy and implementation](#) (OERDPI)

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OERDPI Participating institutions: Quy Nhon University (Vietnam); KU Leuven (Belgium); Hasselt University (Belgium); Mekelle University (Ethiopia); Universidad Católica Boliviana (Bolivia); Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Bolivia); University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)

The OERDPI Regional Workshops on (Open) Education in Research Data

Management will bring together researchers, research support staff, and policy makers to explore policies, implementation, and training that support open and responsible science. The workshops focus on practical experiences, capacity building, and regional perspectives to strengthen RDM skills and promote FAIR research data practices.

Participants: we invite applications from university leadership, research managers, librarians, IT staff, lecturers, PhD candidates, and researchers from the respective regions, in particular from the OERDPI consortium group partnership and stakeholder network.

Scholarships are available to cover travel, accommodation and per diem for participating in the workshop.

Timing of Regional workshops:

- Africa workshop: Ethiopia, Mekelle, 23–25 September 2026
- Latin America workshop: Bolivia, Cochabamba, 5–7 November 2026
- Asia workshop: Vietnam, May 2027

Overall Expected Results

- Strengthened regional and inter-regional capacity in Research Data Management
- Enhanced alignment of institutional RDM policies with Open and Responsible Science principles
- Practical frameworks for RDM implementation and training at partner universities and projects
- Sustained collaboration among VLIR-UOS partner institutions on Research Data Management
- Offering train-the trainers workshops on different RDM & OS aspects

Day 1 – Institutional RDM and Open Science Policies (hybrid / on-site)

Morning

- Consortium meeting
- Opening session and introduction to the OERDPI project
- Research Data Management in the context of Open and Responsible Science
- FAIR & CARE principles, Open Science policies, and funder requirements (VLIR-UOS, EU, Regional)

Afternoon

- Key elements of an effective institutional RDM&OS policy, with regional cultural-ethical aspects
- Institutional RDM policy experiences from European, African, Asian, and Latin American partner universities
- Group discussion: institutional challenges, needs, and priorities across regions

Outcome: Shared understanding of RDM&OS policies and a comparative overview of institutional practices

Day 2 – RDM Implementation and Institutional Capacities (hybrid / on-site)

Morning

- From policy to implementation: support staff, service & infrastructure capacity
- Research data lifecycle management and institutional roles
- Strengthening institutional collaboration between research offices, libraries, and IT units, and educational programs
- RDM&OS infrastructure: repositories, metadata, storage, preservation, and access
- Legal, ethical, and data protection considerations in international research

Afternoon

- Case studies from partner institutions (implementation experiences and lessons learned)
- Institutional self-assessment of RDM readiness
- Drafting context-sensitive implementation roadmaps at partner universities

Outcome: Draft implementation pathways for RDM&OS adapted to different regional and institutional contexts

Day 3 – (Open) Education workshop on integration of RDM into research projects (on-site)

Morning

- Training: Data Management Plans (DMPs) - funder requirements and good practices
- Hands-on exercise: developing a DMP for your own (VLIRUOS) research project
- Training: FAIR & CARE in practice - metadata through the data lifecycle
- Hands-on exercise: define metadata for your own (VLIRUOS) research project

Afternoon

- Training: Data publishing
- Hands-on exercise: publish your data from your own (VLIRUOS) research project
- Defining follow-up activities and collaboration within the OERDPI project - installing a community of practice

Outcome: Regional capacity-building strategy for (Open) education in RDM and agreed follow-up actions