

Curation of dataset publication is support, not just about control.

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↔ How can we continue to work on the perception of curation?



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KU Leuven's institutional data repository (Dataverse-based)

Launched in January 2022 with review/curation phase on FAIRness, metadata, documentation & license choice

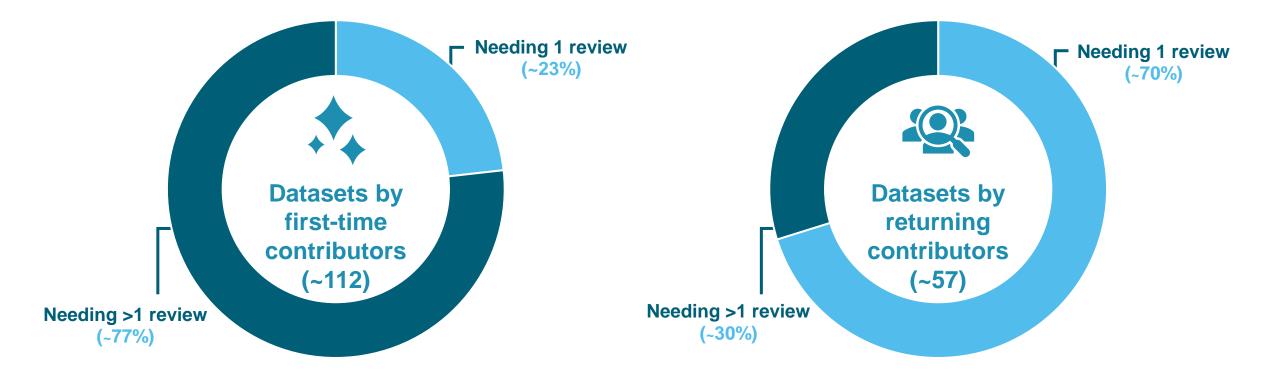
Strong focus on ensuring researchers are fully informed and supported

- Curation is key in growing the researchers' RDM confidence
- Helps teach FAIR and data sharing best practices



KU Leuven RDR reviews (first 2 years)

- Knowledge is transferrable. Use institutional set-up as training ground.
- Researchers are unlikely to make the same mistake twice.





Perception of Curation



Perception issues

Review can feel intimidating, the results/impact is clear.

- Change perception by focussing on support, not just the fix
- Clear messaging during training sessions: "review phase is there to support you, not to judge your work"



Streamlining our curation workflow

- Free up more time for support
- Creation of a review dashboard



Review dashboard

Purpose

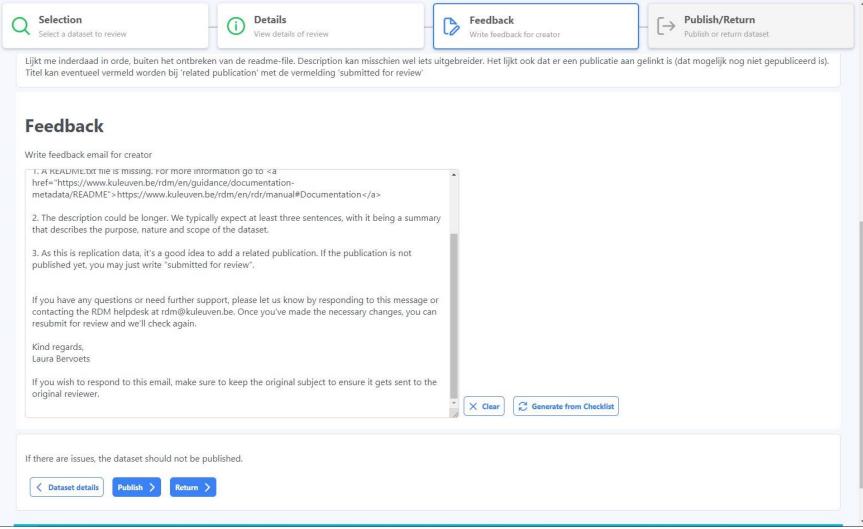
- Track who reviews what (avoid overlap)
- Simplify reviews and potentially automate some work
- Enable unified advice/messaging
- → Free up time for more personalized support, training & consultation

Key features

- Assignment of reviewers & auto-assignment for returning datasets
- Checklist of items to review & notes field
- Autogenerated feedback based on checklist
- Storage tracking
- Logs to retain the history of a dataset's review phases
- Uniform messaging & easy follow up of communication



Review dashboard





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Thank you!

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