Letter of Commitment

The ZB MED Information Centre for Life Sciences intends to submit the project proposal “National Research Data Infrastructure for Personal Health Data” (acronym of the planned consortium: NFDI4Health) to the 2019 Call for NFDI Consortia Proposals of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and to coordinate this consortium in case of approval.

The German Society for Epidemiology (DGEpi), represented currently by Prof. Dr. med. Dietrich Rothenbacher, expressly supports this application, as the establishment of a national research infrastructure for personalized health data is of utmost importance and is expected to make valuable contributions to research in this field. Of special importance in this developmental process is also continuous quality assurance and validation of the data, ideally accompanied by appropriately experienced specialists with epidemiological expertise. Epidemiologists hold the necessary experience and are also present in this area in the context of large epidemiological studies (for example National Cohort).

In the event of approval of this application, the German Society for Epidemiology (DGEpi) will actively participate in NFDI4Health and support the structure-building activities of this consortium through appropriate collaborative measures.

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