# FWO DMP Template - Flemish Standard Data Management Plan

Project supervisors (from application round 2018 onwards) and fellows (from application round 2020 onwards) will, upon being awarded their project or fellowship, be invited to develop their answers to the data management related questions into a DMP. The FWO expects a **completed DMP no later than 6 months after the official start date** of the project or fellowship. The DMP should not be submitted to FWO but to the research co-ordination office of the host institute; FWO may request the DMP in a random check.

At the end of the project, the **final version of the DMP** has to be added to the final report of the project; this should be submitted to FWO by the supervisor-spokesperson through FWO’s e-portal. This DMP may of course have been updated since its first version. The DMP is an element in the final evaluation of the project by the relevant expert panel. Both the DMP submitted within the first 6 months after the start date and the final DMP may use this template.

The DMP template used by the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) corresponds with the Flemish Standard Data Management Plan. This Flemish Standard DMP was developed by the Flemish Research Data Network (FRDN) Task Force DMP which comprises representatives of all Flemish funders and research institutions. This is a standardized DMP template based on the previous FWO template that contains the core requirements for data management planning. To increase understanding and facilitate completion of the DMP, a standardized **glossary** of definitions and abbreviations is available via the following [link](https://www.fwo.be/media/1024841/glossary-flemish-standard-data-management-plan.pdf).

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| 1. **General Project Information** | |
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| Contributor name(s) (+ ORCID) & roles | Erik Smolders (0000-0003-3054-2444), promotor |
| Project number[[1]](#footnote-1) & title | Tuning the wheat root microbiome to improve soil health and optimize rhizosphere nitrogen cycling and availability  PROJECT: WISH-ROOTS (FWO project G0G5921N) |
| Funder(s) GrantID[[2]](#footnote-2) | FWO 1175423N |
| Affiliation(s) | ☐ KU Leuven  ☐ Universiteit Antwerpen  ☐ Universiteit Gent  ☐ Universiteit Hasselt  ☐ Vrije Universiteit Brussel  ☐ Other:  Provide ROR[[3]](#footnote-3) identifier when possible: |
| Please provide a short project description | Nitrogen (N)-fertilisers support half of the world food production but globally up to 50% are lost to the environment through leaching of the soluble form nitrate (NO3-) and gaseous emissions of  greenhouse gas (N2O). Reducing nitrification rates in soils may lower N-fertilisers losses and lead to higher agronomic N use efficiency (NUE).  Certain plants can lower nitrification rate by releasing inhibitors from their roots, called biological nitrification inhibitors (BNI) and this is a new research avenue for a nature-based solution to overcome low NUE.  The detection of BNI in the rhizosphere is required to assist crop breeders, however current methods fall short because they rely on poorly reproducible sampling of the rhizosphere. Here we will develop in-situ methods for spatially resolved detection of the nitrification in the rhizosphere of wheat genotypes. Two novel methods based on Diffusive Gradients in Thin (DGT) film imaging technique for 2D mapping of NH4+and NO3- in the rhizosphere will be developed. They sample, in 2D, the N species that diffuse from soil to a binding gel. One will use a combination of stablished DGTs followed by colorimetric detecting the N-forms in the rhizosphere.  The second will measure spatially resolved 15N isotopic abundance of NH4+and NO3-. This project will use samples and the scientific network of a recently started project on BNI with a collection of old wheat landraces and relevant recombinant populations that will be tested in the field. |

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| 1. **Research Data Summary** | |
| List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data[[4]](#footnote-4).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | *Only for digital data* | *Only for digital data* | *Only for digital data* | *Only for physical data* | | Dataset Name | Description | New or Reused | Digital or Physical | Digital Data Type | Digital Data Format | Digital Data Volume (MB, GB, TB) | Physical Volume | | **WP1** | **Optimisation of DGT-analysis by semi-field trials & phenotyping recombinant inbred lines** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | WP1- soil characterisation data | soil characterisation data | Generate new data  Reuse existing data | Digital  Physical | Observational  Experimental  Compiled/ aggregated data  Simulation data  Software  Other  NA | .por  .xml  .tab  .csv  .pdf  .txt  .rtf  .dwg  .tab  .gml  other: xlsx  NA | < 100 MB  < 1 GB  < 100 GB  < 1 TB  < 5 TB  < 10 TB  < 50 TB  > 50 TB  NA |  | | WP1-DGT protocol | Protocol for DGT-analysis, code of conduct | Generate new data | Digital | Experimental | other: docx  .pdf | < 100 MB |  | | WP1-DGT film imaging | Spatially resolved Diffusive Gradients in Thin (DGT) film imaging technique for 2D mapping of rhizosphere mineral N composition | Generate new data | Digital | Experimental | .csv | < 1 GB |  | | WP1-rhizosphere | Data on rhizosphere of different wheat phenotypes, comparison of root traits of interest | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | **WP2** | **Field phenotyping of bread and durum wheat varieties for traits linked to soil structure and nitrogen cycling** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | WP2-field experiment | Design of field experiment | Generate new data | Digital | experimental | other: docx or pdf | < 100 MB |  | | WP2-environmental conditions | Monitoring of soil properties and environmental conditions across the growing cycles | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | WP2-soil characterisation | Soils characterization prior to plant growth, and at the end of the cycles. | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | WP2-DGT | Spatially resolved DGT to measure local gradients in NH4+ and NO3- concentrations in the rhizosphere | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx, jpeg of 2D images | < 100 GB |  | | WP2-yield | Grain yield and yield components. | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | **WP3** | **Structural, functional and ecological variation of wheat rhizosphere microbiome associated with nitrogen cycling Identification of rhizosphere microbiome guilds beneficial for soil nitrogen cycling.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | WP3-microbiome controlled condition | Rhizosphere microbiome for RIL populations of bread and durum wheat grown under controlled conditions | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | WP3- microbiome field | Rhizosphere microbiome for wheat landraces and cultivars grown in the Belgian field trial | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | |  | **Data analysis and management** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Data analysis | exploratory and mechanistic analyses for the data sets | Generate new data | Digital | Compiled/ aggregated data | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | Descriptive analysis | Descriptive data analysis | Generate new data | Digital | Compiled/ aggregated data | .csv  other: xlsx | < 100 MB |  | | Analysis plan | Development of a data analysis plan and standard operating procedure and establishment of the data analysis centralized database systems | Generate new data | Digital | Compiled/ aggregated data | other: docx | < 100 MB |  | | |
| *Guidance:*  *Data can be digital or physical (for example biobank, biological samples, …). Data type: Data are often grouped by type (observational, experimental etc.), format and/or collection/generation method.*  *Examples of data types: observational (e.g. survey results, sensor readings, sensory observations); experimental (e.g. microscopy, spectroscopy, chromatograms, gene sequences); compiled/aggregated data[[5]](#footnote-5) (e.g. text & data mining, derived variables, 3D modelling); simulation data (e.g. climate models); software, etc.*  *Examples of data formats: tabular data (.por,. spss, structured text or mark-up file XML, .tab, .csv), textual data (.rtf, .xml, .txt), geospatial data (.dwg,. GML, ..), image data, audio data, video data, documentation & computational script.*  *digital data volume: Please estimate the upper limit of the volume of the data per dataset or data type.*  *physical volume: Please estimate the physical volume of the research materials (for example the number of relevant biological samples that need to be stored and preserved during the project and/or after).* | |
| If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type. |  |
| Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data  (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, please describe these issues further and refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate. | Yes, human subject data  Yes, animal data  Yes, dual use  No  If yes, please describe: |
| Will you process personaldata*[[6]](#footnote-6)*? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate. If available, add the reference to your file in your host institution's privacy register. | Yes  No  If yes:   * Short description of the kind of personal data that will be used: * Privacy Registry Reference: |
| Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, …)?  If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate. | Yes  No  If yes, please comment: |
| Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material/Data transfer agreements, research collaboration agreements)?  If so, please explain to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place. | Yes  No  If yes, please explain: |
| Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use?  If so, please explain to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted. | Yes  No  If yes, please explain: |

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| 1. **Documentation and Metadata** | |
| Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep **data understandable and usable**, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g. in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, Codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded). | According to the KU Leuven policy, the research data will be organized and stored as FAIR (findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability) as possible.  To be findable and accessible, data will be deposited in the KULeuven RDR, and thereby have a DOI.  To be interoperable and reusable, all data generated will be organized in a standardized way, using different folders. The structure of the folder will be standardized across the department. In each folder, whenever needed, a readme file and metadata file will be added to describe the folder organization and content. |
| Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to **find and reuse the data**?  If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.  *Repositories could ask to deliver metadata in a certain format, with specified ontologies and vocabularies, i.e. standard lists with unique identifiers.* | Yes  No  If yes, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used:  The DataCite standard will be used.  If no, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created: |

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| 1. **Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project** | |
| Where will the data be stored? | During the course of the project, the data will be stored on OneDrive for Business, provided by KU Leuven. |
| How will the data be backed up?  *What storage and backup procedures will be in place to prevent data loss? Describe the locations, storage media and procedures that will be used for storing and backing up digital and non-digital data during research.**[[7]](#footnote-7)*  *Refer to institution-specific policies regarding backup procedures when appropriate.* | The data will be stored on the university's central servers with automatic daily back-up procedures. |
| Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely. If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of. | Yes  No  If yes, please specify concisely:  Given the limited data file size (see earlier), sufficient storage will be available. Via OneDrive for Business, provided by KU Leuven, a daily backup is performed onto the central server storage of KU Leuven.  If no, please specify: |
| How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?  *Clearly describe the measures (in terms of physical security, network security, and security of computer systems and files) that will be taken to ensure that stored and transferred data are safe. 7* | Personal data, trade secrets, etc are not included in this project. |
| What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered? | For data storage during the project, no additional costs will need to be considered. |

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| **5. Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project** | |
| Which data will be retained for at least five years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project? In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this  (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...). | All project data will be stored for the 10 year period, given the small data size (see earlier). |
| Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)? | The data will be stored on the KU Leuven central servers (with automatic back-up procedures) for at least 10 years, conform the KU Leuven RDM policy. |
| What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered? | Because of the limited storage required for data obtained from this project, no costs will need to be considered. |

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| **6. Data Sharing and Reuse** | |
| Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project?  Please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.  *Note that ‘available’ does not necessarily mean that the data set becomes openly available, conditions for access and use may apply. Availability in this question thus entails both open & restricted access. For more information:* [*https://wiki.surfnet.nl/display/standards/info-eu-repo/#infoeurepo-AccessRights*](https://wiki.surfnet.nl/display/standards/info-eu-repo/#infoeurepo-AccessRights) | Yes, in an Open Access repository  Yes, in a restricted access repository (after approval, institutional access only, …)  No (closed access)  Other, please specify: |
| If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions. |  |
| Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)? Please explain per dataset or data type where appropriate. | Yes, privacy aspects  Yes, intellectual property rights  Yes, ethical aspects  Yes, aspects of dual use  Yes, other  No  If yes, please specify: The researchers undertake to ensure that all potential IP issues linked to the knowledge and materials produced by the project will be considered (in consultation with JIC’s affiliated organisation PBL https://www.pbltechnology.com/, who have the required expertise), and where deemed necessary, appropriate protection put in place to allow proper utilisation by the wider science and industrial community. |
| Where will the data be made available?  If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type. | This will be done through public online databases and publication in open access peer reviewed journals. The soil microbiome sequencing data will be made publicly available as soil genome libraries in the appropriate repositories. |
| When will the data be made available?  *This could be a specific date (dd/mm/yyyy) or an indication such as ‘upon publication of research results’.* | The researchers involved put all outputs from this work into the public domain as soon as feasibly possible. |
| Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.  *A data usage license indicates whether the data can be reused or not and under what conditions. If no licence is granted, the data are in a grey zone and cannot be legally reused. Do note that you may only release data under a licence chosen by yourself if it does not already fall under another licence that might prohibit that.*  *Example Answer: E.g. “Data from the project that can be shared will be made available under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC-BY 4.0), so that users have to give credit to the original data creators.” [[8]](#footnote-8)* | Data from the project that can be shared will be made available under a creative commons attribution license (CC BY-SA), so that licensee have the right to use and adapt the data, as long as they gave credits and license their new creation under identical terms. |
| Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, please provide it here.  *Indicate whether you intend to add a persistent and unique identifier in order to identify and retrieve the data.* | Yes  No  If yes: via RDR of the KULeuven. |
| What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered? | The KULeuven provides a public online database free of charge, research data repository (RDR) |

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| **7. Responsibilities** | |
| Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project? | Lena Wantiez, PhD student |
| Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project? | Lena Wantiez, PhD student |
| Who will manage data preservation and sharing? | Lena Wantiez, PhD student |
| Who will update and implement this DMP? | The end responsibility for updating and implementing the DMP is with the supervisor (promotor). |

1. “Project number” refers to the institutional project number. This question is optional since not every institution has an internal project number different from the GrantID. Applicants can only provide one project number. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Funder(s) GrantID refers to the number of the DMP at the funder(s), here one can specify multiple GrantIDs if multiple funding sources were used. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Research Organization Registry Community. https://ror.org/ [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Add rows for each dataset you want to describe. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. These data are generated by combining multiple existing datasets. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. See Glossary Flemish Standard Data Management Plan [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Source: Ghent University Generic DMP Evaluation Rubric: <https://osf.io/2z5g3/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Source: Ghent University Generic DMP Evaluation Rubric: <https://osf.io/2z5g3/> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)