# 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 | *Kaat Wils - 0000-0002-9828-3760 – Full professor at KU Leuven (Faculty of Arts)*  *Tinne Claes - 0000-0001-6531-8827 – Senior postdoctoral researcher of FWO-Flanders at KU Leuven (Faculty of Arts)* |
| Project number[[1]](#footnote-1) & title | ***1193723N -*** *Women in pain: a cultural biography of vaginismus in trans-Atlantic perspective (1950-present)* |
| Funder(s) GrantID[[2]](#footnote-2) | ***1193723N*** |
| Affiliation(s) | X 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 | *Despite its high prevalence, vaginismus remains an under-researched condition up until the present day. This is not only true for the medical sciences, but also for history. Apart from a few articles about the medical discovery of the condition by Marion Sims in 1861, the history of vaginismus has never been explored. By illuminating how healthcare practitioners, women’s movements and sufferers have engaged with the issue since the 1950s, this research project will enrich the historiography of science and sexuality, women’s health, and sexual pain. Focusing on the aforementioned actors, I will examine the changing medical understandings and treatments of vaginismus, the educative and knowledge-making role of women’s health activists and the experience of sexual pain. I will do so through a comparative transatlantic lens in order to elucidate in what ways and to what extent healthcare providers, activists and sufferers have exchanged ideas and information about vaginismus overseas. Drawing on a variety of archival, published and oral sources this research project will produce the very first cultural biography of vaginismus in the postwar era.*  *This study will produce a transatlantic cultural biography of vaginismus in the postwar era by focusing on three key aspects that profoundly shape the history of the condition. The main objectives of this research project are* ***(1)*** *to study the changing* ***medical understanding and treatment*** *of vaginismus,* ***(2)*** *to analyze the role of* ***women’s activism*** *with regard to vaginismus and* ***(3)*** *to illuminate* ***personal experiences*** *with the condition. All these objectives will be addressed within a Belgian-American framework, in order to identify in what ways and to what extent ideas and information about vaginismus were exchanged overseas.* |

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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 | |  |  | 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:  NA | < 100 MB  < 1 GB  < 100 GB  < 1 TB  < 5 TB  < 10 TB  < 50 TB  > 50 TB  NA |  | | Bibliographic references | Academic books, articles etc. used as a reference for an argument. | Reuse existing data | Digital | NA | Zotero | < 1GB | / | | Archival material | The archival material that will be used for this project includes archival collections from various women’s movements and organizations, and (private) sexological archives. | Generate new data | Digital | Compiled | Pdf, JPG, Google Docs | 10 GB < 50 GB | / | | Oral sources | The oral sources used for this project include interviews with healthcare professionals, feminists, and people who (have) suffer(ed) from vaginismus. | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | MP3 or MP4 | < 10 GB | / | | Published sources | The published sources used for this project primarily include scholarly journals from various scientific disciplines, and published journals from women’s movements. In addition, this projects draws on news letters and published books from (feminist) scholars. | Generate new data | Digital | Compiled | Pdf, JPG, Google Docs | 10 GB < 50 GB | / | | Personal notes and annotations | Analyses of primary sources | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | Word | < 1 GB | / | | Transcriptions of interviews and forms of informed consent | Transcriptions and informed consent forms of the aforementioned interviews | Generate new data | Digital | Observational | Word | < 1 GB | / | | |
| *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. | The reuse of existing data will be compiled in Zotero. |
| 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: *I will collect personal data through interviews from three different groups of historical actors, namely people (mainly women) who suffer from vaginismus, feminists and healthcare professionals. The kind of personal data that will be acquired from feminists and healthcare practitioners consists of ‘basic’ personal data, including their name, address, job description etc. From women suffering from vaginismus, I will additionally obtain ‘special’ sensitive personal data, including information about their mental and physical health and their sexuality.*   *In order to protect and respect the privacy of the interviewees I will let them sign an informed consent form. In this way, the interviewee can decided whether they want to remain anonymous or have their data be pseudonymized.*  *If the interviewee does not want to be pseudonymized, I will build in an additional "security mechanism”. On the one hand, I will make clear before the interview that he/she is speaking in his/her own name (when completing the informed consent form). On the other hand, I will give the interviewee the possibility to indicate in advance (on the informed consent form) whether he/she wants to be able to give permission for publication when using his/her quotes or when he/she is mentioned by name. I then email the quotes to the interviewee and ask if he/she wishes to review them and approve their publication. In any case (pseudonymized or not), I will respectfully use the information obtained.*  Privacy Registry Reference: *This research project has received ethical approval from the Social and Societal Ethic Committee (SMEC) of KU Leuven. PRET:* ***G-2022-6100-R2(MAR)*** |
| 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: All data and personal information, indicated by interviewees on the informed consent form that should not be shared, will remain confidential. The researcher respects any possible restrictions. |
| 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). | **For the primary sources:**  *All collected data will be stored in the KU Leuven Faculty of Arts OneDrive for business. Annotations of notes may additionally be stored in Obsidian or OneNote.*  *The source material in OneDrive will be classified in the folder ‘vaginismus’ which is structured as follows:* ***sources, literature and output.***  *Within the ‘sources’ folder, I make the following distinctions:*   * *Archives* * *Blogposts and other personal testimonies* * *Published sources* * *Oral sources*   *Within these folders further distinctions are made between based on the main historical disciplines/ actors of this research project:*  *For example, for the* ***published******sources****, I have different folders for sexology, gynaecology, physiotherapy and psychology/psychiatry and feminism. Further distinctions are made per country (U.S. or Belgiul) and then per journal or book. For example: Belgium/Flanders -> sexological books – sexological journals -> sexological journals: Leuvens Cahiers voor seksuologie, Seksuologische actualiteiten, tijdschrift voor seksuologie, Tijdingen over seksuologie. Finally, these folders are structured per year.*  *For the* ***archives****, I differentiate the various archives that I will be consulting. For example: private archival material of Alfons Vansteenwegen, Sexuality archives (Widener University Archive), Masters and Johnson collection (Kinsey Institute), etc. Further structuring still needs to be determined.*  *For the* ***oral sources****, I differentiate between sufferers, healthcare practitioners and women’s movements. Every interview will have its own folder containing the recording of the interview, the transcript and all the signed documents.*  **For the secondary sources/literature:**  *All literature will be stored in Zotero. If not possible, the literature will be stored in the folder ‘literature’ in OneDrive for Business.*  *In Zotero I will distinguish the following categories: History, sciences, social sciences and methodology/theory. I will use tags to easily browse though and link the literature.* |
| 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:  *For the archival material and published sources, the naming of the files should contain all necessary information to correctly date, situate and refer to the sources. In addition, I will also make an excel table to keep track of my progress (what documents have already and still need to be consulted).*  *For the oral sources, metadata (such as the date, duration etc.) of the interviews will be added. (The interview recording can not be consulted without consulting the informed consent document and other documents that relate to the interview.)*  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 project I will make use of the Onedrive cloud service provided by the Faculty: this storage space is safe and automatically backed up. I will standardly receive 2 TB in Onedrive storage, and I can request up to 5TB storage (free of charge) if necessary. I have purchased a pc through the Faculty’s ICT service with my FWO-Flanders benchfee.*  *All computers purchased through the Faculty have Bitlocker pre-installed, which means sensitive data are protected by the Bitlocker system. Following the Arts Faculty’s policy regarding data management, I will make use of the KU Leuven data repository RDR, which allows me to store the data in a funder compliant manner before the project reaches its end.* |
| 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.* | *See above.* |
| 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: *According to the current prognosis, the 2TB limit on my KU Leuven Faculty of Arts OneDrive will be sufficient. If that is not the case, I will request a free extension to 5TB.*  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* | *The Bitlocker system (see above) which is installed on my pc will ensure that the data can not be accessed or modified by unauthorized persons.* |
| What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered? | *Any further costs related to data storage are free of charge.* |

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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 aforementioned data will be retained for at least five years after the project. KU Leuven mandates the preservation of data for a minimum of 10 ten years.* |
| Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)? | *The data will be archived in KU Leuven DRD repository and/or in the AVG-Carhif (Archive and research centre for women’s history).*  *The datasets that don’t include personal information will be stored in the DRD repository (with restricted access). If the narrator gives permission (on the informed consent form) the interviews will also be stored in the DRD repository (with restricted of closed access) and in and in an oral history archive at AVG-carhif. This preservation includes the audio recording of the interview and the accompanying transcript. These will be preserved in their entirety if the narrator agrees. At the request of the narrator, certain personal data/passages may be "bleeped out"/removed for safekeeping. If the narrator does not give permission, the interview will obviously not be transferred to the archive.* |
| What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered? | *There will be no extra costs since these storage methods are free of charge.* |

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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. | *Only researchers who have ethical clearance from an internationally recognized research institute and can demonstrate that obtaining access to the data is necessary/useful for their research will be granted permission.* |
| 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 privacy aspects concern the interviews with women who suffer from vaginismus, healthcare practitioners and feminists. These privacy issues restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data. |
| Where will the data be made available?  If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type. | *All data will be made available in RDR*, *KU Leuven's Research Data Repository.* |
| 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 data will be made available shortly after the end of this project (01-11-2026).* |
| 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)* | *The data from the project (if the access conditions are met for the restricted access sources) will be made available under a Creative Commons Attributions license, so that attributors have to give credit to the original data creators.* |
| 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: I am planning to add a DOI to the datasets. |
| What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered? | *This is free of charge.* |

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| **7. Responsibilities** | |
| Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project? | *I will manage the data documentation.* |
| Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project? | *I will manage the data storage.* |
| Who will manage data preservation and sharing? | *I will manage the data preservation and sharing. After the end of the project, my supervisor, Kaat Wils, will be responsible for the preservation of the data.* |
| Who will update and implement this DMP? | *I will update and implement this DMP.* |

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)