



Z-Pool-Tool – Project Completion

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Project overview

The Z-Pool-Tool (ZPT) creates an integral technical platform for all existing and future subject pools for the DIZH universities (PHZH, UZH, ZHAW, ZHdK) and ETH Zurich. It enables a technologically uniform, operationally independent recruitment of subjects and the administration of subject pools for all organizational units of the DIZH universities (e.g., recruitment of subjects and their booking for studies, including the administration of all necessary activities such as allocation to experiment groups, confirmation of participation, appointment reminders, etc.). Users of the ZPT are institutes and other DIZH organizational units that set up subject pools for specific purposes and maintain them according to their individual needs. The pools themselves are available to researchers in accordance with the respective specifications of the individual pools. In addition, a new UZH subject pool of several 10,000 people is being created as a resource for the search for subjects for online and offline research, independent of commercial service providers.

Project achievements

The project has reached all planned milestones with exception of the formal evaluation by the Cantonal Data protection Authorities (Kantonale Datenschutzbeauftragte), which is still pending since many months (the application has been submitted in June 2024). We unfortunately cannot control that part of the project and the authorities are not obliged to fulfill any deadlines; so we still wait for that part. We, however, have answered all requests to a sufficient degree based on an assessment of UZH Data Protection.

Future

The Z-Pool-Tool will continue to exist as a technology platform of the University of Zurich. Until end of 2029, the Digital Society Initiative (DSI) will be the host institution of the platform. The process of establishing the long-term institutionalization of the Z-Pool-Tool is described in the «Geschäftsordnung».