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Thematic Development Programmes and self-archiving: the DANS way to involve users

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What is DANS?

DANS is a joint initiative of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) in the field of social and behavioural sciences and the humanities.

Goals:

- improving access to research databases at the national level and guaranteeing long-term access to such databases
- improving collaboration with researchers and between researchers, both within and across disciplines
- playing a pioneering role in the field of research data at the European level.



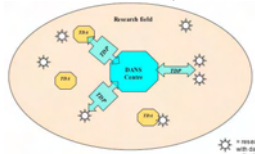
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Organisation

DANS will take the form of a network

- a strong centre (DANS) responsible for continuity, organisation and support of the data infrastructure
- and several independent distributed HUBS (Thematic Data Archives)
- collaboration in Thematic Development Program



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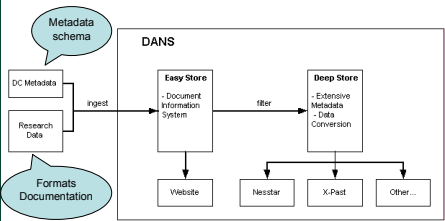
Kick-off

- > The DANS Centre itself contains two Thematic Data Archives: *Steinmetz Archive* (for the social sciences) and the *Netherlands Historical Data Archive* (NHDA).
- > Two or three TDPs will also be launched during the Centre's first year.
- > At the start, the DANS staff will consist of 20 FTEs. DANS's annual budget will come to approximately € 2.5m. Additional financing will be necessary for the TDPs.

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Two-step archiving



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DANS **DANS certificate**

DANS data curation certificate for trusted
DANS repositories:

- > Quality of data
 - findable, accessible, usable, original, based on own work, (by way of peer review)
- > Quality of access and data usage
 - in accordance with legislation and good practices, open access but also authorisation, authentication and identification
- > Quality of preservation
 - in accordance with international standards

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DANS **Thematic Development Programmes (TDPs)**

- > initiated by or in cooperation with researchers
- > improve data infrastructure in a particular discipline or on a particular theme
- > make databases of national and/or international significance more accessible, and/or to enrich them by harmonising them with other databases or by adding data from other databases
- > may involve data programmes that have been concluded or are still up and running; they may also involve new initiatives, or foresight studies.

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DANS **conclusions**

- > DANS makes it come real:
 - one office for research-data and research-data infrastructure in the Netherlands (DANS-centre)
 - high quality data, acces and usage and preservation guarantee (DANS certificate)
 - user involvement:
 - self-archiving by researchers of new research-data (DANS TDA)
 - harmonizing and standardizing research-data in collaboration with researchers (DANS TDP)