

# Research Data Management Programme – 1<sup>st</sup> year progress report

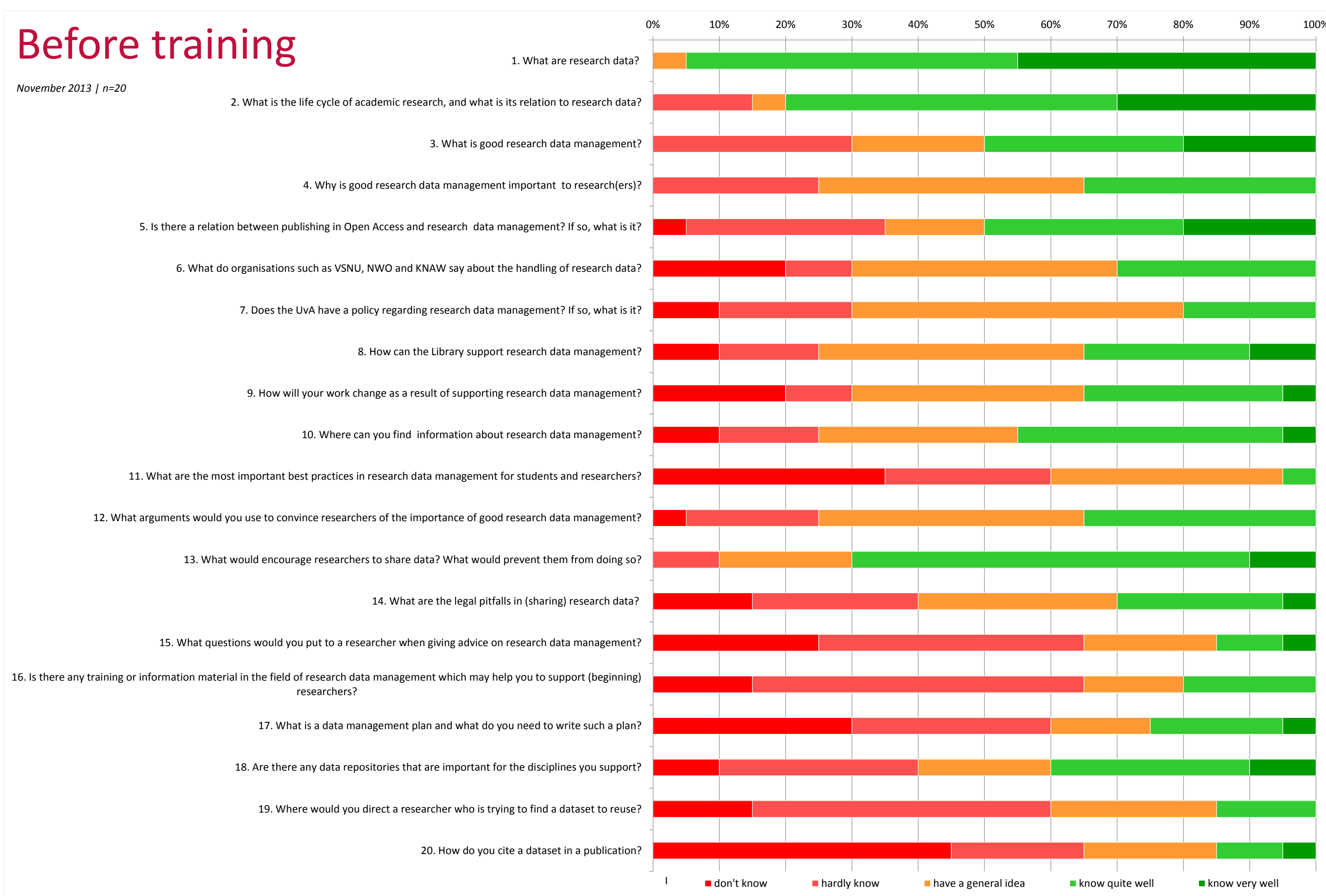
## Are you ready for RDM support?

University of Amsterdam: University Library ♦ ICT Services ♦ Academic Affairs

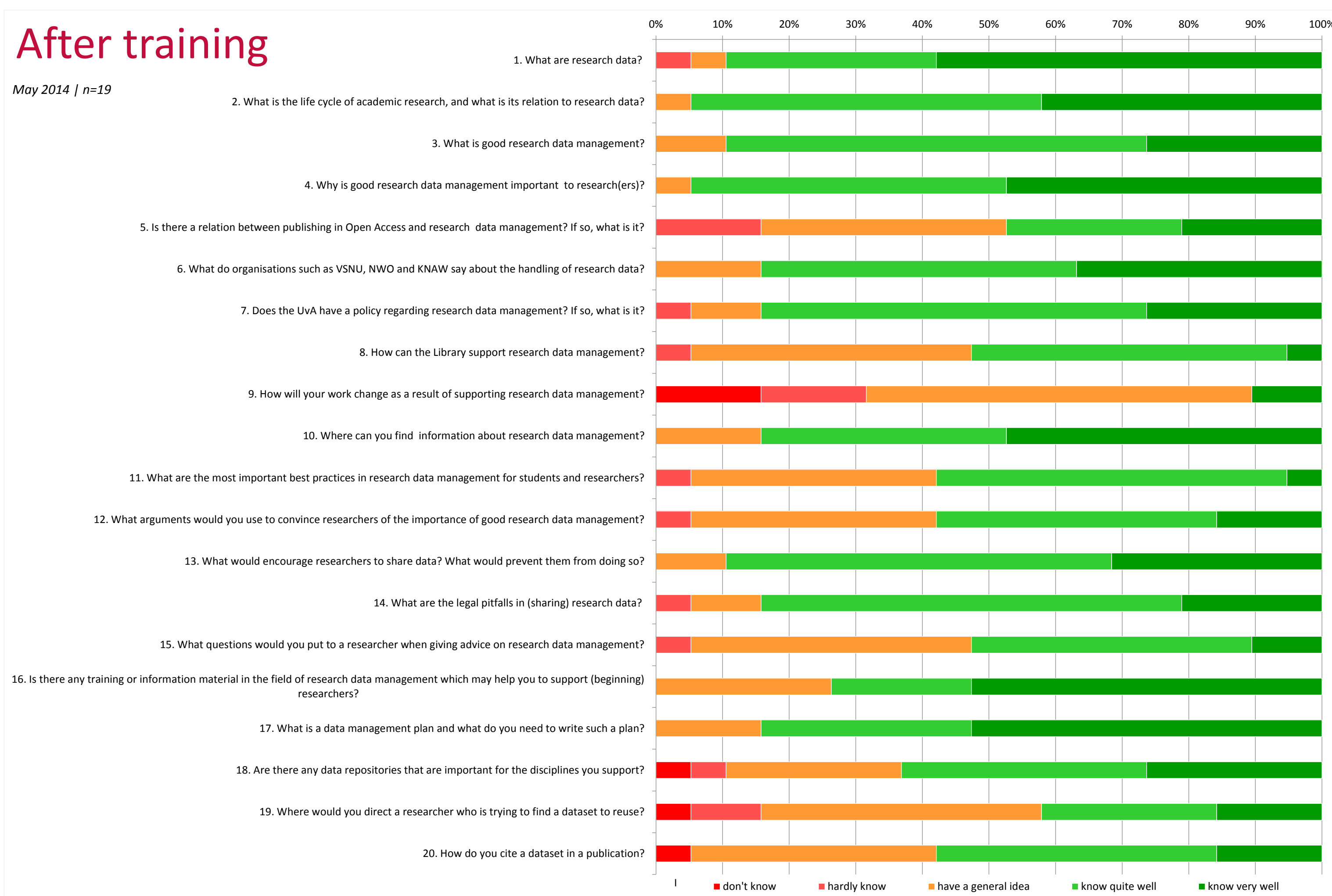


## Our liaison librarians are!

### Before training



### After training



## Lessons learned

- Tear down walls: cooperation is essential
- Be pragmatic: do first what benefits the majority of researchers
- Secure support from highest levels of management
- Tailor to local situation, don't be afraid to reinvent the wheel
- Ask researchers for input and keep them informed

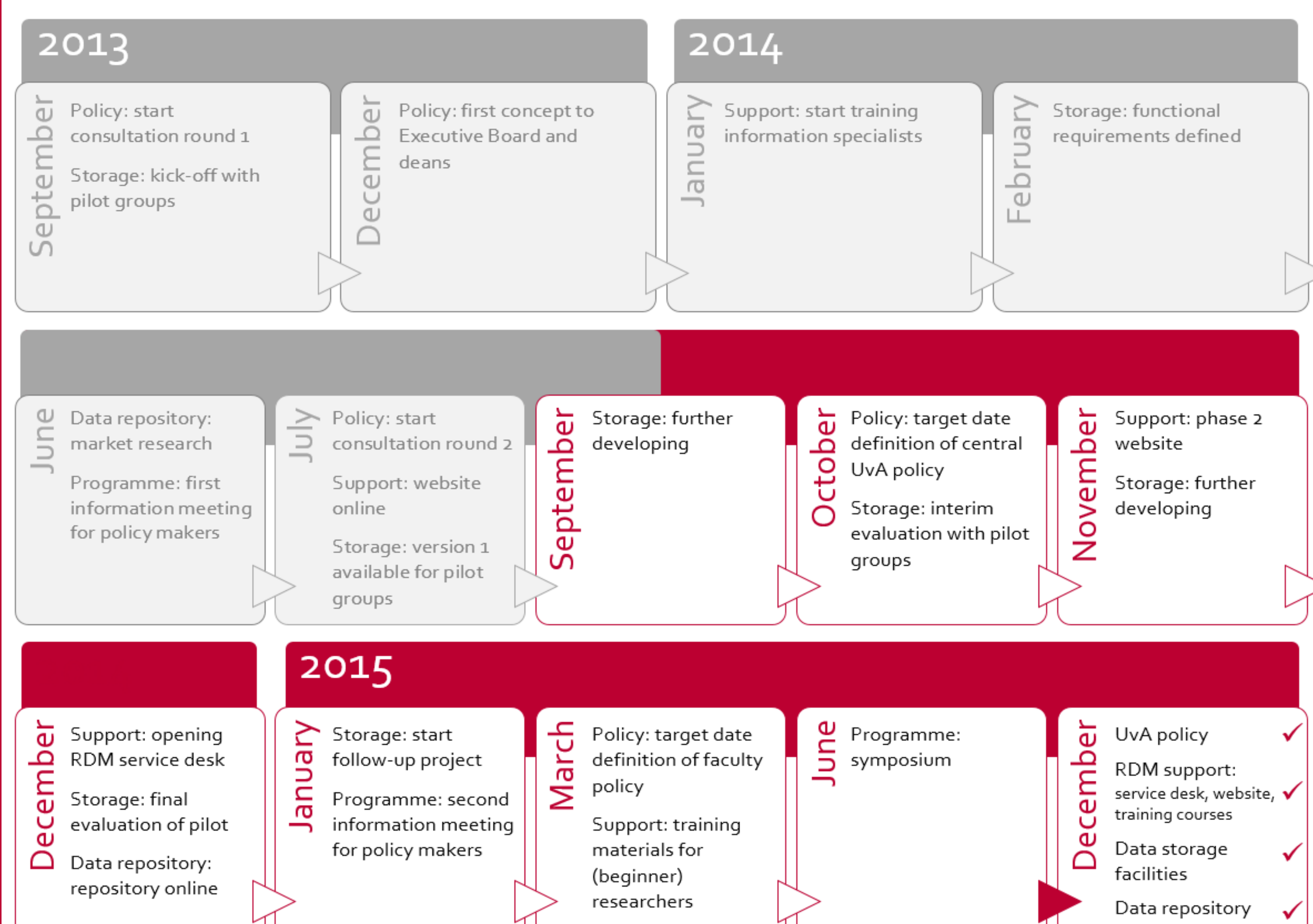
## Ongoing challenges

- ❑ Balancing requirements from different stakeholders  
Needs and drivers for RDM differ among researchers, ICT Services, Library and institution, and may conflict with each other.
- ❑ RDM ≥ Open Data  
The benefits of Open Data are a nice selling point for RDM, but not all data can be open and 'closed data' need to be managed too.
- ❑ Speaking different languages  
Researchers, technicians, librarians and policy makers may use the same words for different concepts, and different words for the same concepts.
- ❑ Scaling for success  
Creating demand for services in a pilot does not necessarily equal being able to meet demand institution wide.
- ❑ Lack of legal clarity surrounding research data  
Researchers, technicians and librarians are not legal experts, and legal experts often are not research data savvy.
- ❑ USA Patriot Act vs sensitive and confidential data  
Can Dutch research data be safely stored on the Irish server of an American company that is used by a UK-based service?

## Preliminary results

- ✓ Trained liaison librarians
- ✓ RDM-website for researchers: [rdm.uva.nl](http://rdm.uva.nl)
- ✓ Draft institutional policy
- ✓ Market research overview of next generation repository software
- ✓ Growing RDM awareness throughout the University

- 4 projects
  - ♦ Policy - Academic Affairs
  - ♦ Support - Library
  - ♦ Storage - ICT Services
  - ♦ Repository - Library
- 3 players
- 2 years
- 1 programme



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