Title: Researchdata.se – Your gateway to Swedish research data

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Three years ago, the Swedish National Data Service (SND) initiated discussions for launching a new national portal for accessing, sharing, and managing data created by researchers based at universities and other research institutions in Sweden. These vivid discussions emerged against the backdrop of a rather diffuse landscape of databases, catalogues, and digital archives. The question that emerged was, what can be done to strengthen findability to Swedish research data nation-wide? In an attempt to answer this, SND put forward the idea that a new, national web portal be created. Its primary goals were to develop a coherent search on a wider platform, to enable interoperability between Swedish actors, to promote transdisciplinary studies, to make greater use of collected Swedish knowledge and experiences, and to offer tools and services from SND and other national actors in a coordinated fashion.

SND, thus, proceeded to form a new project group with expertise in research data management that rapidly began working on this ambitious plan.

The project work for the new portal has focused on how to design the portal in a way that is clear, communicative and efficient. Additionally, there have also been several discussions on ways to share data (mainly entry points), besides SND's own data publication platform. A key focus has also been discussing the right conditions for harvesting metadata and cooperating with national partners in this regard. Furthermore, we have been keen to contribute to creating training resources, learning materials, and other relevant material for open access know-how. However, we have been careful not to reinvent the wheel but to emphasise and expand national collaboration with regards to education/training. This and much more work is yet to be done, ahead of the launch and after. SND has a bold and committed plan for the launch of the www.researchdata.se portal, which together with national partners, is planned for February 2025.

The poster presented at the LU Open Science Days will show the thought process behind the project, including its purpose and aims, but also the method of work and challenges faced, along with identifying project partners and their roles, and finally offer some conclusions.