

NFDI4Microbiota

Third Community Workshop (2020-06-22)

Report

The third NFDI4Microbiota Community Workshop took place online on June 22nd, 2020. Members of the German microbiology community were informed about the NFDI4Microbiota consortium, discussed the outcome of the NFDI4Microbiota questionnaire and asked their questions to the consortium members.

Practical Information

- **Date and time:** 2020-06-22 13:00-16:00
- **Place:** online
- **Estimated number of attendees:** 38

NFDI4Microbiota - National Research Data Infrastructure for Microbiota Research

- **Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Konrad Förstner, ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences & TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences
- **Slides:** <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3903156>

Summary of answers to the audience's questions

- The NFDI4Microbiota consortium intends to provide an **infrastructure** that will help improving science. Clearly, this is a long-term project, and NFDI in general is planned for one or two decades. For this reason, NFDI4Microbiota intends to continually inquire about researchers' needs to adapt dynamically in the years to come.
- NFDI4Microbiota intends to cover **omics data**, **phenotypic data** and **metadata** but also knowledge extracted from the literature.
- NFDI4Microbiota intends to collaborate with German and international organisations that coordinate **research data management** efforts within and between institutions. If you have suggestion for any further organisations the consortium should collaborate with, please contact us (contact@nfdi4microbiota.de) and them.
- Regarding **standardisation** on an international level, NFDI4Microbiota intends to fill the gaps by getting metadata and fostering their acceptance and use.
- NFDI4Microbiota is still looking for **participants**. There are no strict requirements to become a participant, but applicants must show a willingness to contribute in a variety of ways. Ideally, once the consortium is funded, your institution would use the services provided by the consortium and/or provide the infrastructure with tools/data. There might

be gaps in the infrastructure, tools and trainings co-applicants can provide, and this is where **flexible funds** for participants could intervene.

- Your institution can simultaneously be part of different **NFDI consortia**. The synergies have to be between different communities.
- Please have a look at the reports of the **two first Community Workshops** for further information: <https://nfdi4microbiota.de/index.php/documents/>.
- The **4th NFDI4Microbiota Community Workshop** will take place online on Monday 24 August 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00. During this workshop, the details of the NFDI4Microbiota working program will be presented and discussed.