THE AIM OF THE GUIDE

• Align research data management (RDM) policies and practices among research funding organisations, research performing organisations and other research stakeholders
  o to ensure that researchers do not have to adapt to varying requirements when changing home institutions, working with different funders or collaborating with researchers from other institutions
  o to make it easier for organisations to assess researchers’ RDM activities as researchers follow the same approach
• Therefore: support
  o organisations to set up clear and aligned requirements
  o researchers with guidance on how to comply with these requirements
THE FIRST EDITION (2019)

- Core Requirements for Research Data Management Plans
- Criteria for the Selection of Trustworthy Repositories
- Guidance for Researchers
  - Translating the Core Requirements into a DMP template
  - Guiding the Selection of Trustworthy Repositories

The first edition was quickly taken up by a number of organisations, referenced by the European Commission and used as training material in some universities.
THE EXTENSION:
NEW DMP EVALUATION RUBRIC

- Following feedback received from various research stakeholders
- Objective: facilitate evaluation of DMPs and follow-up and provide feedback to researchers
- Target group: everyone who is called to evaluate a DMP, such as research officers, reviewers and institutional data managers
- As the entire Guide, the rubric is designed to ensure that research data are findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable (FAIR)
THE DMP EVALUATION RUBRIC

- 100% aligned with the other chapters of the Guide and provides additional context on the aspects to address

Two Performance levels
USE OF THE RUBRIC

• Should not be used as a tick-box exercise, but encourage comments and feedback to researchers
• DMPs are reviewed at different stages of the research project lifecycle, depending on institutional policies.
  • Rubric can be used each time a DMP is reviewed.
  • Reviewers must keep in mind that a DMP is a living document and the level of detail provided in a DMP might vary depending on which version is being assessed.
ADAPTABILITY

• The different elements of the Guide provide the basis for aligned RDM policies and practices,
• while leaving flexibility for organisations to accommodate legislative frameworks, institutional circumstances, or disciplinary requirements.
• The different elements of this guide can and should be adapted accordingly.
• These changes should be referred to in the institutional policies, in the guidance for researchers and in the guidance for DMP reviewers.
• To allow for easy adaption of the Guide to institutional or disciplinary requirements, all elements of the Guide are available as adaptable word templates at scieur.org/rdm.
… and now let’s look a bit more in detail how the different elements of the Guide were developed, implemented and used…