By building on existing experiences, resources and tools available within Switzerland, the DLCM project contributes to move beyond the competition and politics among higher education to focus on the essential: making the data visible, while preventing disparities among institutions and helping to provide sustainable organizational strategies and technical developments to promote data availability, discoverability, and reusability nationally. This dynamic exchange of best practices and recommendations allows moving beyond the politics of each institution to focus on a national priority: harmonizing and strengthening research data management practices across actors (researchers, information professionals and academic collaborators), disciplines (sciences, social sciences and humanities), and institutions (universities, universities of applied sciences and nonprofit organizations) in a sustainable way.