

### Mission

To stimulate (re-)use of humanities and social sciences data in the Netherlands and to provide scholars in these fields with state-of-the-art knowledge and infrastructures for data preservation and dissemination.

### Organization

[DANS](#) has been established as a Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences ( [KNAW](#) ) institute, in cooperation with the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research ( [NWO](#) ). At present DANS has about 20 permanent and 15 temporary [staff members](#) , working in the DANS office in The Hague.

### Expertise and services

Available expertise covers both data preservation and data dissemination related aspects:

- metadata issues (standards),
- legal aspects (IPR, privacy),
- technological developments (persistent identifiers, repositories, grid-technologies) and
- dissemination activities (workshops, conferences, journals).

Services provided include:

- advice and guidance on setting up data collections;
- data-archiving facilities ( [EASY](#) );
- development of long term preservation solutions ( [MIXED](#) );
- coordination of data harmonization activities;
- stimulation of data re-use ( [Alfa-Geo](#) ).

### Role in the Preparing DARIAH project

DANS is one of the initiators of DARIAH and coordinates the Preparing DARIAH project. A dedicated project manager has been appointed, but more DANS experts will contribute to the preparatory work.

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