What we do?

We want to develop a deeper understanding of *metrics (aka altmetrics / social media metrics), in terms of their general significance and their perception amongst stakeholders. We will look at the quality of *metrics’ underlying data (in terms of validity and reliability), the historical context within which *metrics arose, as well as their ability to adequately assess scientific outputs against the background of disciplinary specificities.

During the two-year-term, partners will conduct explorative user and usage studies. Social media platforms will be evaluated and the technical foundations of *metrics will be assessed. This work will be supported by a scientific committee and accompanied by community building and public relations activities, the creation of new links with national and international initiatives (e.g. Confederation of Open Access Repositories - COAR, National Information Standards Organisation - NISO) and the establishment of a *metrics information platform.

Facts

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Activities

- Capturing of status quo and exploratory user- and usage studies and set up of a social media registry, recommendations for standardization
- Technology analysis for the collection and provision of *metrics
- Community networking via *metrics information platform and social media, presentation and discussion of current topics and outcomes in project workshops

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Who we are?

- Göttingen State and University Library (SUB Göttingen),
- ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics,
- GESIS Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, and
- Verbundzentrale des gemeinsamen Bibliotheksverbunds (VZG) - common library network of seven German federal states