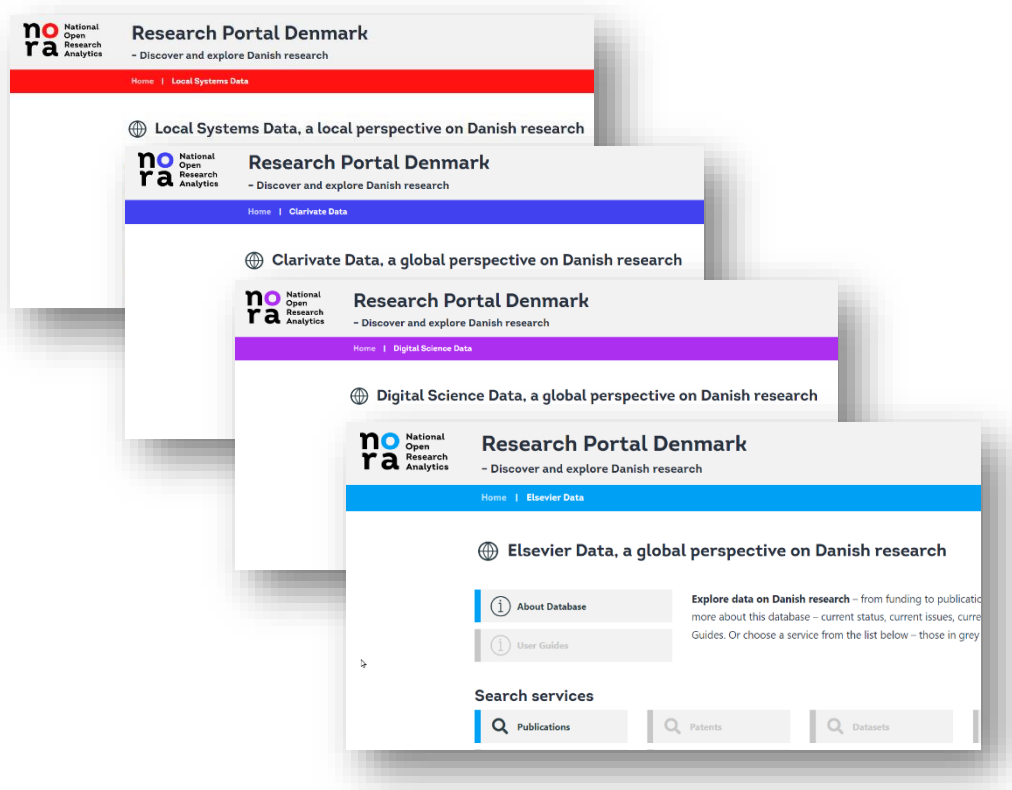**NORA newsletter May 2022**

**Improved prototypes ready for testing**

***Research Portal Denmark thanks for all the feedback and makes improved prototypes available***

In March we opened up for testing of the portal's first prototypes for searching Danish research publications since 2011. The four prototypes were relatively unrefined and incomplete, but many people took the time to test them and provide useful feedback. Thank you to everyone. We have implemented many improvements, and we can now welcome testing of a new and improved generation of prototypes – the unified homepage has likewise been improved. Find it all on https://forskningsportal.dk.



**Thanks for all the help**

A big thank you to everyone who has tested and provided feedback, input and asked appropriate, relevant questions. It is very useful, and we greatly appreciate everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the continued development of Research Portal Denmark. We will of course continue to work on the improvement and optimization of the Research Portal, its infrastructure, databases, and user services.

**Better data from local systems**

There are improvements everywhere, but not the least the database with data from the institutions' local systems has made crucial progress. In collaboration with the portal's [Working Group for local systems,](#) those responsible for local research registration and their system vendors there is now a robust start of this database. Currently with data from the universities, but before long also with data from hospitals, university colleges, specialized research institutions etc. We look forward to announcing these expansions – and to the continued collaboration around the local registration and the national database.

**Next steps**

The Portal's [Advisory Board](#) will hold its first meeting on 23 May 2022. Decision makers and important stakeholders in the field of Danish research will gather to advise the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science on the general and overall development of Research Portal Denmark.

On the menu for the next six months, we have actions like:

- Continued optimization of the four publication databases – three with global data and one with local data.
- Expansion of the global databases to include data on patents and datasets.
- Creation of a new database with data from Danish research funders.
- Webinars for everyone – including tips on how you may benefit from the portal.
- Events/workshops for everyone – about the portal, data, methods, and technologies – and about similar initiatives, developments and deliberations in related countries.
- First prototypes for analytical modules based on global data – green research, research collaboration, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Involvement of research analysts from Danish institutions – for the sharing of knowledge, discussion of topics of common interest as well as collaboration on optimization of the portal's analytical modules

As always, we are very interested in feedback, input, and questions through [nora.feedback@dtu.dk](mailto:nora.feedback@dtu.dk). We look forward to hearing from you.