

Building a Sustainable Path Forward for the Global Dataverse Community

A collaborative workshop on sustainability strategy, community documentation, and decision-maker resources

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Key information

When: May 12, 2026, 13:00–17:00 CEST

Where: In-person at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center | Address: TBC

Who: Dataverse community members

Organizers: Global Dataverse Community Consortium (GDCC)

Registration deadline: April 27, 2026 at 12:00 CEST (noon)

We invite all Dataverse community members—installation managers, curators, developers, documentation contributors, governance participants, and institutional stakeholders—to join an **interactive afternoon workshop on May 12, 2026**. This workshop brings together three closely connected strands of GDCC’s ongoing work:

1. the development of a new **sustainability and funding model**,
2. the **Dataverse Community Playbook**, and
3. the **Dataverse Decision-Makers Playbook**.

Together, these efforts aim to strengthen the GDCC’s long-term sustainability and support a well-coordinated, transparent, and resilient global Dataverse community.

Why this workshop?

During the [March 2026 Dataverse Community Call](#), Ceylin Boyd (IQSS, Harvard University) and Philipp Konzett (UiT The Arctic University of Norway) presented how insights from the [Birdaro training program](#) are helping the Dataverse Project and GDCC **address long-standing challenges in community governance, documentation, and sustainability** (see the [report](#) from the Dataverse Sustainability WG).

The GDCC is now preparing to launch:

- a **new sustainability and fundraising/membership model**, including updated sponsorship opportunities and multi-year goals, and
- two new **playbooks** to support everyone who participates in or makes decisions about Dataverse and GDCC:

The Dataverse Community Playbook

A resource for contributors, curators, installation managers, and developers. It will clarify participation pathways, governance structures, onboarding, communication channels, collaboration processes, and more.

The Dataverse Decision-Makers Playbook

A resource for institutional leaders, funders, and organizational partners. It will articulate value propositions, governance, financial transparency, sustainability goals, and operational insights to support informed decision-making.

These three components—**sustainability, community documentation, and decision-maker guidance**—are deeply interdependent and benefit from being developed *together* with the community.

What to expect in the workshop

This hands-on session will:

1. Introduce GDCC's sustainability and fundraising/membership model

- Presentation of the draft sustainability framework
- Discussion of messaging, potential sponsor audiences, communication channels, and community-centered fundraising strategies
- Brainstorming key messages for awareness-raising and engagement

2. Community Playbook development (with the Dataverse Documentation WG)

- Review of content inventories and identified gaps
- Refinement of structure, onboarding guidance, contributor pathways, and governance explanations
- Planning for maintenance and long-term socialization

3. Decision-Makers Playbook development

- Review of planned content, including governance, membership value, budget/financial overview, and sustainability roadmap
- Discussion of tone, clarity, and institutional messaging
- Identification of missing components and shared priorities

Who should join?

Anyone in the Dataverse community interested in:

- documentation and onboarding
- governance and decision-making clarity
- sustainability, membership, and fundraising models
- supporting the long-term health and growth of GDCC and the Dataverse software will find this workshop highly relevant. No prior involvement is needed.

Registration

Before we finalize attendance planning, we ask those interested in participating to **express their interest by filling out this short [registration form](#) by April 27, 2026 at 12:00 CEST (noon)**:

We look forward to your contributions as we build these foundational resources together!