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- natural sciences,
- life sciences,
- social sciences and
- humanities.

The Max Planck Society encourages and supports cutting-edge research involving collaboration and cooperation across disciplines and nations, and has a strong record for facilitating pan-European research activity.

Each Institute within the Max Planck Society is dedicated to a specific research topic, has full budgetary autonomy and usually comprises its own library and IT-support group. The Max Planck Society has a strong network of research teams in the humanities, specific expertise in scientific information infrastructures for publications and research data, and expertise in the financial and legal domain.

Max Planck Digital Library

[The Max Planck Digital Library \(MPDL\)](#) is a scientific service unit within the Max Planck Society. The aim of the MPDL is to provide services to help researchers of the Max Planck Society to manage their scientific information workflow. This implies the provision of actual content and the development and maintenance of technical solutions, while playing a central role as a centre of competence and community facilitator in scientific information management.

The Max Planck Digital Library is active in building up infrastructures and tools for publications and research data, provides editorial and legal support and fosters the Open Access policy of the Max Planck Society.

Role in the Preparing DARIAH project

The Max Planck Digital Library will have a specific role in contributing to the design of the financial and legal structure of DARIAH. It will also coordinate the involvement of the various institutes which boast competence relevant to the infrastructure, e.g. [MPIWG](#) , [MPI EVA](#) , [MPI eR](#)

[MPIB](#)

or

[MPI PL](#)

(in collaboration with CLARIN). Its involvement in the technological reference architecture will in particular demonstrate how DARIAH deal with various types of research data and collections.

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