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# National Data Management Programme (NaDB) in brief



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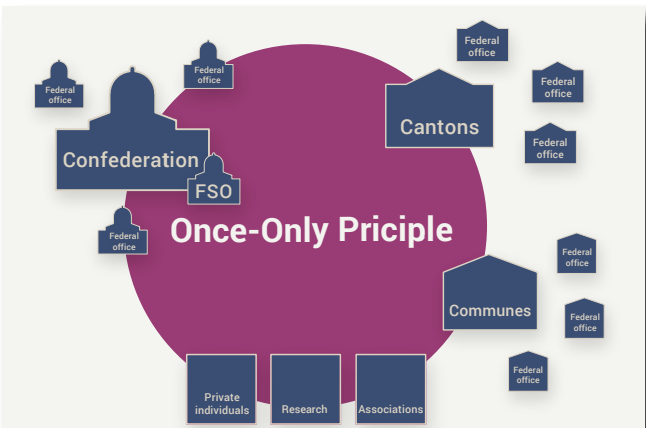
## Mandate and purpose

With the National Data Management (NaDB) programme, the Federal Council aims to make data management in the public sector simpler and more efficient: Today, citizens and businesses often have to provide the same information to different administrative bodies. This is set to change with the introduction of the “once-only principle”. In future, data will only have to be reported once, after which they will be shared between the offices at all levels of government. This reduces the burden on individuals and businesses and enables the state to provide its services more efficiently.

Responsibility for the implementation of the NaDB programme rests with the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

## Requirements

To reuse administrative data, the existing data have to be harmonised. Uniform definitions and standards are an important basis for harmonisation. In addition, the data must be made transparent by documenting their metadata. Information needs to be available on who has which data collections, how these are structured and how they can be obtained.



## Procedure

The FSO coordinates the standardisation and harmonisation of administrative data in working groups organised by topic. These expert groups work together to develop standards for specific subject areas.

The FSO has developed the I14Y interoperability platform to make administrative data easier to find. It contains a catalogue of all important data collections, government services and electronic interfaces (API) of the public administration in Switzerland. The legal basis for operating the platform is the Federal Act on the Use of Electronic Means to Carry Out Official Tasks (EMOTA).

## Schedule

The NaDB programme was launched in October 2019 with various pilot projects for the standardisation and harmonisation of data. The I14Y interoperability platform has been productive since June 2021. It is continuously being developed further. Due to the positive results, in August 2023 the Federal Council decided to continue the programme until the end of 2026. The FSO will then have the ongoing task of data harmonisation and the running of the I14Y interoperability platform.





## Into the digital future with the NaDB programme

How does the once-only principle work? What role does the I14Y interoperability platform play in it? Watch the three-minute video "Into the digital future of Switzerland with the I14Y" for an easy-to-understand explanation.

### Further information at:

[www.nadb.ch](http://www.nadb.ch)

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