



Utilise and Preserve Text- and Language-Based Research Data

Discussion of the proposal for the funding second phase 2026–31

27.11.2025 Bonn

Funded by

DFG Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft
German Research Foundation

In cooperation with

nfdi Nationale
Forschungsdaten
Infrastruktur

1. What is **Text+**?

2. Where does **Text+** stand now?

3. **Text+**: the road until 2031

1. What is **Text+**?

2. Where does Text+ stand now?

3. Text+: the road until 2031

Covering the **entire humanities research landscape**

Services for the **entire spectrum of text-based research**

Strong combination of **university and non-university institutions**



Andreas Witt



Andrea Rapp



Philipp Wieder



Hanna Fischer



Philippe Genêt

21 universities, 8 academies of sciences and humanities, 12 computing centres, libraries, and non-university research institutions

6 task areas with co-spokespersons from universities and non-university research institutions:

- **Library and Archive Holdings as Research Data:** Elke Teich (Saarland University) and Philippe Genêt (DNB)
- **Language Corpora and Elicited Data:** Angelika Zirker (Tübingen University) and Andreas Witt (IDS Mannheim)
- **Lexical Resources:** Hanna Fischer (Marburg University) and Alexander Geyken (BBAW)
- **Editions:** Andrea Rapp (Technical University Darmstadt) and Andreas Speer (Academy of Sciences North-Rhine Westphalia)
- **Infrastructure Operations:** Philipp Wieder (GWDG), Vivien Petras (Humboldt University Berlin) and Regine Stein (VZG)
- **Administration:** Philipp Wieder (GWDG) and Andreas Witt (IDS Mannheim)

Covering the **entire humanities research landscape**

Services for the **entire spectrum of text-based research**

Strong combination of **university and non-university institutions**



Andreas Witt



Andrea Rapp



Philipp Wieder



Hanna Fischer



Philippe Genêt

21 universities, 8 academies of sciences and humanities, 12 computing centres, libraries, and non-university research institutions

6 task areas with co-spokespersons from universities and non-university research institutions:

- **Library and Archive Holdings as Research Data**: Elke Teich (Saarland University) and Philippe Genêt (DNB)
- **Language Corpora and Elicited Data**: Angelika Zirker (Tübingen University) and Andreas Witt (IDS Mannheim)
- **Lexical Resources**: Hanna Fischer (Marburg University) and Alexander Geyken (BBAW)
- **Editions**: Andrea Rapp (Technical University Darmstadt) and Andreas Speer (Academy of Sciences North-Rhine Westphalia)
- **Infrastructure Operations**: Philipp Wieder (GWDG), Vivien Petras (Humboldt University Berlin) and Regine Stein (VZG)
- **Administration**: Philipp Wieder (GWDG) and Andreas Witt (IDS Mannheim)

1. What is Text+?

2. Where does **Text+** stand now?

3. Text+: the road until 2031

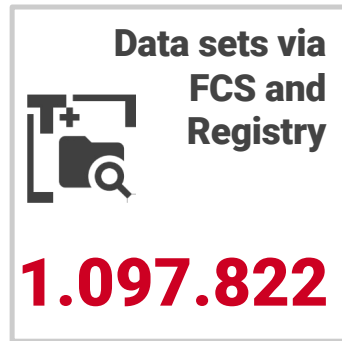
Achievements for the community (2021–26)

- Empowering community's access to text and language data
- Making research data FAIR and globally reusable
- Providing trusted services and expert consulting
- Strengthening the community through training and outreach
- Driving innovation with AI-ready data
- Leading in standardisation and authority data
- Ensuring sustainability of services
- Actively engaging in OneNFDI and Europe
- Achieving full interoperability with Base4NFDI

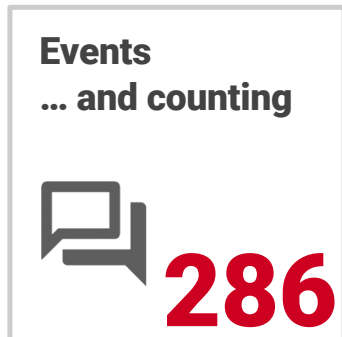
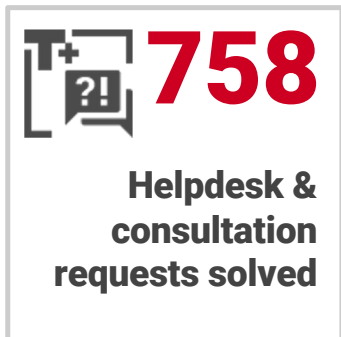
Achievements for the community (2021–26)

- Empowering community's access to text and language data
- **Making research data FAIR and globally reusable**
- Providing trusted services and expert consulting
- **Strengthening the community through training and outreach**
- **Driving innovation with AI-ready data**
- Leading in standardisation and authority data
- Ensuring sustainability of services
- Actively engaging in OneNFDI and Europe
- Achieving full interoperability with Base4NFDI

Achievements in numbers (2021–26)

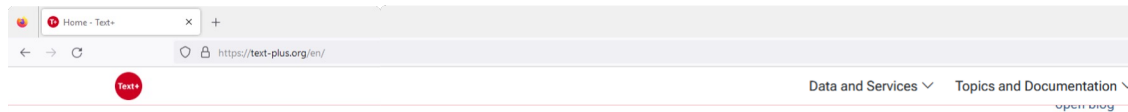


Text+ Data Space



Community activities

Text+ portal as entry point to the portfolio

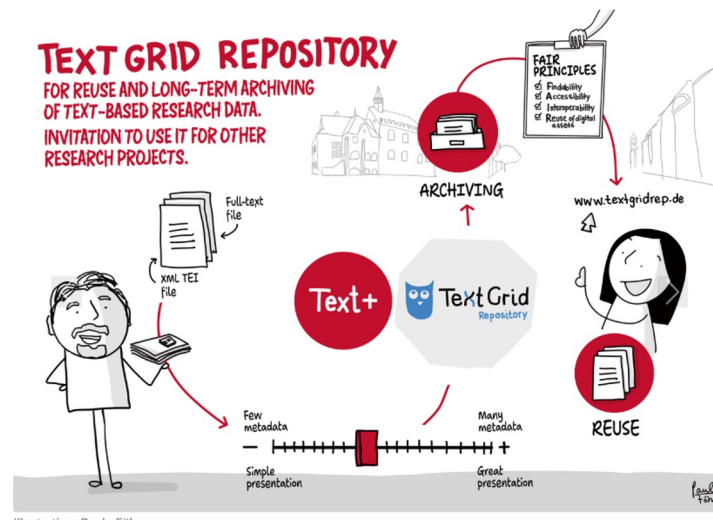


Text+ and the NFDI

As part of the National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI) [\[link\]](#), the DFG [\[link\]](#) is funding a total of 26 consortia from the four fields of humanities and social sciences, engineering sciences, life sciences and natural sciences. The Text+ consortium is one of six consortia from the humanities, including [Berd@NFDI](#) [\[link\]](#), [KonsortSWD](#) [\[link\]](#), [NFDI4Culture](#) [\[link\]](#), [NFDI4Memory](#) [\[link\]](#), [NFDI4Objects](#) [\[link\]](#). While there are many cross-consortia activities via the [NFDI sections](#) [\[link\]](#), the Text+ consortium is in particularly close dialogue with the humanities and social sciences consortia.

Showcase

Using the example of the transfer of research data stored on discs, the outlined workflow provides an impression of data integration in Text+. It ranges from initial contact and consulting to the integration, re-utilisation and long-term preservation of the data (registry, FCS, MonaPipe, GND agency, TextGrid repository).



For

- Diversity of text-based academic disciplines
- Heterogenous research data encompassed and represented in the data domains

Through

- RDM services across entire research data lifecycle
- Training and consulting: fostering digital literacy
- Transfer to other disciplines and domains

Responsive to

- Tectonic shift caused by the availability of AI

current events	
Mon 24. November 2025	16:15–18:15 Virtuelles DH- Kolloquium an der BBAW Virtuell
Mon 24. November 2025	11:00–12:30 ediarum.MEETUP Virtuell
Thu 27. November 2025	12:00–14:00 DFG Text+ Colloquium Bonn



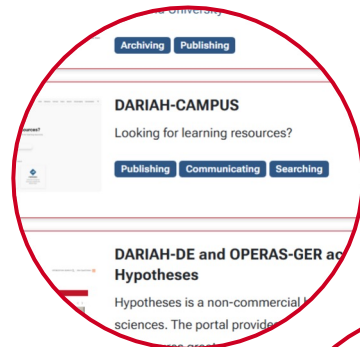
Text+ Services for the community



5 basic services integrations



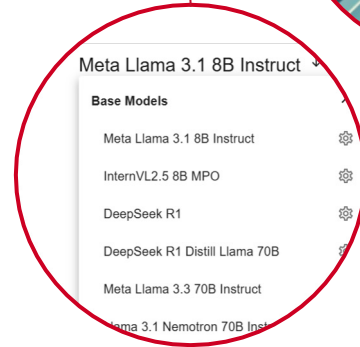
Data
depositing
form



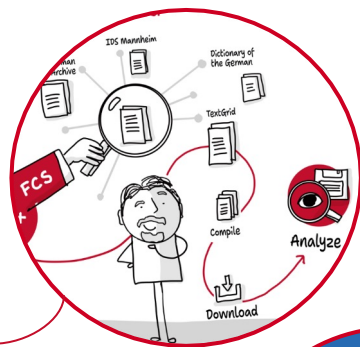
>115 services in
the catalogue

many
other
services

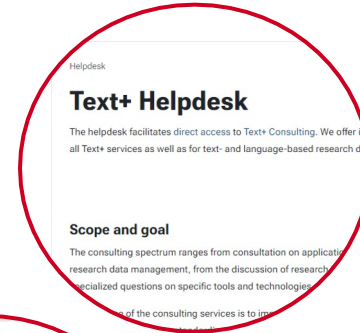
> 20 base models
in the LLM service



>230 events



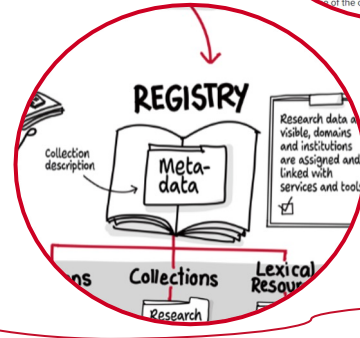
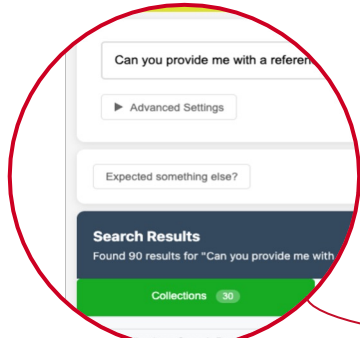
FCS



Helpdesk



GND-Agency
Text+



3 data domains in
the registry

AI based search
(experimental)

Text+

1. What is Text+?

2. Where does Text+ stand now?

3. **Text+**: the road until 2031

Strategic themes of **Text+**

- Language/text as dominant interface to data
- Dynamic interplay between structured and unstructured data
- Human-centred research culture
- Longevity of the research data infrastructure

Work programme of the data domains

M1 Federated Data Infrastructure

- Text+ Data Space
- Federated resource catalogue and Federated Content Search
- Quality Standards for Research Data (FAIR)

M2 Interfaces between Data from Data Domains

- Entity linking and authority files (GND)
- Interoperability and knowledge graph integration
- Tracing and citing data and tools

M3 Enabling Text and Language Data for AI

- Automatic annotation
- High quality and curated data for LLMs
- Derived text formats

M4 Implicit and Explicit Structures of Language Data

- Capturing structures in unstructured data
- Evaluation and proving of generative AI
- Knowledge representation of implicit and explicit structures

M5 Community Activities


- Dissemination and community outreach
- RDM training and education
- Consulting and helpdesk


Example activity: Leveraging **Library Holdings for AI**

- Train models and scripts for automatic classification tasks
- Provide large scale, high quality, curated data for LLM training (copyright-free)
- Publish derived text formats (DTF) of in-copyright material

[Task Area Library and Archive Holdings as Research Data, Measure 3 Enabling text and language data for AI]

Work programme of infrastructure operations

 DATA
IO-M1
Federated Research
Data Infrastructure

 PROCESSES
IO-M2
Service Integration w/
Data Domains

 PLATFORM
IO-M3
Platform and
Core Services

 ECOSYSTEM
IO-M4
Coherence

- Four measures supporting two core project goals:
 - Technical gateway to the Text+ Data Space
 - Empowering text-based research
- DATA: FCS & Registry, data integration with data centres, data enrichment
- PROCESSES: UX/UI of services, technology stack coherence
- PLATFORM: enabling and supporting role for the project (e.g. LLM), Portal, Base4NFDI, IT service management
- ECOSYSTEM: alignment with NFDI, EOSC, standards, indicators and impact alignment with data domains and administration

Example activity:

Basic services integration

- IO integrates services of Base4NFDI in the architecture of Text+ such as Terminology Service (TS4NFDI), Knowledge Graph Infrastructure (KGI4NFDI), Persistent Identifiers (PID4NFDI), Jupyter4NFDI and Identity and Access Management (IAM4NFDI).
- IO aligns genuine Text+ services such as LLM or search & retrieval (FCS, registry) with the overall (upcoming) architecture of OneNFDI.
- By these activities, Text+ leverages the uptake of its services in the larger NFDI community.

[Task Area Infrastructure Operations , Measure 3 Platform and Measure 4 Ecosystem]

What **Text+** will achieve until 2031

- Offering stable, reliable, sustainable services that are actively used by our communities
- Making fine-tuned LLMs and high quality, curated data for LLM training available
- Enabling automatic transcriptions and annotations
- Collaborating with specialised information services, learned societies, and other experts

[Text+ Vision] The text- and language-oriented humanities and social sciences extensively **leverage the possibilities of digitisation in their research, teaching, and transfer, establishing a common data culture.**

1. What is Text+?
2. Where does Text+ stand now?
3. Text+: the road until 2031



Thank you!

Discussion of the proposal for the second funding phase 2026–31

27.11.2025 Bonn



Andreas Witt



Andrea Rapp



Philipp Wieder



Hanna Fischer



Philippe Genêt

Funded by

DFG Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft
German Research Foundation

In cooperation with

nfdi Nationale
Forschungsdaten
Infrastruktur

[Text+ Vision] The text- and language-oriented humanities and social sciences extensively **leverage the possibilities of digitisation in their research, teaching, and transfer, establishing a common data culture.**

1. What is Text+?
2. Where does Text+ stand now?
3. Text+: the road until 2031