

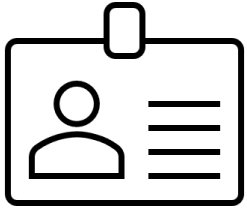
KU Leuven RDR:

Setting up an institutional research data repository in the Flemish open science context

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About LIBIS



- Part of KU Leuven Libraries and Leuven R&D
- Digital service provider managing KU Leuven wide solutions
 - Institutional research data repository
 - Current research information system
 - Library catalogue
 - Digital preservation platform
 - ...
- Working with researchers in the design and development of scalable and sustainable RI

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KU Leuven Context

RDM @ KU Leuven

RDM Steering committee

- WG Policy
- WG Education & advice (→ RDM-CC)
- WG Infrastructure
 - Active data → ICTS lead
 - Data publication → LIBIS lead

- RDM-CC

KU Leuven resolutely opts for Open Science with Open Data approach

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With a new platform for archiving and publishing research data, Research Data Repository (RDR), KU Leuven is making it possible for researchers to keep their data safe for years while making it accessible to fellow researchers worldwide.

Research data is the precious raw material of many scientific publications. It often takes a lot of time and money to collect, structure and analyse the data. If scientists share that data with each other more, the benefits are enormous.



Making data public not only increases transparency and trust in scientific research. “Open Data is essential to enable the testing of reproducibility of research,” says Vice Rector for Research Policy Jan D’hooge. “It allows you to avoid redundancy in data collection – and the associated costs – and to maximise the exploitation of the available data. Open Data gives you more cost-effective, reliable science. Such an approach is therefore increasingly expected by funding

authorities.”

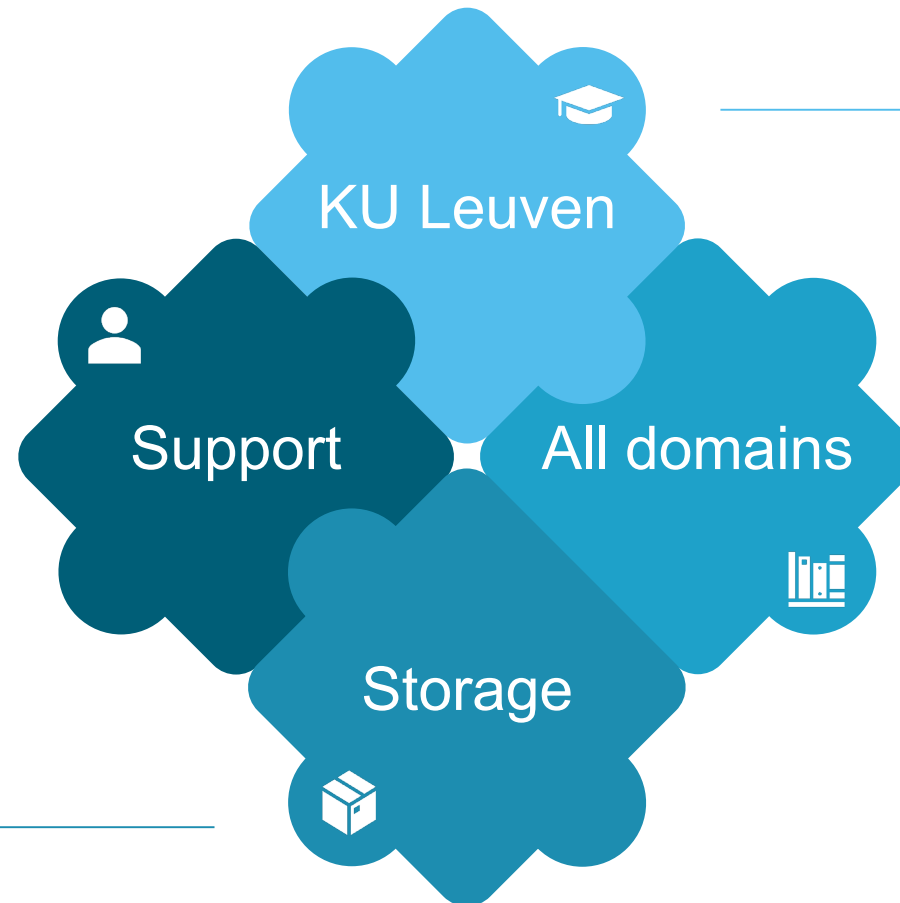
What is KU Leuven RDR?

Custom support

RDR provides custom support for its users and detailed guidance online

KU Leuven managed

The storage and servers are managed by and located at KU Leuven



Institutional repository

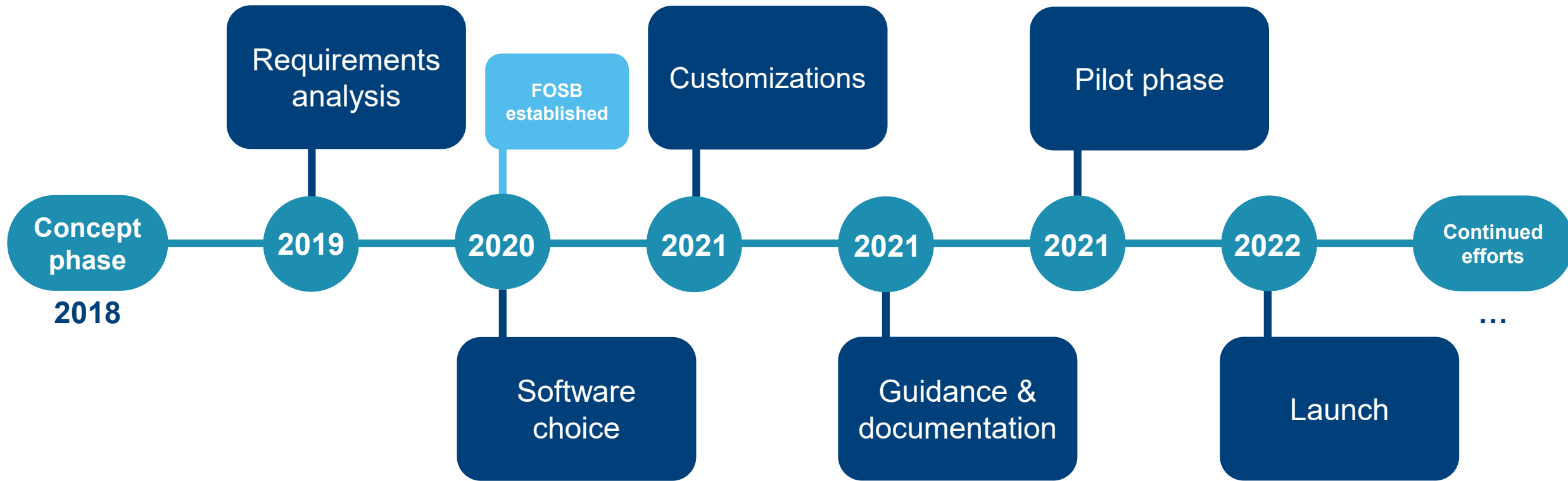
RDR is KU Leuven's institutional research data repository for the publication of research datasets

Across domains

RDR is open for data from all domains and disciplines practiced at KU Leuven

Road to RDR

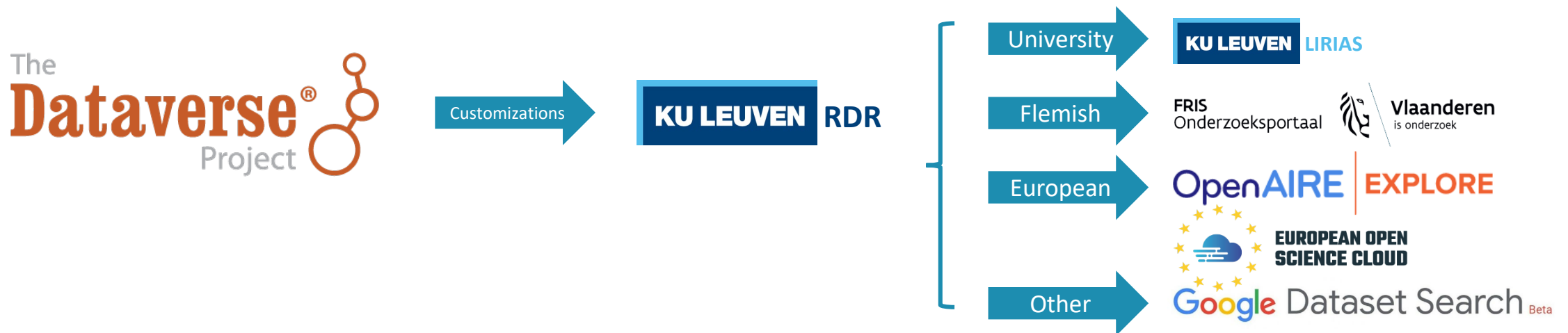
What is KU Leuven RDR?



Infrastructure & Integrations

Infrastructure

- Open-Source Dataverse software
 - With our own adaptations:
 - Metadata model in line with international standards & Flemish requirements
 - Integrations with other LIBIS & KU Leuven systems
 - Automatic reporting to university's, Flemish, and European metadata aggregators



Integrations

- Author Look-up

- Look up authors in SAP
- Auto-fill author fields

- Related Publication Look-up

- Look up publications in Lirias
- Auto-fill related publication fields

- Dataset Claimer

- Register externally published datasets' metadata semi-automatically

- Integration dashboard

Related publicat

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Is this a dataset by (a) KU Leuven author(s)? *

Author: *
(Name, u-number)

Yes

✓	Jutila, Arttu	KU Leuven	Use KU Leuven button to fill in u-number	✗
∧	King, Joshua	KU Leuven	Use KU Leuven button to fill in u-number	✗
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Title: *

Airborne snow depth on sea ice during the IceBird Winter 2019 campaign in the Arctic Ocean, Version 1

Description: *

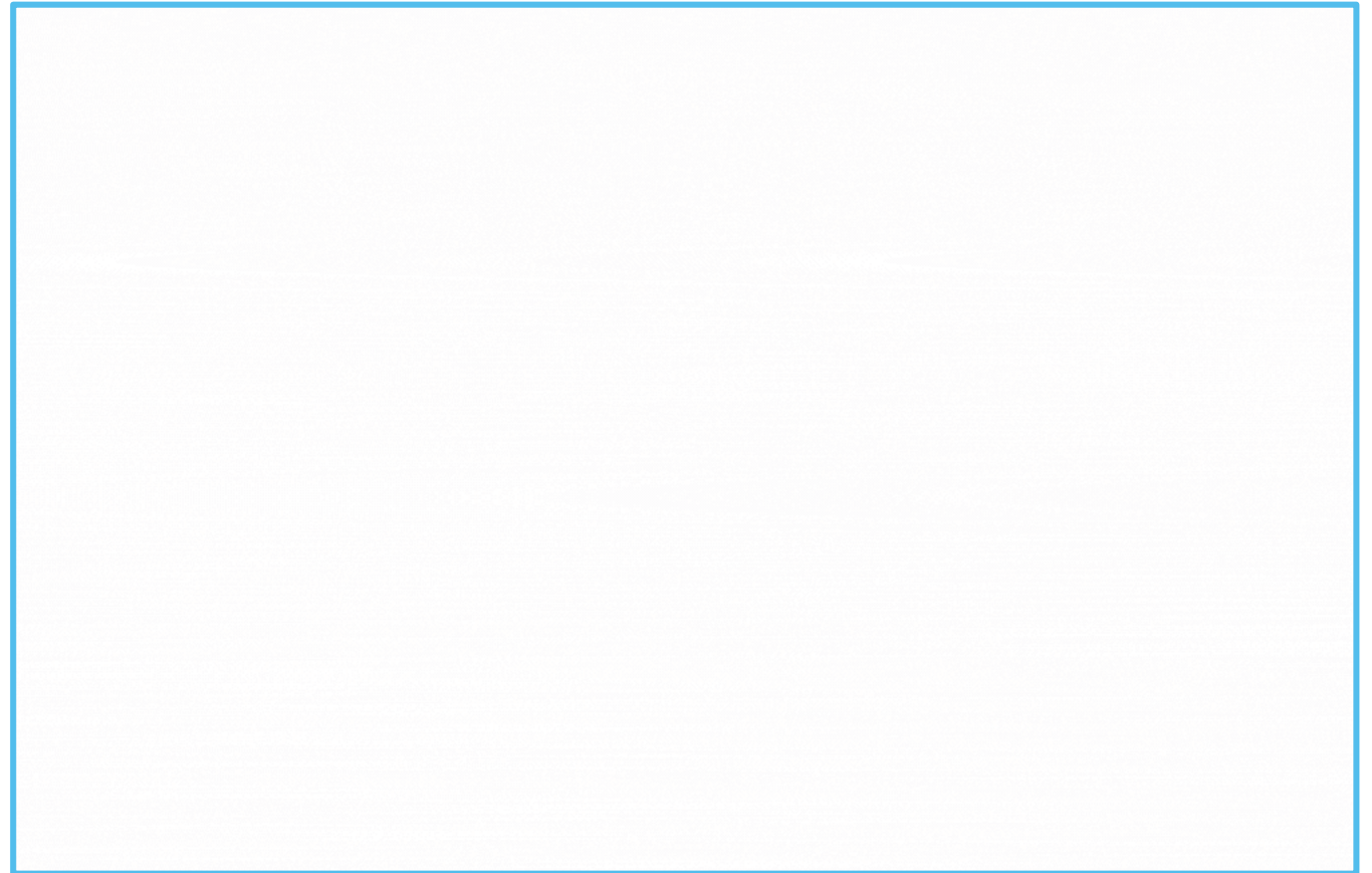
Airborne observations of snow depth on sea ice were made in April 2019 during the winter campaign of the AWI IceBird campaign series. The data consist of five surveys, some with overlapping segments at low and high altitude, spanning sea-ice covered areas in the Lincoln Sea, Central Arctic Ocean, as well as the Beaufort Sea. For each flight, the geolocated snow depth data from an airborne frequency-modulated continuous-wave ultrawideband radar using an algorithm based on signal peakiness are provided with a point spacing of approximately 4-5 meters for low-altitude flights and 7-9 meters for high-altitude flights. The trajectory data contain the full and unfiltered data record with quality

Keyword: *

Arctic Ocean	✗
Cryosphere	✗
Sea ice	✗
snow depth	✗
Airborne surveys to collect measurements of sea ice thick	✗
Sea Ice Physics @ AWI (AWL_Sealce)	✗ +

Integration dashboard

- Connect active data management systems with RDR
- Pull instead of push
- Live since May 2023
- Currently supporting:
 - ManGO (iRODS), OSF, GitLab, Github.
- Coming:
 - SharePoint, RedCap, OneDrive



Using KU Leuven RDR

Who can access RDR?



Everyone

Find published data

Access openly available data

Download openly available data



**KU Leuven
personnel**

Additionally:

Create draft datasets

Publish datasets

ORCID required

RDR data deposit workflow



Login

Go to rdr.kuleuven.be
Use KU Leuven login



Create dataset

Click on "Add Data"
Supply metadata
Upload files



Edit dataset

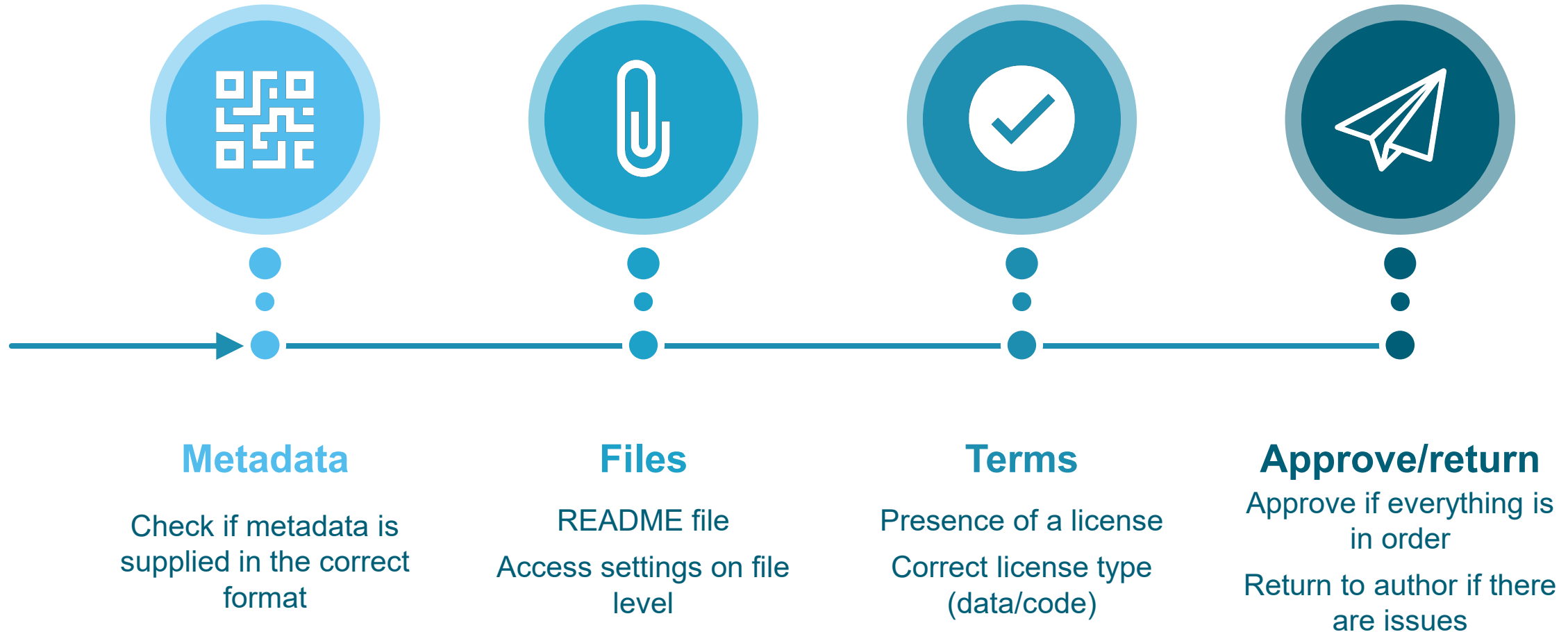
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Additional metadata
Select a license



Submit for review

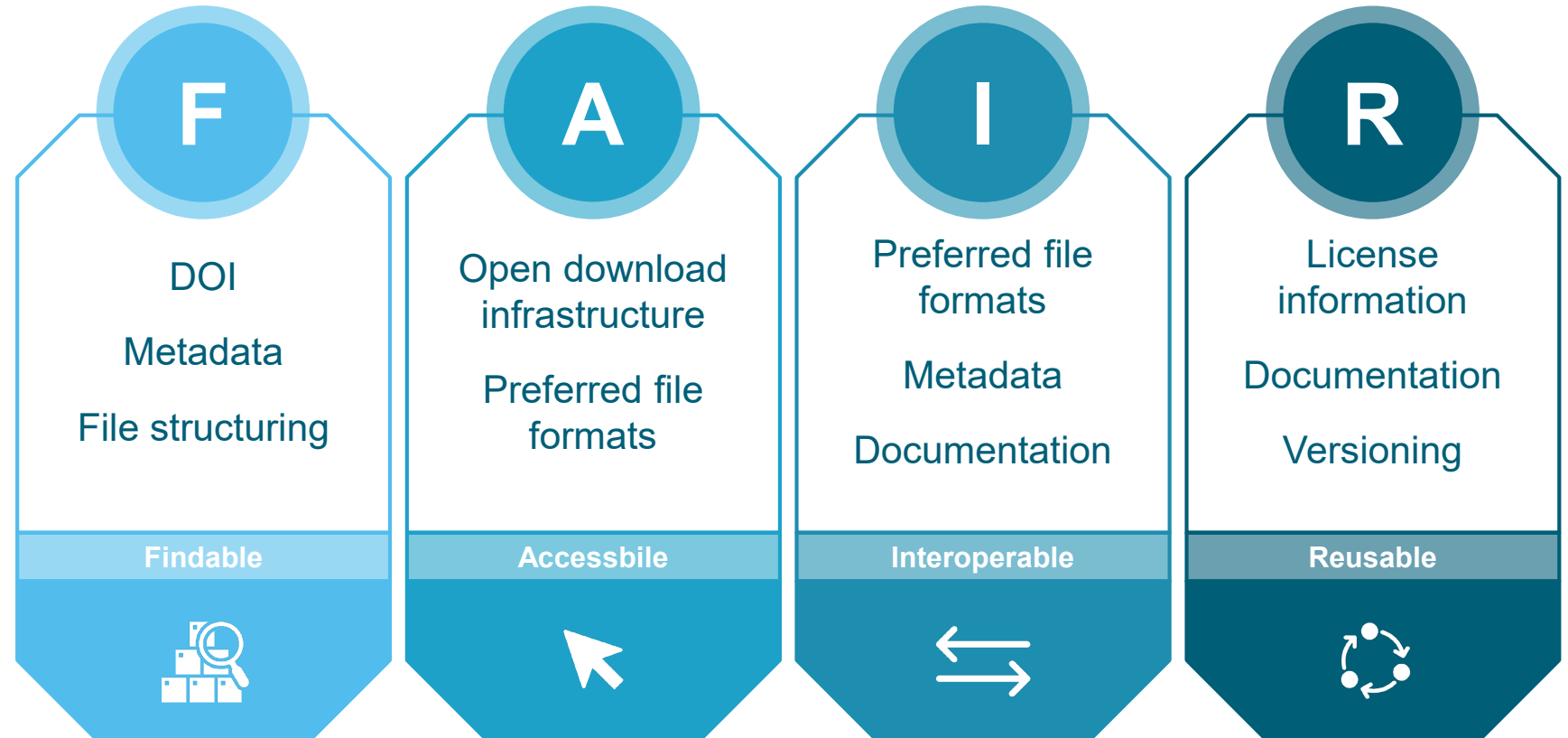
Once ready, submit for review
If returned, edit and submit again

RDR review workflow



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Lessons learned and work ahead

Lessons learned

- Right decision to go for Dataverse open-source software
 - Intensive stakeholder consultation, from legal advisors to researchers
 - Data publication not yet embedded in research practices
- Continuous investment in the infrastructure, stakeholder consultation, and awareness creation and training of researchers remains needed

Work ahead

- Increase awareness of RDR and data publication with KU Leuven researchers
- Further implify/automate data upload
 - Integrations with other active data systems (e.g. RedCap, SharePoint etc.)
 - Help establish push actions where possible
- Prepare for CoreTrustSeal certification
- Implement long-term preservation curation and workflow

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PLATFORM:



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SUPPORT:



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