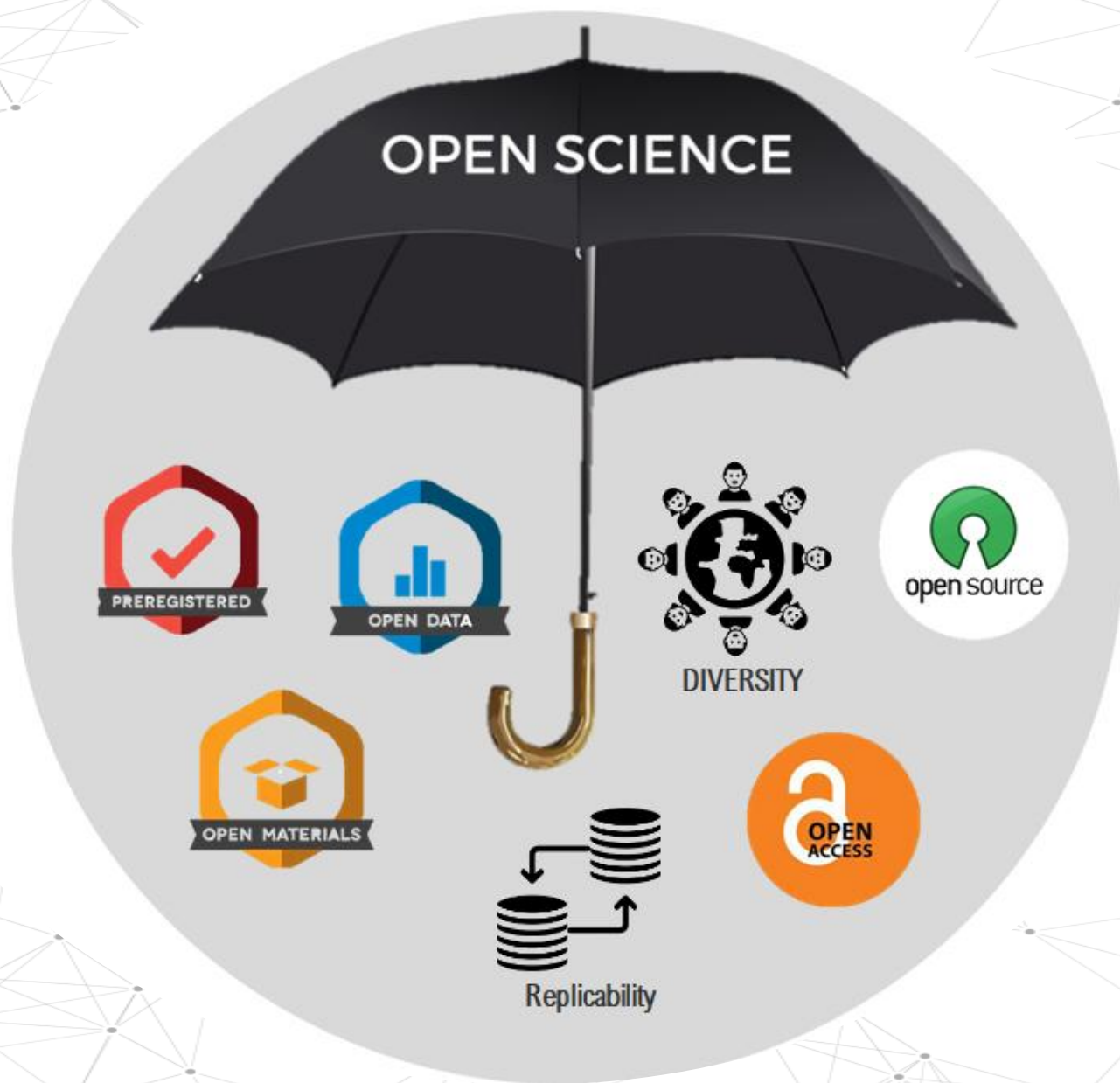




**The German Reproducibility Network – a strong network to implement Open Science in Germany**

**1st Oldenburg Open Science Conference, 18.07.2025**

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**GRN Steering Committee**



# German Reproducibility Network



Founded in 2020 as the first nationwide, cross-disciplinary organization to strengthen research transparency and reproducibility in science

A "network of networks" – umbrella organization for Open Science and Reproducibility initiatives in Germany



We **support researchers** in educating themselves about open science practices, and founding local open science communities.



We **connect local or topic-centered Reproducibility Initiatives** to a national network, and foster connections between them.



We **advise institutions** on how to embed open science practices in their work.



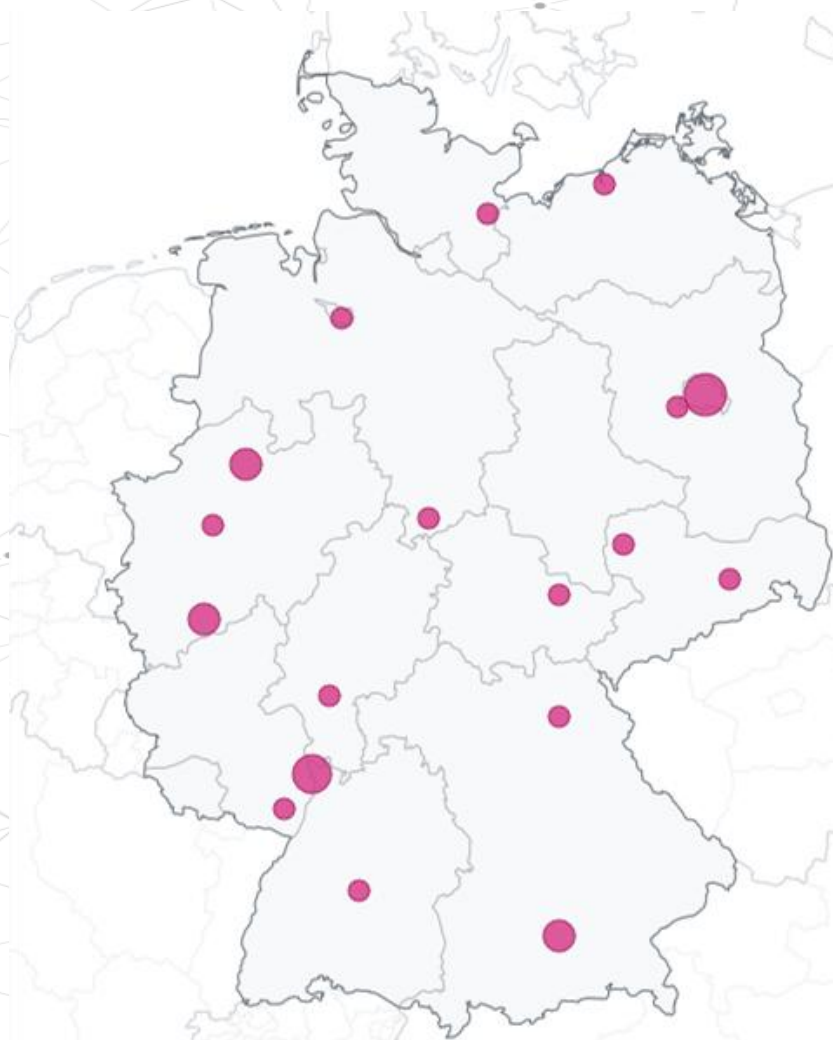
We **represent the open science community** toward other stakeholders in the wider scientific landscape.



International  
Cooperation







42 members in the GRN ("local nodes")  
as of September 2024

3 types of members:

- Reproducibility Initiative
- Research Institution
- Academic Societies

University of Mannheim joins in August 2022 as  
first German university

Low-threshold accession for initiatives, detailed  
process for institutions (signing of a memorandum  
of understanding + evaluation after 3 years)

Introduction videos of the members on our website:  
<https://reproducibilitynetwork.de/members>

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- Steering Committee) with up to 12 members
- Management of GRN activities
- Broad representation of the Open Science landscape in terms of career level, discipline & research topics

# Benefits in Joining the GRN



## **Collaboration & Networking**

- Get together with other Open Science/ Reproducibility enthusiasts
- Connect to scientists across different disciplines



## **Access to Training & Resources:**

- Participate in training activities and workshops
- Gain access to guidelines, tools, and expertise that help improve research transparency



## **Influence Policy & Practice:**

- drive systemic changes in the academic system
- Working with policymakers, funders, and publishers



# deRSE 2024 Conference – Würzburg






# Eleven Strategies – Community Paper

Review Article

Medicine


## Eleven strategies for making reproducible research and open science training the norm at research institutions


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In recent years, replicability, reproducibility, robustness, and validity of empirical findings became a focal and intensively debated and researched topic in the behavioral and social sciences. Aside from an intensive scientific discourse, these dynamics caused demands for change and innovation. In response to these developments, the META-REP program is oriented towards three main (meta-)scientific research goals: (1) to define, describe, and assess “replicability” (the what-question), (2) to provide explanations for replication rates, heterogeneity and deviation in replication results (the why-question), and (3) to assess effectiveness and efficiency of strategies and change aimed at improving robustness (the how-question). We are convinced that many scholars in the fields of the behavioral and social sciences can contribute valuable findings, ideas, and discussions to (one of) these three goals. We are excited to provide a platform for the exchange of manifold replication-related research findings and innovation from all scientific disciplines (as well as science communicators, delegates from funding agencies, academies, or science organizations). We thus want to invite everyone whose work relates to one of the manifold aspects of replicability research to attend and/or contribute to META-REP 2024!

We hope to see you in Munich,  
Prof. Dr. Mario Gollwitzer  
META-REP Program Coordinator



# Press statement – WissZeitVG reform



- PRESSEMITTEILUNG -

München, 20.03.2023

## Spitzenforschung braucht sichere Arbeitsverhältnisse German Reproducibility Network fordert mehr Dauerstellen im Kontext der Reform des Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz in Deutschland

Der Großteil der Jobs abseits der Professur in der Wissenschaft ist von befristeten Anstellungsverhältnissen und großer Unsicherheit geprägt. Den rechtlichen Rahmen hierzu liefert das Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (WissZeitVG), welches eine befristete Anstellung des Personals im akademischen Mittelbau als Ausnahmeregelung jenseits des Teilzeit- und Befristungsgesetzes vorsieht [1]. Die Bundesregierung hat sich im 2021 geschlossenen Koalitionsvertrag zu einer Reform des WissZeitVG mit dem Ziel sicherer Arbeitsverhältnisse und besser planbarer Karrierepfade in der Wissenschaft verpflichtet [2]. Anlässlich der Veröffentlichung der Eckpunkte der Reform durch das BMBF am 17.03.2023 [3] positioniert sich das German Reproducibility Network (GRN) zum dringenden Reformbedarf im deutschen Wissenschaftssystem und fordert mehr Dauerstellen.

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## Quality research needs good working conditions

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High-quality research requires appropriate employment and working conditions for researchers. However, many academic systems rely on short-term employment contracts, biased selection procedures and misaligned incentives, which hinder research quality and progress. We discuss ways to redesign academic systems, emphasizing the role of permanent employment.

Taken together, these employment conditions have become a hindrance to research productivity, innovation and progress, and are an undisputable source of discrimination<sup>3</sup>. Paradoxically, these employment conditions are purportedly designed to incentivize high-quality research.

### High turnover harms research quality

One argument that is often made in favour of fixed-term contracts regards the alleged benefits of attracting new staff, assuming that a constant influx of new thinkers avoids stagnation and enables innovation. However, the resulting high turnover in academic institutions fosters cursory research and hinders thorough, long-term projects. Research projects often hit a dead end when researchers drop out because their contracts have expired. Methodological expertise, which often takes

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