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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document represents the second and final Data Management Plan (DMP), D6.3, for the FINE project, providing a definitive, retrospective account of the project's data management strategy throughout its duration.

The FINE consortium successfully implemented and adhered to a robust data management strategy. This final plan confirms the compliant processing of all generated data, verifying adherence to the FAIR data principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Key operational data in this final version include:

- Investor and Ecosystem data: Comprehensive country ecosystem mapping and investor knowledge base datasets (WP1).
- Matchmaking platform data: Confidential data collected during the application and selection processes for the FINE Network (WP5).
- Stakeholder Engagement Data: Data collected through various communication channels, including the formal integration and management details of the Slack Community Stakeholder Engagement Dataset (WP5), managed by The Fintech Corridor (FC).
- Long-term preservation: Confirmation of a mandatory seven (7) year retention period for all necessary project data post-closure, supported by appropriate archiving.

This final DMP affirms the security, integrity, and long-term utility of the FINE project's data assets, ensuring they serve as a valuable and compliant resource for the European fintech and investment community.

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is the D6.3 Data Management Plan II for the FINE project, fulfilling the requirement for a final, comprehensive update at the conclusion of the project's activities (M27). It retrospectively documents the approach, procedures, and final status of data management activities performed under WP6, Task T6.3.

The primary commitment of the FINE consortium was the successful implementation of an Open Science policy grounded in the FAIR principles and non-negotiable compliance with GDPR. This final plan verifies that all methodologies established in the initial DMP (D6.2) were successfully applied.

A key strategic achievement was the proactive approach to Stakeholder Community Management, which included launching a dedicated Slack platform to foster real-time engagement and collaboration. The final DMP provides specific details on how this social data, managed by The Fintech Corridor (FC), was securely integrated and managed within the overall project data structure.

The final data management status confirms that all public research data is archived and available, while sensitive and personal data related to start-ups, investors, and project participants are fully protected.

Whilst a Data Protection Officer (DPO) has been appointed by F6S generally, and such DPO will assist with the oversight of the project's DMP and implementation, data protection is the responsibility of the various partners generating data, and should be monitored by each institution's DPO or designated person responsible for compliance. The designated person responsible for compliance representing each institution involved in this project will have the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Cooperate in the establishment of common rules and requirements for the consortium data protection policy;
- Advise on the coordination of data protection processes and information among the partners involved, representing their own institution;
- As applicable to their institution, provide coordinated answers to third parties when addressed to the project as a whole;
- Provide their own institution with guidance on how to implement the privacy principles;
- Monitor compliance of their own institution with national data protection laws;
- Provide advice to their own institution regarding data protection impact assessments and monitoring;
- Cooperate with the supervisory authority for prior consultation when required by law pertaining to their own institution.

Relation with other project documents:

The Data Management Plan was related to the following documents:

- **Grant Agreement (GA):** Contract between the consortium and the European Commission describing the description of action (DoA).
- **Consortium Agreement (CA):** Contract between the consortium members defining internal provisions not mentioned in the Grant Agreement.

- **D6.1 Project Quality Manual:** Living document specifying operation procedures such as internal communication channels, repository structure and access management, naming conventions, quality assurance procedures, and responsibilities.

2 DATA OVERVIEW AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The methodology used for the development of the deliverable considers the Horizon Europe – Data Management Plan Template (version 1.0, 05 May 2021). The FINE DMP addresses the following points:

- Data summary
- FAIR data
- Allocation of resources
- Data security
- Ethical aspects
- Personal data procedures

In the remainder of this section, it is briefly presented each of these points from a general perspective that is transversal to many datasets.

2.1 PROJECT OUTPUTS AND DATA COLLECTION OBJECTIVES

The FINE project generated a range of high-value outputs crucial for supporting the European Fintech Investor Network and Ecosystem. These outputs fall into three primary categories:

TABLE 1. FINE PROJECT OUTPUTS CATEGORIES

Output Type	Description	Dissemination Level
Datasets	Country Ecosystem Mapping, Investor Knowledge Base, Matchmaking platform application data, Stakeholder engagement platform (e.g., Slack).	Public (Aggregated/Anonymised) or Sensitive (Raw)
Knowledge Products	Deliverables, Public Reports (DMP, Quality Manual), Workshops/Webinar summaries, Best Practice Guides.	Public
Dissemination Assets	Project Website content, Social Media statistics, Newsletter subscriber lists, Video recordings (with consent).	Public (Metadata/Anonymised)

The main purpose of data collection was to fulfil core strategic objectives:

- Ecosystem mapping and Investor identification (WP1): To create accurate, actionable databases of fintech ecosystems and investors across target countries.

- Matchmaking (WP5): To collect the confidential data necessary to vet, select, and successfully match investors via the F6S platform.
- Impact assessment and validation (WP5/WP6): To gather qualitative feedback (Focus Groups, Workshops) and quantitative engagement metrics (Events, Slack, Website) to measure the project's success and provide a clear basis for final reporting.
- Community building: To establish and maintain compliant databases for direct communication and dissemination via online channels.

2.2 TYPES AND FORMATS OF DATA

The project handled diverse types of data, spanning both structured quantitative data and unstructured qualitative data:

TABLE 2. FINE PROJECT DATA TYPE AND DESCRIPTION

Data Type	Primary Format(s)	Description
Structured Core Data	.xlsx, .csv, .json (Platform Exports)	Investor Knowledgebase, Country Mapping (WP1), Matchmaking application forms, Event registration lists. These formats ensure high interoperability.
Unstructured Data	.pdf, .docx, .mp4 (Video), Text logs (Slack)	Deliverable reports, stakeholder workshop outputs, focus group transcripts/recordings, webinar recordings, and the exported communication logs from the Slack community.
Anonymized Metrics	Log data from Matomo/Social Media Platforms	Web traffic, user engagement, and community activity statistics used exclusively for reporting.

2.3 REUSE OF EXISTING DATA AND DATA ORIGIN

Minimal existing external data was reused. Where external data constituted the basis of the Country Ecosystem Mapping or Investor Knowledge Base (e.g., public institutional websites,

press, or open-source fund data), proper sourcing and intellectual property considerations were documented. Most of the data managed is **project-generated data**, sourced primarily from:

1. **Direct user input:** Via the F6S platform, event registration forms, newsletter subscriptions, and direct communication on the Slack community channel.
2. **Consortium Input:** Data generated by partners, such as reports, analyses, and internal communication logs.
3. **Third-Party analytics:** Data related to website traffic and social media engagement collected via Matomo and platform-specific analytics tools.

2.4 DATA UTILITY AND POTENTIAL RE-USE

The final datasets hold significant utility, primarily for:

- **Consortium members:** Internal use for project reporting, and future proposal development.
- **Policymakers and researchers:** Aggregated and anonymized data (industries, funding gaps, geographic distribution) are useful for understanding the status and growth dynamics of the European Fintech ecosystem.
- **Future Initiatives:** The methodologies and the structure of the Investor Knowledge Base are available for re-use by future business support or scaling initiatives.

Personal data, communication logs, and highly sensitive business data will not be re-used or shared with third parties outside the specific parameters of the long-term audit requirement.

2.5 PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA (GDPR COMPLIANCE)

All personal data processing activities in the FINE project were performed under the legal bases of consent or legitimate interests, documented fully within the project's internal data protection records.

TABLE 3. GDPR COMPLIANCE

Activity	Legal basis	Examples	Data management and security
Communication and Dissemination	Consent	Name, email (Newsletter), images/testimonials (Webinars/Events).	Consent was explicitly secured via sign-up forms and event notices. Opt-out/right-to-be-forgotten mechanisms were functional.

Matchmaking	Legitimate Interests	Investor company profile, name, contact details, financial metrics.	Access was strictly restricted to the WP5 management team (F6S, AL, I4W) and stored on the secure F6S platform.
Community Engagement (Slack)	Consent/Legitimate Interests	Name, professional title, messages, files.	Users were informed upon joining that the data is managed by FC for project purposes. Logs were securely exported and stored in the project repository.
Reporting	Legal Obligation	Project partner contact details, participant lists.	Data retained for the mandated 7-year post-project period.

No special category of sensitive data was collected. Data minimisation was a continuous principle, ensuring only necessary data was stored and retained.

3 FAIR DATA PRINCIPLES

The FINE consortium confirms that all data generated and processed has been managed in line with the FAIR principles:

3.1 MAKING DATA FINDABLE

- **Identifiers:** All final public reports and deliverables are stored in the designated long-term repository and will be assigned **Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)** where applicable, ensuring permanent discoverability.
- **Metadata:** Metadata for all final deliverables and public datasets (Title, Author, Date, Keywords) adhere to standard repository requirements, optimizing for re-use potential.
- **Versions:** All official deliverables (D6.3, D6.2, etc.) use clear version numbering, as documented in the Revision History.

3.2 MAKING DATA ACCESSIBLE

- **Open Access Policy:** The project adhered to the "as open as possible" rule. All non-sensitive reports and aggregated findings are **Public (PU)** and available on the project website and open-access repository.

- **Restricted Data:** Raw, sensitive datasets (Matchmaking platform, Slack logs, detailed personal contacts) are categorized as **Sensitive (SEN)**. Access to these is closed and restricted to authorized consortium members via the secure SharePoint, fulfilling the "as closed as necessary" requirement due to legal (GDPR) and contractual constraints.
- **Access tools:** Access to public data requires only standard, open-source tools (web browser, PDF reader, spreadsheet software).

3.3 MAKING DATA INTEROPERABLE

- **Format standards:** Interoperability was ensured by using common, widely accessible digital formats (.xlsx, .csv, standard web protocols) across all data collection tools and the project repository.

3.4 INCREASING DATA RE-USE

- **Licence:** Publicly accessible datasets and reports are licensed under open, non-commercial licenses (e.g., **Creative Commons CC-BY**) to permit the widest possible re-use by the academic and policy community.
- **Re-use timeframe:** All data necessary for verification purposes (including anonymised research datasets and necessary personal data for compliance) will be retained for a mandatory **seven (7) years** following the final payment.
- **Data Quality Assurance:** F6S, as the Deliverable Lead and Data Manager, performed a final review of all data exports and documentation, ensuring completeness, consistency, and compliance before final archiving.

4 ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, SECURITY, AND ETHICS

4.1 ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

The project confirms that the costs associated with making data FAIR (including storage, documentation, and personnel time for quality assurance and archiving) were fully integrated into the budget for WP6 Management and Quality Control. No additional external costs were required. The long-term preservation costs for the mandatory retention period are covered by the partner designated for archiving.

4.2 DATA SECURITY

All consortium members must understand their data security obligations and responsibilities. Such procedures are defined in the present deliverable. There is a dedicated focus on privacy by design and the rights of individuals engaged in the project. Each partner organisation will take responsibility for the platforms which they contract and/or operate for the project. As mentioned,

the project will maintain records on each platform that each organisation carries responsibility for under the project.

Each partner will review each of the platforms they use to deliver the project with regards to data security, data encryption, data retention, secure access, secure transfer, and the security of storage.

In sum, the FINE project will maintain protection of personal data and compliance with Data Regulations as per national and European legislation regarding the protection of personal data. Procedures will be in place for applicable technical means to avoid the loss, misuse, alteration, access by unauthorised persons and/or theft of the data provided to this entity. Notwithstanding, security measures (particularly for Internet accessible data) are not impregnable. To mitigate risk of unauthorised access, access controls will be applied to data sources. As an example, applications to the FINE project and feedback forms will be made accessible to a limited number of team members using user-level security and permissions.

FINE participants (data owners) will be able to exercise their right to be forgotten.

Breach procedures will be put in place by the consortium members to ensure that the partners are able to identify, assess, investigate, and report any reported or detected data breach at the earliest possible time.

Additionally, all consortium members will be asked to adopt security measures to protect computers, laptops, mobile phones, and similar tools to prevent unauthorised access in case of leaving the tool unattended or in case of loss or theft.

The FINE project successfully maintained a high level of data security throughout its operation.

- **Infrastructure:** Sensitive data was stored on the F6S platform and the consortium's secure SharePoint repository.
- **Platform Security:** For the newly implemented community tool, **The Fintech Corridor (FC)** ensured the secure management of the **Slack platform**, including access control, regular data exports, and secure storage in the project repository.
- **Access Control:** Access to sensitive datasets (Matchmaking, Slack logs) was strictly enforced using user-level security and permissions, minimising the internal team members with access rights.
- **Breach preparedness:** Clear procedures for identification, investigation, and reporting of data breaches were in place and communicated to all consortium members.

4.3 ETHICAL ASPECTS

The project confirms its adherence to all ethical and legal obligations:

- **Consent:** Informed consent was obtained for the collection and processing of personal data across all platforms, including registration for the Slack community.
- **Anonymisation:** All public outputs using participant profiles, including aggregated data derived from the Slack community, were subject to anonymisation processes to prevent deanonymisation.

- **Data Subject Rights:** Procedures were maintained to respect the data subjects' rights, including the right to erasure, subject to the overriding legal obligation for audit data retention.
- **Inclusivity:** The project actively tracked and, where appropriate, reported on gender-related data to confirm the project's commitment to gender balance and inclusivity.

5 FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

This D6.3 Final Data Management Plan marks the successful conclusion of the data management efforts for the FINE project. By providing this definitive, comprehensive, and retrospective review, the consortium ensures full accountability and transparency regarding all data handling, from collection to long-term archiving.

The effective management of both structured matchmaking data and dynamic community data, such as that collected via the Slack channel, serves as a model for future European innovation ecosystem projects. The FINE project's data assets are now secured, documented, and prepared to deliver maximum long-term impact to the European fintech investment landscape.

Table 1 lists the datasets that were generated within the FINE project.

TABLE 4. FINE SUMMARY OF DATASETS USED

DMP component (dataset)	Short Summary	Related WP
Country ecosystem mapping	Contains data about the Fintech ecosystem by country of interest (Malta, France, Netherlands, Ireland, Romania, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Hungary, Bulgaria).	WP1
Investor Knowledgebase	Contains data on country mapping, market trends and regulatory framework by country of interest (Malta, France, Netherlands, Ireland, Romania, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Hungary, Bulgaria).	WP1
Community engagement	Contains information about the chat logs and communications on the Slack platform.	WP3
Matchmaking platform	Contains data collected during the matchmaking platform application process related to the applications to the	WP5

	FINE network and communications with applicants.	
Project website and social media	Contains information about content created by FINE consortium published in the website or the project's social media channels.	WP5
Newsletter subscribers	Contains information about the subscribers to the FINE Newsletter.	WP5
Focus groups	Contains information about the participants and results from the focus groups with stakeholders	WP5
Stakeholder workshops	Contains information and results from the validation workshop with stakeholders.	WP5
Webinars and video recording	Contains recorded information about webinar organisers and participants.	WP5
Events registration and participation	Contains information about the events (online, hybrid, in-person) organized by FINE consortium.	WP5
External communication with third parties	Contains information about communication actions with third parties on one or more of the planned activities.	WP5

ANNEX 1: FINAL FINE DATASETS

TABLE 5. COUNTRY ECOSYSTEM MAPPING DATASET

DMP component	FINE_1_WP1_Country Ecosystem Mapping_V1 Partner: Truffle Capital
Data summary	<p><u>Purpose:</u> During the first's months, the consortium has been working to collect data on both country fintech ecosystems and investors. In addition, over 170 investors all over Europe have been mapped and will be contacted in the future steps. As this is a first milestone, the objective is to increase the number of investors and to go in-depth into the ecosystem activities to track them out and be helpful for the Eu fintech community.</p> <p><u>Type/format:</u> Excel file (.xlsx)</p> <p><u>Re-use of existing data:</u> No</p> <p><u>Data origin:</u> Several sources, most of them are institutional websites and funds/investor websites and interviews. Notably, for ecosystem we used national newspapers and fintech related websites as sifted.com and mindfintech.</p> <p><u>Expected size:</u> Unknown.</p> <p><u>Data utility:</u> Data will be useful for internal fine partners to scout potential new investors and to third party users to navigate the ecosystem of EU countries and look for new institutional investors to partner with.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p><u>Is data discoverable:</u> The data will be stored in the project repository or similar platform. It will be discoverable only by registered users with metadata, identifiable by investor name and/or organisation and in some cases, be indexable/findable using a persistent and unique actor key.</p> <p><u>Search keywords:</u> Yes, the users can look for keywords by using the shortcut Ctrl + F.</p> <p><u>Versioning:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Metadata creation:</u> No.</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p><u>Data openly accessible:</u> Only public data will be shared with stakeholders. GDPR compliant measure will be taken to protect names and personal contact data.</p>

	<p><u>How it will be accessible:</u> The data will be accessible via the FINE website.</p> <p><u>Methods/software tools to access data:</u> Web browser.</p> <p><u>Repository:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on access:</u> No restrictions.</p>
Making data interoperable	<p><u>Interoperability:</u> No</p> <p><u>Data and metadata vocabularies:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Use of standard vocabularies:</u> Use of standard vocabulary</p> <p><u>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies:</u> N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p><u>Licence:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Availability for re-use:</u> Data collected will be available during project lifetime on the project's website.</p> <p><u>Usable by third parties after end of project:</u> In compliance with Grant Agreement for 5 years after project completion on the project's website.</p> <p><u>Re-use timeframe:</u> 7 years</p> <p><u>Data quality assurance process:</u> Completeness and conformity of the data will be in charge of task leader Truffle Capital (TC) and supervised by the project Data Manager (F6S).</p>
Allocation of resources	<p><u>Costs for making data FAIR:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Costs for long-term preservation:</u> N/A</p>
Data security	<p><u>Security measures:</u> Ensuring data security and compliance with European regulations, FINE website will employ robust measures to prevent data loss, unauthorized access, and misuse. While recognizing that no security is unbreakable, access controls, such as user-level security and permissions, will restrict data access to authorized team members.</p>
Ethical aspects	<p><u>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing:</u> No</p> <p><u>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given:</u> N/A</p>

Other issues	N/A
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TABLE 6. INVESTOR KNOWLEDGEBASE DATASET

DMP component	FINE_1_WP1_Investor Knowledgebase_V1 Partner: Truffle Capital
Data summary	<p><u>Purpose:</u> During the first's months, the consortium has been working to collect data on both country fintech ecosystems and investors. After a first review, on the ecosystem side, more than 250 events, trends and specific policies were highlighted by the consortium in the targeted countries.</p> <p><u>Type/format:</u> Excel file (.xlsx)</p> <p><u>Re-use of existing data:</u> No</p> <p><u>Data origin:</u> Several sources, most of them are institutional websites and funds/investor websites and interviews. Notably, we used websites as Pitchbook.com and crunchbase to source the funds.</p> <p><u>Expected size:</u> 1GB.</p> <p><u>Data utility:</u> Data will be useful for internal fine partners to scout potential new investors and to third party users to navigate the ecosystem of Eu countries and look for new institutional investors to partner with.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p><u>Is data discoverable:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Search keywords:</u> Yes, the users can look for keywords by using the shortcut Ctrl + F.</p> <p><u>Versioning:</u> No.</p> <p><u>Metadata creation:</u> N/A</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p><u>Data openly accessible:</u> Only public data will be shared with stakeholders. GDPR compliant measure will be taken to protect names and personal contact data.</p> <p><u>How it will be accessible:</u> Project website.</p> <p><u>Methods/software tools to access data:</u> No restrictions</p>

	<p><u>Repository:</u> Project website.</p> <p><u>Restrictions on access:</u> No restrictions</p>
Making data interoperable	<p><u>Interoperability:</u> No</p> <p><u>Data and metadata vocabularies:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Use of standard vocabularies:</u> Use of standard vocabulary</p> <p><u>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies:</u> N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p><u>Licence:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Availability for re-use:</u> Data collected will be available during project lifetime on the project's website.</p> <p><u>Usable by third parties after end of project:</u> In compliance with Grant Agreement for 5 years after project completion on the project's website.</p> <p><u>Re-use timeframe:</u> 7 years</p> <p><u>Data quality assurance process:</u> Completeness and conformity of the data will be in charge of task leader Truffle Capital (TC) and supervised by the project Data Manager (F6S).</p>
Allocation of resources	<p><u>Costs for making data FAIR:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Costs for long-term preservation:</u> N/A</p>
Data security	<p><u>Security measures:</u> Ensuring data security and compliance with European regulations, FINE website will employ robust measures to prevent data loss, unauthorized access, and misuse. While recognizing that no security is unbreakable, access controls, such as user-level security and permissions, will restrict data access to authorized team members.</p>
Ethical aspects	<p><u>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given:</u> N/A</p>
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 7. MATCHMAKING PLATFORM DATASET

DMP component	FINE_3_WP5_Matchmaking Platform_V1 Partner: F6S
Data summary	<p>Purpose: The FINE Matchmaking Network applications datasets will include data collected during the application process. It will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City and country • Gender • Type of investor • Target regions • Ticket size range • Industry sector • Funding stage • Type of instrument <p>Type/Format: The data will be collected and stored in structured digital format. It may include textual information such as individual and company profiles, as well as geographical location and other metrics. The format will primarily be electronic, with the data being entered and managed in the F6S platform</p> <p>Data origin: It will be provided by the individuals/companies or their representatives, who will enter the information into the F6S platform.</p> <p>Expected size: Unknown.</p> <p>Data utility: Data collected will be used by consortium members to perform the matchmaking of the investor's submitted applications and to decide whether they should be selected to participate in FINE Network. The dataset will also be used to generate statistics and reports about the FINE project as requested by the GA, which will be aggregated or anonymised data that will not compromise personal details of applicants nor any other confidential information about their projects.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: The data will be stored in the project repository or similar platform. It will be discoverable only by registered users with metadata, identifiable by investor name and/or organisation and in some cases, be indexable/findable using a persistent and unique actor key.</p> <p>Search keywords: N/A</p>

	<p>Versioning: One version.</p> <p>Metadata creation: Collected information will be organised as structured data. Metadata used will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How data was created • Time and date of creation or modification • Source of data. • Who created data. • Expected quality of data.
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: Raw data will not be openly accessible due to FINE's commitments to its applicants in relation to personal information and business private information. However, anonymised, or aggregated data from the network participation may be made public.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: The collected raw data will be stored in the project repository or a similar platform, only accessible to those partners with direct management of the applications and respective information. A dataset including anonymised or aggregated data from the participation will be made public in a public repository (i.e., project website) in the form of a non-editable document).</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: Download files via web browser.</p> <p>Repository: The collected data will be stored in the project repository or a similar platform. A dataset including anonymised or aggregated data from the participation will be made public in a public repository like the project website.</p> <p>Restrictions on access: Given the confidential nature of the information, access will be restricted to only those required for managing the data.</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: Yes, effort will be made so that the data is interoperable.</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: Data will be available using standard spreadsheet formats (Open Office, Excel, Google Sheets, etc.), using standard text editors (Open Office, Word, Google Docs, etc.) and using standard encoding and formatting to reduce the likelihood of incompatibility.</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>

Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: The dataset will not be made openly available due FINE's commitments to its applicants in relation to personal information and business private information.</p> <p>Availability for re-use: No</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: No</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: Completeness and conformity of the application exports is ensured by the leader of the process and the person responsible for performing the quality check. Completeness and conformity of the data, including communications with applicants, is ensured by the Data Manager (F6S) as they will have to check all process documents to approve final selection.</p>
Allocation of resources	<p>Costs for making data FAIR: There are no additional costs to make data FAIR in the project, as the costs to operate each platform used in the project are already integrated into the project costs.</p> <p>Costs for long-term preservation: N/A</p>
Data security	<p>Security measures: FINE will maintain protection of personal data and compliance with Data Regulations as per national and European legislation regarding the protection of personal data. Procedures will be in place for applicable technical means to avoid the loss, misuse, alteration, access by unauthorised persons and/or theft of the data provided to this entity. Notwithstanding, security measures (particularly for Internet accessible data) are not impregnable. To mitigate risk of unauthorised access, access controls will be applied to data sources. As an example, applications to the FINE project network will be made accessible to a limited number of team members using user-level security and permissions.</p> <p>FINE participants (data owners) will be able to exercise their right to be forgotten.</p>
Ethical aspects	<p>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: Due to ethical or legal concerns the raw data will not be made openly available due FINE's commitments to its applicants in relation to personal information and business private information. Only anonymised or aggregated data from the participation will be made public.</p> <p>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: The applicants will provide their informed consent for the collection and processing of their personal data in the context of FINE. The data will not be shared outside the consortium.</p>

Other issues	N/A
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TABLE 8. PROJECT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA DATASET

DMP component	FINE_4_WP5_Website and social media_V1 Partner: F6S
Data summary	<p>Purpose: The project partners will run and manage a project website and social media platforms to raise awareness about the project, engage stakeholders, and disseminate information and results. Anonymous statistical information about the visitors to the website and users' engagement with social media will be collected.</p> <p>Type/Format: Standard text editors (Open Office, Word, Google Docs, etc.)</p> <p>Data origin: The project website will be set up to provide statistics that will be collected using a web analytics service. Only anonymised data will be collected that can not be tracked back to a specific individual. Social media platforms include their own analytics services that will be used to collect and provide information about user engagement on these platforms.</p> <p>Expected size: Unknown.</p> <p>Data utility: The dataset generated will be used by consortium members to analyse visitors and users' engagement with the project via the website and social media, and to adjust the existing strategy to improve engagement.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: Yes</p> <p>Search keywords: FINE, Fintech, News, Updates, Insights</p> <p>Versioning: No</p> <p>Metadata creation: No</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: In order to allow for a more thorough and varied analysis, data will remain stored on the analytics platforms. If relevant, data may be exported to the project's documentation repository to enable access by consortium members. Data will be stored separately, divided into the website and relevant social media platforms.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Analytics platforms.</p>

	<p>Methods/software tools to access data: Google Analytics; Other analytics platforms</p> <p>Restrictions on access: Data sharing is not applicable for this dataset. Information extracted from the dataset will be made available via official reports.</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: Data exported to the project's documentation repository will be stored using a common naming convention to ensure easy access by consortium members. Whenever possible, data will be exported regularly (e.g. fortnightly, monthly) and consistently in terms of indicators. The task leader will verify that the dataset is exported regularly and that it is consistent in terms of indicators.</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: N/A</p> <p>Availability for re-use: This dataset will be used to generate statistics and reports about visitors and users, which will be aggregated or anonymized data that will not compromise personal details of the participants nor any other confidential information. This information will not be re-used outside of the project.</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: N/A</p>
Allocation of resources	<p>Costs for making data FAIR: There are no additional costs to make data FAIR in the project, as the costs to operate each platform used in the project are already integrated into the project costs.</p> <p>Costs for long-term preservation: N/A</p>
Data security	<p>Security measures: Ensuring data security and compliance with European regulations, FINE website and social media channels will employ robust measures to prevent data loss, unauthorized access, and misuse. While recognizing that no security is unbreakable, access controls, such as user-level security and permissions, will restrict data access to authorized team members.</p>

Ethical aspects	<p>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: N/A</p> <p>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: FINE Privacy policy and Terms of use on the website.</p>
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 9. NEWSLETTER DATASET

DMP component	FINE_5_WP5_Newsletter_V1 Partner: F6S
Data summary	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this database is to store the data of the subscribers to the FINE Newsletter.</p> <p>Type/Format: The data will be collected and stored in structured digital format. This dataset will include the first name and email of each subscriber.</p> <p>Data origin: Subscription link at the FINE website and social media channels.</p> <p>Expected size: The exact size cannot be determined in advance. The dataset's size will depend on the number people that subscribe. The data will be used to send the FINE Newsletter, with updated information on the project developments and opportunities.</p> <p>Data utility: The data will be used to send the FINE Newsletter, with updated information on the project developments and opportunities</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: No</p> <p>Search keywords: No</p> <p>Versioning: No</p> <p>Metadata creation: No</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: N/A</p> <p>How it will be accessible: N/A</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: N/A</p>

	Repository: LinkedIn Restrictions on access: N/A
Making data interoperable	Interoperability: N/A Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A Use of standard vocabularies: N/A Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A
Increase data re-use	Licence: N/A Availability for re-use: N/A Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A Re-use timeframe: N/A Data quality assurance process: N/A
Allocation of resources	Costs for making data FAIR: There are no additional costs to make data FAIR in the project, as the costs to operate each platform used in the project are already integrated into the project costs. Costs for long-term preservation: N/A
Data security	Security measures: Data is stored on the LinkedIn platform
Ethical aspects	Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: N/A Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: N/A
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 10. FOCUS GROUPS DATASET

DMP component	FINE_6_WP5_Focus Groups_V1 Partner: F6S
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Data summary	<p>Purpose: Qualitative analysis to identify critical issues in relation to fintech investment ecosystem in Europe.</p> <p>Type/format: Audio format (.mp3), Word document (transcription).</p> <p>Re-use of existing data: No</p> <p>Data origin: Interviews</p> <p>Expected size: ~35 Mb per interview.</p> <p>Data utility: Internal use.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: Analysis of interviews will be provided on project repository.</p> <p>Search keywords: N/A</p> <p>Versioning: N/A</p> <p>Metadata creation: N/A</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: The analysis of interviews will be openly accessible. Interview recordings and transcripts are restricted, because interviewees can easily be tracked and the necessary anonymity cannot be guaranteed, as the interviewees talk about their unique experience.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Analysis will be on project repository</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: No specific software needed.</p> <p>Repository: Project repository</p> <p>Restrictions on access: N/A</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: N/A</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: N/A</p> <p>Availability for re-use: N/A</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p>

	Data quality assurance process: N/A
Allocation of resources	Costs for making data FAIR: N/A Costs for long-term preservation: N/A
Data security	Security measures: The raw data and transcript of interviews as well as personal keys stored on Finance Innovation server – project repository owners, which meets the necessary security standards. All data will be deleted after project ends.
Ethical aspects	Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: Interview partners will be asked for informed consent. The research team will agree with interviewees that, raw data of interviews will not be shared. Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: No, only for analytical purposes.
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 11. STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS DATASET

DMP component	FINE_7_WP5_Stakeholders workshops_V1 Partner: F6S
Data summary	Purpose: Dissemination workshop of project objectives and activities Online, hybrid or physical. Type/format: Miro boards, paper templates Re-use of existing data: No Data origin: Workshop Expected size: N/A Data utility: Internal use.
Making data findable, incl.	Is data discoverable: No Search keywords: N/A

provisions for metadata	Versioning: N/A Metadata creation: N/A
Making data openly accessible	Data openly accessible: The results of the workshop will be openly accessible in project repository, website, and social media. How it will be accessible: Results will be on project repository, website, and social media. Methods/software tools to access data: No specific software needed. Repository: Project repository, website, and social media. Restrictions on access: N/A
Making data interoperable	Interoperability: N/A Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A Use of standard vocabularies: N/A Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A
Increase data re-use	Licence: N/A Availability for re-use: N/A Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A Re-use timeframe: N/A Data quality assurance process: N/A
Allocation of resources	Costs for making data FAIR: N/A Costs for long-term preservation: N/A
Data security	Security measures: Participant list is stored on Finance Innovation server – Owners of the project repository, which meets the necessary security standards. All data will be deleted after project ends.
Ethical aspects	Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: No ethical or legal issues, as only workshop results will be shared. Participation is anonymous.

	Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: No, only for analytical purposes.
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 12. WEBINARS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS DATASET

DMP component	FINE_8_WP5_Webinars and Video recordings_V1 Partner: F6S
Data summary	<p>Purpose: The project will organise and run one or more webinars that may be recorded for and manage a project website and social media channels to raise awareness about the project, engage stakeholders, and disseminate information and results.</p> <p>Type/format: Standard video format (.mp4; .mov; etc.)</p> <p>Re-use of existing data: No</p> <p>Data origin: Webinars and other activities will be recorded with video in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have been informed and able to withdraw consent to be recorded for the purpose of the webinar/ activity. • Recording is necessary to fulfil the objectives of the project. • Recording is in the public interest or is in the interests of the recorder, unless those interests are overridden by the interests of the participants that require protection of personal data. <p>If one of the above-mentioned cases is applicable, all participants of the webinar or activity that will be recorded will be informed at the start that such recording will take place. The following information will be disclosed to the participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation the webinar/ activity will be recorded. • Justification of the reason for the recording. • Request consent for the recording: individuals who do not consent to the recording can still participate in the webinar/ activity. They can do this by turning off their camera and hiding/removing their name from the recording session so they can remain anonymous. <p>In the process of recording, the following will be considered:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at any time there is a need to protect sensitive data, the recording will be paused/ stopped. • Any part of the recording that contains sensitive data will be erased. • Recordings with sensitive data will be marked as such. <p>Expected size: N/A</p> <p>Data utility: The collected data in the webinars and video recording will be used by the FINE consortium to promote the project's activities through communication and dissemination actions.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: Yes</p> <p>Search keywords: FINE Webinar, Video, Recording</p> <p>Versioning: N/A</p> <p>Metadata creation: N/A</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: Webinars and other video recordings will be stored on the project's repository and/or public platforms.</p> <p>All files sent to the repository must comply with the locations, names and permissions as defined in the D6.1 Project Quality Manual.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Webinars and other video recordings may be shared and made publicly available through the project website or a public platform.</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: No specific software needed.</p> <p>Repository: Project repository, website, and social media.</p> <p>Restrictions on access: N/A</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: N/A</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: N/A</p>

	<p>Availability for re-use: Webinars and other video recordings may be used by the consortium members for dissemination purposes or to increase external engagement in the project.</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: N/A</p>
Allocation of resources	<p>Costs for making data FAIR: N/A</p> <p>Costs for long-term preservation: N/A</p>
Data security	<p>Security measures: Participant list is stored on Finance Innovation server – Owners of the project repository, which meets the necessary security standards. All data will be deleted after project ends.</p>
Ethical aspects	<p>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: Obtaining informed consent from participants, respecting data privacy and accessibility, upholding intellectual property rights, ensuring content accuracy, and promoting cultural sensitivity. Legally, compliance with data protection regulations, intellectual property laws, cybersecurity measures, and adherence to open access requirements is crucial. Transparency regarding data retention, deletion policies, and potential conflicts of interest is essential.</p> <p>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: The applicants will provide their informed consent for the collection and processing of their personal data in the context of FINE.</p>
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 13. EVENTS REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION DATASET

DMP component	<p>FINE_9_WP5_Events registration and participation_V1</p> <p>Partner: F6S</p>
Data summary	<p>Purpose: Participant registration for an event will be done using an online registration form or in-person at the event. The information collected will be the same independently of the registration being on or offline.</p>

	<p>Information collected will be the minimum needed to generate statistics regarding participation at the event. When relevant, consent for usage of participants' image and audio in dissemination actions will also be collected. Participant registration will be collected for every event run in the project.</p> <p>Type/format: File formats compatible with Microsoft Excel (.xls; .xlsx; .csv)</p> <p>Re-use of existing data: No</p> <p>Data origin: Online and physical events</p> <p>Expected size: N/A</p> <p>Data utility: Internal use.</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: No</p> <p>Search keywords: N/A</p> <p>Versioning: N/A</p> <p>Metadata creation: N/A</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: The events registration data will be accessible only to consortium members.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Registration and participation files will be on project repository</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: No specific software needed.</p> <p>Repository: Project repository, website, and social media.</p> <p>Restrictions on access: N/A</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: N/A</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: N/A</p> <p>Availability for re-use: The registration dataset will be used by consortium members to increase participants' engagement in the project. It will also serve to generate aggregated or anonymized statistics and reports about the participants.</p>

	<p>Upon specific consent by the registrants, the dataset may be used to communicate other events or initiatives organised by the FINE or other projects that pursue a similar objective.</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: The task leader is responsible for verifying that all required information is provided by participants, that it is stored and that instructions in the informed consents are enforced.</p>
Allocation of resources	<p>Costs for making data FAIR: N/A</p> <p>Costs for long-term preservation: N/A</p>
Data security	<p>Security measures: Participant list is stored on Finance Innovation server – Owners of the project repository, which meets the necessary security standards. The FINE consortium must retain generated data until five years after the balance of the project is paid or longer if there are ongoing procedures (such as audits, investigations, or litigation). In this case, the data must be kept until they end.</p>
Ethical aspects	<p>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: No ethical or legal issues.</p> <p>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: No, only for analytical purposes.</p>
Other issues	N/A

TABLE 14. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION WITH THIRD PARTIES DATASET

DMP component	<p>FINE_10_WP_External communication with third parties_V1</p> <p>Partner: F6S</p>
Data summary	<p>Purpose: The project partners will engage and communicate with third parties throughout the project on one or more of the planned activities.</p> <p>Communication and Information exchange between the partners and third parties will be carried out through one or more different platforms and may include e-mail, the F6S platform, or other communication platforms.</p>

	<p>Type/format: .PDF</p> <p>Re-use of existing data: No</p> <p>Data origin: E-mail, F6S platform, or other communication platforms.</p> <p>Expected size: N/A</p> <p>Data utility: Internal use</p>
Making data findable, incl. provisions for metadata	<p>Is data discoverable: No</p> <p>Search keywords: N/A</p> <p>Versioning: N/A</p> <p>Metadata creation: N/A</p>
Making data openly accessible	<p>Data openly accessible: The information collected will only be available for FINE consortium members. Data sharing is not applicable for this dataset.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Project repository</p> <p>Methods/software tools to access data: No specific software needed.</p> <p>Repository: Project repository</p> <p>Restrictions on access: N/A</p>
Making data interoperable	<p>Interoperability: N/A</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Use of standard vocabularies: N/A</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A</p>
Increase data re-use	<p>Licence: N/A</p> <p>Availability for re-use: The dataset will be used primarily to enable access to information and documentation by consortium members involved in activities. With exemption to the third parties involved, no other third parties will use the information and documentation contained in the data set.</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: N/A</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: N/A</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: Information and documentation of interest that is exported to the project's documentation repository will be stored using a common naming convention to ensure easy access by consortium</p>

	members. The task leader will verify that the information and documentation is consistent in terms of its naming and organisation within the repository.
Allocation of resources	Costs for making data FAIR: N/A Costs for long-term preservation: N/A
Data security	Security measures: Information about communication actions regarding third parties is stored on Finance Innovation server – Owners of the project repository, which meets the necessary security standards. The FINE consortium must retain generated data until five years after the balance of the project is paid or longer if there are ongoing procedures (such as audits, investigations, or litigation). In this case, the data must be kept until they end.
Ethical aspects	Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: No ethical or legal issues. Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: No, only for internal purposes.
Other issues	N/A

DMP component	FINE_11_WP5_Slack Community Stakeholder Engagement_V1.0 Partner: FC
Data summary	<p>Purpose: To facilitate direct, informal communication and outreach to stakeholders from the network for community building, quick feedback, and dissemination.</p> <p>Type/format: Instant messages (text), shared files (documents, images), user profiles (name, company, email, professional title).</p> <p>Re-use of existing data: No.</p> <p>Data origin: Direct user input via the Slack platform (messages, file uploads, profile creation).</p> <p>Expected size: Unknown.</p>

		Data utility: Internal use for project partners (engagement tracking, quick polling, dissemination reports). Aggregated statistics may be used in final reporting.
Making findable, provisions metadata	data incl. for	<p>Is data discoverable: Log data is stored in the project's internal repository. It is identifiable by user ID and channel/thread name.</p> <p>Search keywords: FINE, Stakeholder, Slack, Community, Fintech Corridor.</p> <p>Versioning: No.</p> <p>Metadata creation: Standard metadata (sender, timestamp, channel) provided by the Slack API export.</p>
Making data openly accessible		<p>Data openly accessible: Raw data (messages, user profiles) will not be openly accessible due to the highly personal and confidential nature of the discussions.</p> <p>How it will be accessible: Access is restricted to authorized consortium members via the project's repository. Only aggregated statistics on engagement or thematic analysis of the discussions will be made public in a non-editable format.</p> <p>Restrictions on access: Restricted to project managers and WP leads involved in community management.</p>
Making interoperable	data	<p>Interoperability: Data is exported in JSON/CSV format for internal use.</p> <p>Data and metadata vocabularies: Standard JSON/CSV formats.</p> <p>Mappings to commonly used vocabularies: N/A.</p>
Increase data re-use		<p>Licence: N/A (Restricted data).</p> <p>Availability for re-use: Restricted to the FINE consortium for project exploitation and final reporting.</p> <p>Usable by third parties after end of project: No.</p> <p>Re-use timeframe: The data (anonymized logs and aggregated statistics) will be retained for 7 years post-project completion for audit purposes.</p> <p>Data quality assurance process: FC (Partner lead) is responsible for verifying the completeness and secure storage of the Slack data export and ensuring the anonymization of any data used for public reporting.</p>

Allocation resources	of	<p>Costs for making data FAIR: No additional cost, covered under FC's WP3 personnel costs.</p> <p>Costs for long-term preservation: Covered by the long-term project repository costs.</p>
Data security		<p>Security measures: The Slack instance access is managed by FC. Data exports are stored in the secure project repository with restricted access. Users are informed about data retention.</p> <p>Breach procedures: FC's internal breach procedures are applicable and integrated with the overall consortium procedures.</p>
Ethical aspects		<p>Possible ethical and legal aspects preventing sharing: Data includes professional and personal identifiers, making raw data sharing impossible without explicit, individual consent from all users.</p> <p>Is informed consent for data sharing and long-term preservation given: Users are informed upon joining the community about the project's data collection, storage, and anonymization policy, and that the data is managed by The Fintech Corridor (FC) for project purposes. Continued participation constitutes consent for data collection.</p>
Other issues		N/A