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RADAR goes Brandenburg – first publication in RADAR-BB available online

Karlsruhe, 04 November 2025 — Perseverance pays off: On October 29, 2025, the first publication went online in the new Brandenburg Research Data Portal (RADAR-BB), provided by the University of Potsdam. This makes it official: Brandenburg's statewide solution for research data management (FDM) is ready to go.

RADAR-BB is based on RADAR, the research data repository of FIZ Karlsruhe, and has been implemented step by step over the past few years.

The journey to get there was not a sprint, but rather a long-distance run: the first discussions with the University of Potsdam took place before the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of our first video calls during lockdown focused on setting up a local RADAR instance — at that time intended exclusively as an FDM solution for the University of Potsdam. This early idea has since developed into a state-wide system available to all public universities in Brandenburg as part of the joint project "Institutionalized and Sustainable Research Data Management in Brandenburg" (IN-FDM-BB).

At the same time, IN-FDM-BB focused on building local expertise in research data management at each university and developing local and state-wide FDM training programs. FDM services are thus not only provided technically, but also anchored within the respective organization.

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RADAR is hosted at the University of Potsdam and, as a cross-institutional cloud solution, offers the possibility to securely archive and publish research data across disciplines. Brandenburg is thus the first federal state to create a common technical basis for sustainable research data management based on RADAR – in line with the motto "as local as necessary, as central as possible."

We are particularly pleased that RADAR is helping to make this project a reality, demonstrating what can be achieved through long-term cooperation between infrastructure, universities, and projects.

RADAR-BB Portal

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