

MarDATA Retreat 24. – 26.08.2026 – Programme

Monday 24.08.26

- 12:00 - 13:30 [Arrival and Lunch](#)
- 13:30 - 14:00 Welcome (Enno Prigge)
- 14:00 - 15:00 Project Updates "Marine Biodiversity"
- 14:00 - 14:30 Hannes Gelbhardt (AWI)
- 14:30 - 15:00 Asma Javaid (GEOMAR)
- 15:00 - 15:30 [Break](#)
- 15:30 - 16:30 Project Updates "Polar Research"
- 16:00 - 16:30 Faramarz Bagherzadeh (AWI)
- 16:30 - 17:00 Nina Öhlckers (AWI)
- 16:30 - 16:45 [Break](#)
- 16:45 - 17:30 ["Machine Learning Eliminates Reanalysis Warm Bias and Reveals Weaker Winter Surface Cooling over Arctic Sea Ice"](#)
- Dr. Akil Hossain, AWI
- 18:00 - 20:00 [Dinner & Icebreaker \(on site\)](#)

Tuesday 25.08.26

- 09:00 - 10:30 Project Updates "Marine Observations & Monitoring"
- 09:00 - 09:30 David Graf (GEOMAR)
- 09:30 - 10:00 Naina Said (Kiel University)
- 10:00 - 10:30 Lukas Schattenhofer (GEOMAR)
- 10:30 - 11:00 [Break](#)
- 11:00 - 12:30 Project Updates "Ocean Processes & Biogeochemistry"
- 11:00 - 11:30 Felix Rodriguez Rasmussen (GEOMAR)
- 11:30 - 12:00 Anna Broschke (AWI)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Nils Müller (AWI)
- 12:30 - 13:30 [Lunch](#)
- 13:30 - 15:00 WORKSHOP Preparing MarDATA for the 2028 Evaluation: Part 1
- 15:00 - 15:30 [Break](#)
- 15:30 - 17:00 WORKSHOP Preparing MarDATA for the 2028 Evaluation: Part 2
- 18:00 - 20:30 [Dinner & MarDATA Social - Markthalle ACHT](#)

Wednesday 26.08.26

- 09:00 - 10:30 Project Updates
- 09:00 - 09:30 Yvonne Jenniges (AWI)
- 09:30 - 10:00 Christina Hübers (Kiel University)
- 10:00 - 10:30 tbd
- 10:30 - 11:00 [Break](#)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Project Updates "AI Methods & Modeling"
- 11:00 - 11:30 Jan Blunk (GEOMAR)
- 11:30 - 12:00 Hannah Scherer (Kiel University)
- 12:00 - 14:00 [Farewell, Lunch & Departure](#)

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WORKSHOP: Preparing MarDATA for the 2028 Evaluation

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- 13:30 - 15:00 WORKSHOP Preparing MarDATA for the 2028 Evaluation: Part 1
15:00 - 15:30 [Break](#)
15:30 - 17:00 WORKSHOP Preparing MarDATA for the 2028 Evaluation: Part 2

As we prepare for the next evaluation in 2028, this workshop offers an opportunity to reflect on how MarDATA should evolve to meet future scientific and educational challenges. Together, MarDATAs, supervisors and PIs will discuss three key strategic topics:

Defining essential core competencies and (mandatory) training
Enhancing international recruitment, and
Strategic positioning of MarDATA within partner institutions and beyond

Through an interactive World Café format, we will develop concrete ideas and priorities that will help shape the next phase of MarDATA and ensure that we continue to educate the next generation of Marine Data Scientists.

13:30 - 13:45 Intro (Enno Prigge)

13:45 - 15:00 World Café

[Table A: Core Competencies for MarDATA Doctoral Researchers](#)

"Define the essential skills and competencies every MarDATA doctoral researcher should acquire during the programme."

[Table B: Attracting the Next Generation of MarDATA Researchers](#)

"Define the target profile of future MarDATA doctoral researchers and identify strategies to attract excellent candidates from diverse international backgrounds."

[Table C: Strategic Positioning and Visibility](#)

"Reflect on how MarDATA should position itself nationally and internationally and how its structures support this."

15:00 - 15:30 Break

15:30 - 16:15 Prioritisation

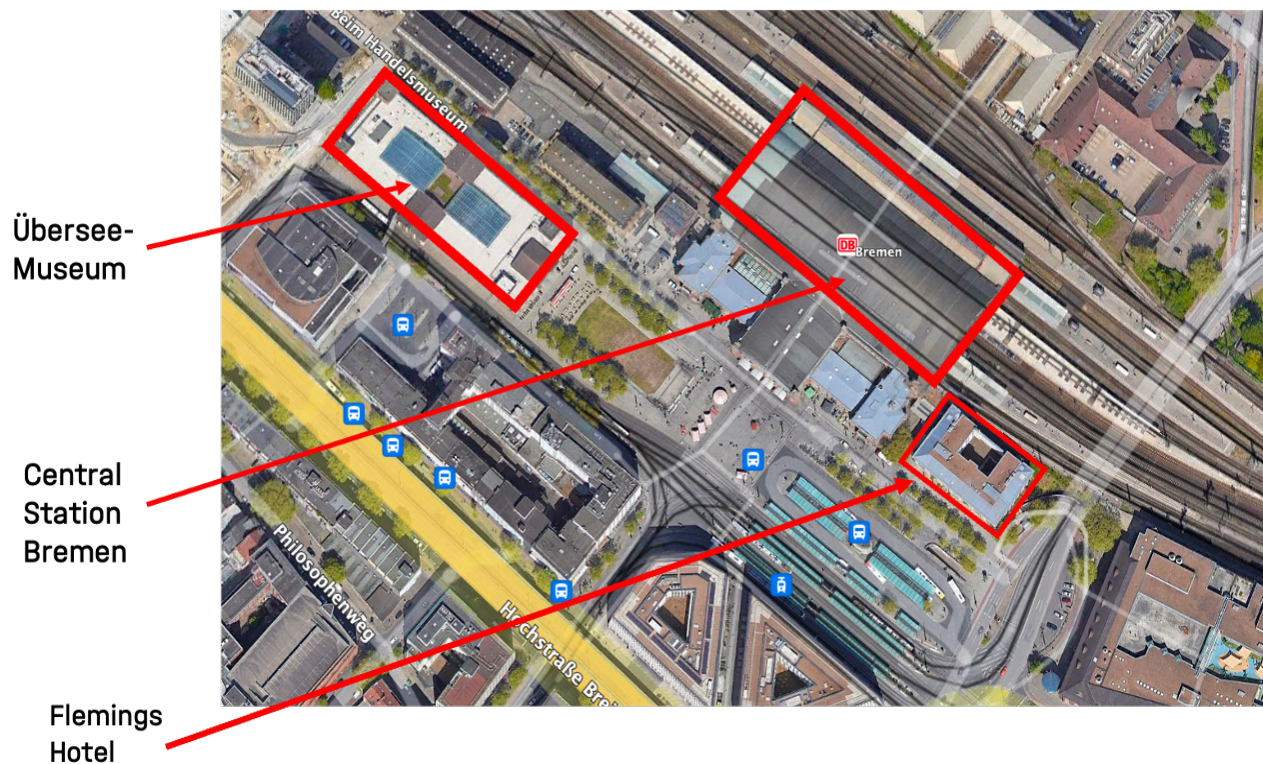
16:15 - 16:45 Action Planning

16:45 - 17:00 Wrap-Up

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Venue:

Übersee-Museum Bremen
Bahnhofsplatz 13
28195 Bremen



Arrival by train: The Übersee-Museum is located right next to Bremen's main train station. If you're arriving by train, take the exit toward the city and turn right onto Bahnhofsplatz. The main entrance to the Übersee-Museum faces directly onto Bahnhofsplatz.

Arrival by car: Due to the central location of the Übersee-Museum directly at the main station, parking possibilities for cars are limited.

Arrival by public transport: You can reach the Übersee-Museum Bremen by streetcar lines 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and bus lines 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 63 stop Hauptbahnhof. The Übersee-Museum is also located directly next to the Central Bus Station ZOB, where numerous intercity buses stop.