



GRN Annual Report and Election Information

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GRN Steering Committee



GRN Introduction

German Reproducibility Network

Founded in 2020 as the first nationwide, cross-disciplinary organization to strengthen research transparency and reproducibility in science

A "network of networks" – umbrella organization for Open Science and Reproducibility initiatives in Germany



We **support researchers** in educating themselves about open science practices, and founding local open science communities.



We **connect local or topic-centered Reproducibility Initiatives** to a national network, and foster connections between them.

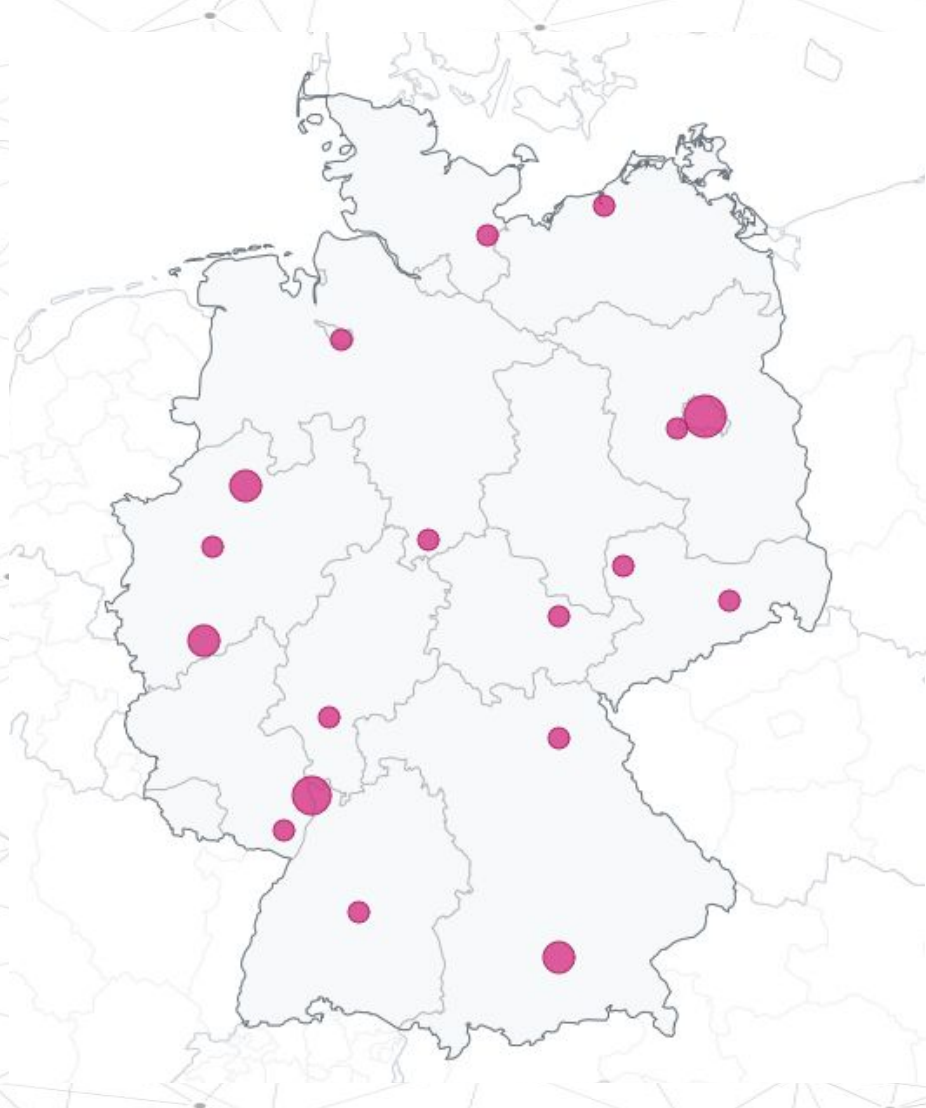


We **advise institutions** on how to embed open science practices in their work.



We **represent the open science community** toward other stakeholders in the wider scientific landscape.

GRN Membership Development



33 members as of March 2023
37 Members as of April 1 2024
43 Members as of August 2025

3 types of members:

- Reproducibility Initiative
- Research Institution
- Academic Societies

University of Mannheim joined in August 2022 as first German university, press release click [here](#)

Introduction videos of the members on our website:
<https://reproducibilitynetwork.de/members/>

GRN Steering Committee



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Susann Auer

Reproducibility 4
Everyone (R4E)



Lydia Riedl

Network of Open
Science Initiatives
(NOSI)



- Steering Committee with up to 12 members
- Management of GRN activities
- Broad representation of the Open Science landscape in terms of career level, discipline & research topics



International
Cooperation



The background of the image is a complex network of thin, light gray lines connecting numerous small, dark gray circular nodes. The nodes are distributed across the entire frame, creating a dense, interconnected web that resembles a molecular structure or a data network. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and technical.

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GRN Milestones 2024/25

Conference Participations:

- Sponsoring the META-REP Conference in Munich in 2024
- GRN-Session on the deRSE25 in Karlsruhe
- GRN Poster at the CoRDI 2025 in Aachen
- Open Science Slot and Workshop at EPSY2025 conference in Gießen
- GRN Poster at the annual meeting of the DZPG

Community Activities:

- Opening a Community Discord
- Continuing our monthly newsletter
- Conducting the second Meta Science Summer School near Frankfurt

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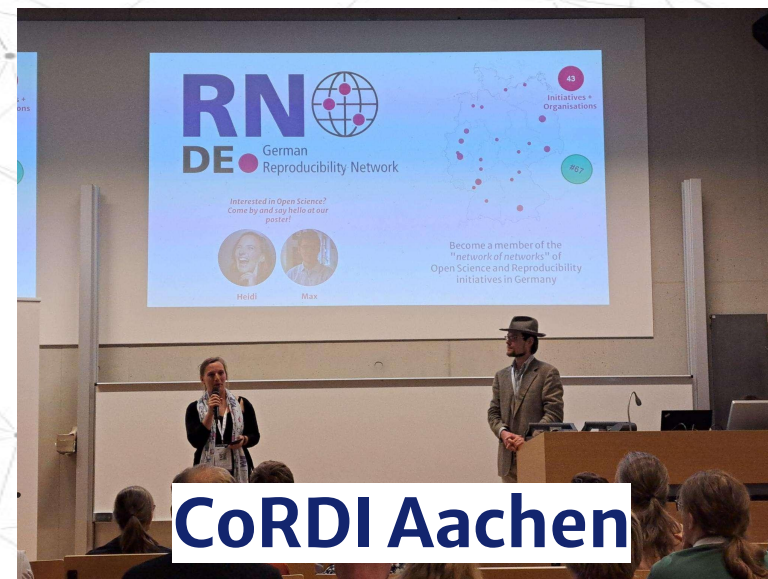
- Participation in the International RN meeting in London (as part of the Metascience 2025)
- Active contribution to the founding process of the Global Federation of Reproducibility Networks (GFRN), e.g. creating the terms of references
- multiple meetings with the SwissRN organising a cooperation event

Funding:

- Exchange with DFG regarding support for GRN
- Funding proposal written for the Tschira Foundation

Coming up: Cooperation event with the SwissRN in December 2025 in Basel
Registration until 31 October here: <https://t1p.de/rwggw>

Impressions from this years activities



Discord also for non-members of GRN

The screenshot shows a Discord server interface for 'GRN'. The left sidebar lists various channels: 'welcome-introduction' (selected), 'general-interests-announcemen...', 'grn-members', 'trainings', and 'events'. The main chat area displays a message from 'Elen Le Foll' with a thumbs up reaction (2) and a clap reaction (5). Below this, a system message reads: 'Willkommen, Elen Le Foll. Wir hoffen, du hast Pizza mitgebracht. 30.09.25, 21:38'. A bot message follows: 'Winke, um Hallo zu sagen!'. Another message from 'Elen Le Foll' says: 'Hi everyone! I'm Elen Le Foll, post-doctoral researcher in linguistics at HumanTeas.' with a thumbs up reaction (8). A reply from 'Suzee' says: 'Hey Ellen! Welcome to the GRN Discord!'. A final message from 'Maximilian Frank' says: '@Elen Le Foll, hi also from my side. Nice to read you after our last virt...'. A large QR code is overlaid on the right side of the chat area.

join us here: <https://t1p.de/k9vbx>



The future of the GRN

Priorities for the future

Increased efforts to secure funding for the GRN

Increased cooperation with other international RNs, we aim to be a founding member of the Global Federation of Reproducibility Networks (GFRN)

Promote the GRN Discord, allowing for an active exchange with the community

Setting up a GRN Advisory Board with “high-profile” scientists (we are happy to receive your tips for suitable candidates)

Recruitment of new members beyond current members from psychology/life sciences to strengthen the interdisciplinary character of the GRN

Organizing a digital community event (suggestions for topics welcome)



GRN SC Elections

GRN Steering Committee

Steering committee with up to 12 seats

Representation of the German Open Science/ Reproducibility landscape with broad diversity of voices in terms of career stage, discipline, perspective

Responsible for community building, organizing events and networking with other stakeholders at the national or international level

How we work together:

- One-hour meetings every second week
- Communication via mailing list and Discord
- Active participation in GRN meetings and projects is expected
- Time requirements vary, but min. 10 hours per month are recommended

GRN Election

Application:

- Anyone who belongs to a GRN member organization is eligible to apply
- Only one application per member organisation is allowed, however two persons can hand in a team application for a “shared seat”
- Application deadline 10.11.2025
- Reelection to the SC possible is once

Voting Process:

- Voting will be conducted via an online survey starting on 17.11.25
- Every member organisation has one vote per free seat
- Candidates with the most votes are elected if they surpass at least 50% off all votes
- For more details see: <https://reproducibilitynetwork.de/electionrules/>

In case of any questions you can contact the election committee (Felix Schönbrodt, Guido Scherp & Rima-Maria Rahal) via grn-election-committee@lists.lrz.de

How to get in touch



Visit our homepage: <https://reproducibilitynetwork.de>



Join our mailing list: <https://lists.lrz.de/mailman/listinfo/grn>

For general inquiries: info@reproducibilitynetwork.de

Interested in becoming a member, get in touch with the Steering Committee:
grn-steering@lists.lrz.de



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Mastodon: <https://mastodon.world/@GermanRepro>

Twitter: [@GermanRepro](https://twitter.com/GermanRepro) (archived)



Time for your Questions