

Establishment of a Research Data Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies

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The German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW) is setting up (2015- 2017) a Research Data Centre (RDC) for Higher Education Research and Science Studies according to the criteria of the German Data Forum (RatSWD). The establishment project has a scientific advisory board with representatives from higher education research and science studies, research data centres and informatics. Both data preparation and documentation are part of the institution as well as the creation of an infrastructure in preparation of the regular operation of the RDC from summer 2017. From this date, the RCD will acquire, archive, prepare and provide (through different data accesses) quantitative and qualitative data. The first data available will include the DZHW graduate panel, the DZHW panel of persons with higher education entrance qualification and the social survey. Moreover, the RCD data will be searchable. Finally, the field of activity of the academic staff will include scientific work to secure competencies and skills about data sets, contents and methods.