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HarDIS - Harmony in the Democratic Ideological Space

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What problem(s) did you plan to solve?

- Difficult to harmonize and link data on political parties (e.g., for studying representation in democracies)
 - After funding runs out, (linkage key) databases are often quickly outdated.
 - We are currently in the midst of our funding period, developing and implementing a new linkage key database.
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What have you done to solve the problem?

- We are updating Party Facts (linkage keys for political parties) by ...
 - ... expanding the data model and ...
 - ... by creating a new website for download and collaborative linking tasks.
 - We conducted a co-creation workshop and ...
 - ... a focus group.
 - We have drafted a Governance Structure.
 - We have presented HarDIS at different conferences and infrastructure institutes.
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What successes have you had?

- Feedback is very helpful and quite positive, including (tenured) volunteers for the long-term support of our linkage key database.
 - Data collection in the focus group was very successful.
 - We have a running (though not launched) prototype of the linkage key database with all functionalities running in an alpha version.
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How will make your results sustainable over time - How will the scientific community/-ies further exploit them?

- A governance structure and community strategy for long-term sustainability.
 - Technical and conceptual interoperability with other SSH infrastructures.
 - Open access paper publications for the linkage key database and the harmonized left-right positions.
 - Publication of anonymized software code and related documentation in open access format, including archiving with institutions such as GESIS.
 - Listing of our output in catalogues of institutions such as EOSC and MEDem.
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