The RDC of the Federal Employment Agency as a part of the German RDC Movement

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Abstract
The German Research Data Center (RDC) movement has made a significant improvement to the data and services available to researchers over the past few years. The services of the RDCs are widely used, empirical findings lead to refereed publications and the state of research in rendering microdata anonymous has made great leaps. Many policy decisions are now planned and evaluated on the basis of data originating from the RDC. Germany has gone from the bottom of Europe’s league with regard to the use of individual data to an innovative provider of new ideas, such as linked employer-employee datasets or a democratic data access for Non-German researchers.

The topics of the presentation will describe the German development over the last years and will give an overview,

- which data the RDC of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) offers to researcher,
- how the access to the data is organized and
- what future developments (RDC in RDC approach, imputation and combined/integrated data) in the next years will happen.