

# IASSIST 2013

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Panel: Data centres and institutional partnerships

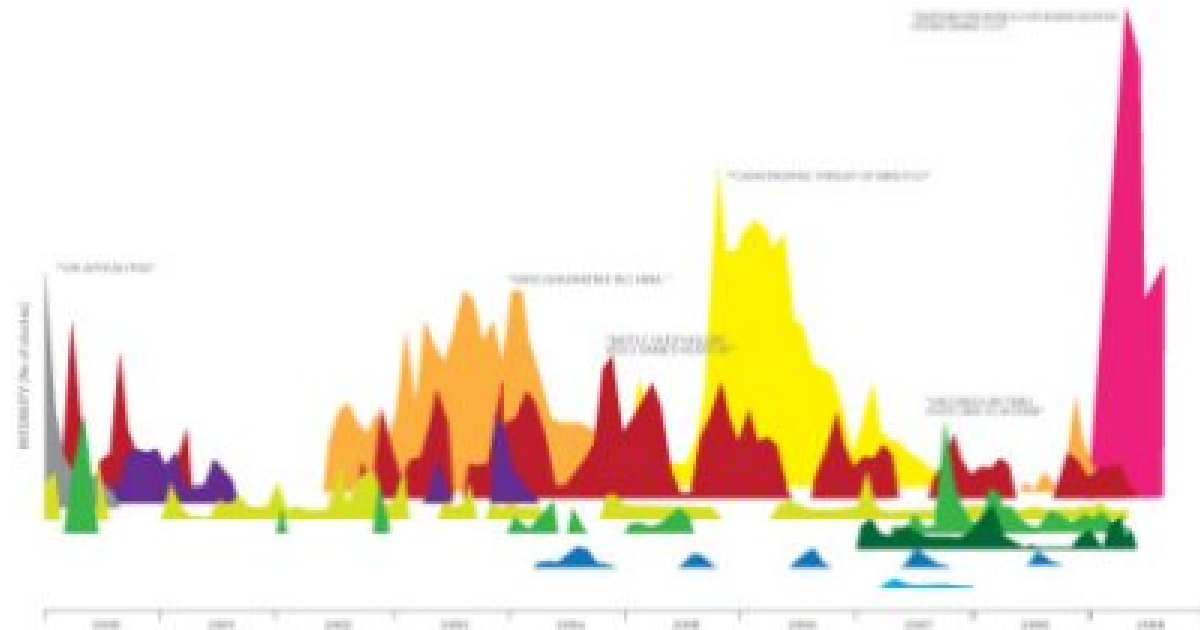
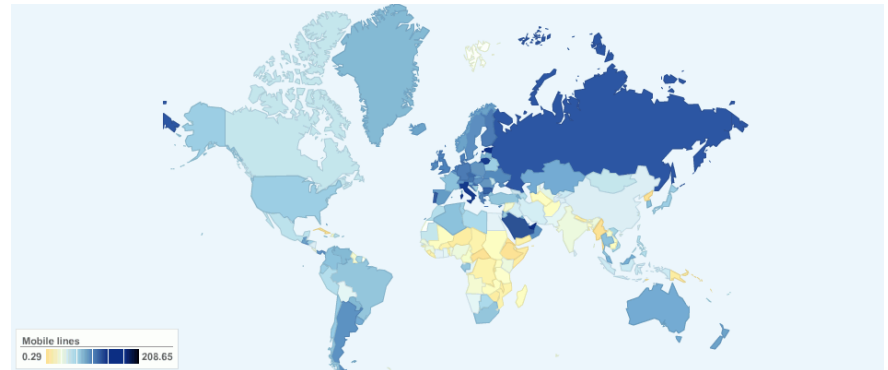
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# Research data support at Edinburgh

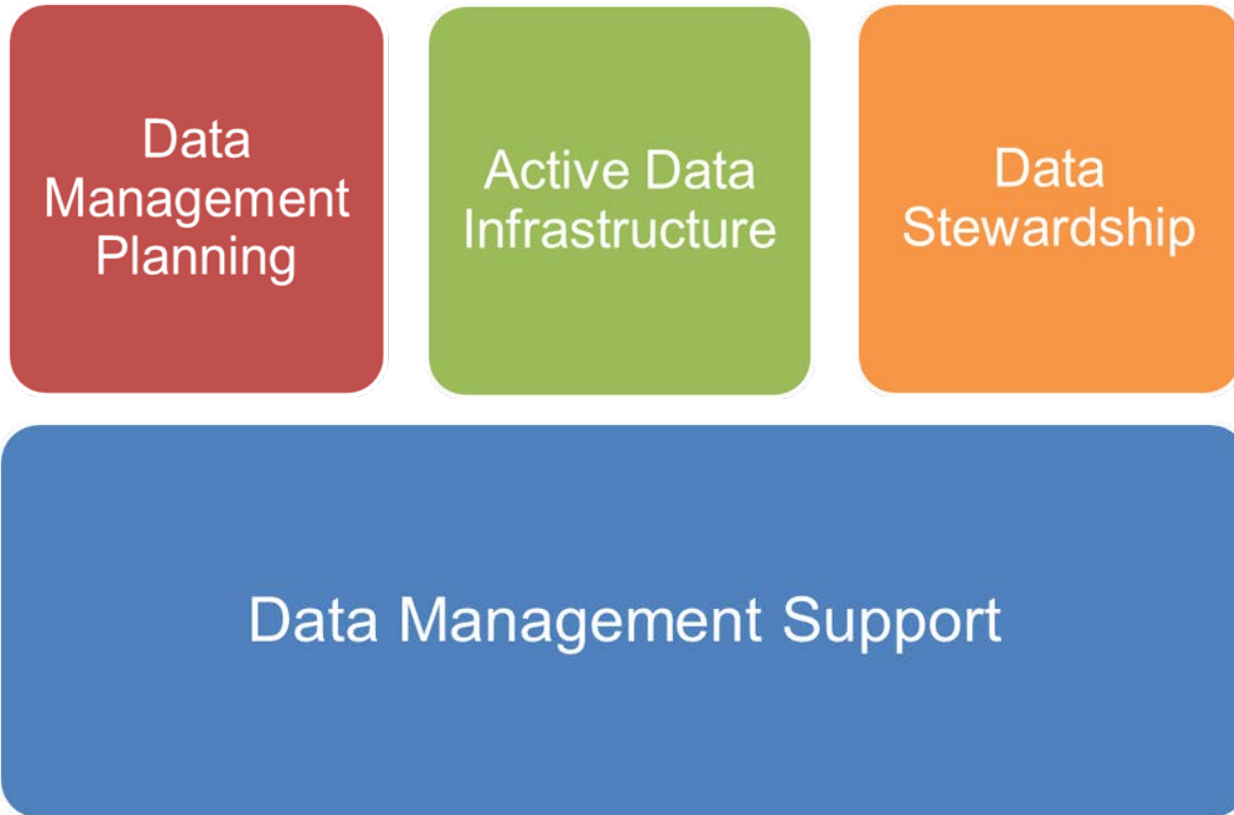
- finding...
  - accessing ...
  - using ...
  - teaching ...
- And now –
- **managing**



# U of Edinburgh's RDM Policy

- Passed Senate in May, 2011
- Ten brief principles
- Sets out roles and responsibilities
- Aims to enable researchers to achieve good practice
- Wide consultation organised by Library-led committee set up by the Vice Principal

# Edinburgh Research Data Management Roadmap



**Involvement from across University and Information Services**

# Data Management Support



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- General consultancy and support service throughout the research process

# Supporting and training researchers

- Online guidance for academic staff
- Embedding RDM training into postgraduate programmes (MANTRA); bespoke training
- Awareness-raising and service roll-out across schools and research units
- Training librarians & IT staff
- Data management consultancy; grant-costed effort such as in-depth planning or metadata support

# Applied Quantitative Methods Network

- Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council
- Previously funded (2010-13) mainly as a centre of expertise and training across Scotland
- Based at University of Edinburgh School of Law
- New phase to focus on 3 research strands (+1)
  - Crime and victimization
  - Education and social stratification
  - Urban segregation and inequality
  - Attitudes to Scottish Independence Referendum

# AQMeN and the UoE Data Library/EDINA

- Co-authorship in PI's scoping study in capacity building for quantitative methods in Scotland (2008-9)
- Successful partnership in phase one around development of the AQMeN content-managed website (2009-12).
- Director approached Data Librarian about taking lead role in data management strategy for Phase II of project (2013-16) as QA Officer (funded for a number of days over four year period).
- Serving as a test case for provision of grant-costed RDM services for the University of Edinburgh as part of Roadmap



# Potential points for cooperation

## Local (data) libraries

- Deeper reach
- Broader reach
- Can provide 'embedded' support & partnerships
- Can lead training activity
- Can provide/guide use of institutional infrastructure
- Can provide referrals to disciplinary tools/experts

## National data archives / centres

- Authoritative guidance
- Well-resourced outreach
- Can provide centralised support
- Train the trainers, roadshows
- Robust, trusted infrastructure
- Disciplinary expertise & tools