



SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you all for sharing the contact persons with us and participating in the survey! You can find the detailed survey results [here](#).

The most important takeaways from the survey are:

- The tools used by ViCom members for data manipulation and management vary widely, with both extremes present: while some people use very advanced tools, others opt for much simpler ones.
- The biggest issues to be tackled within the data network are: transparency of data collected in individual projects, coherence across projects regarding data structure, and the sharing of tools and their range of uses.

DATA NETWORK'S FIRST DATASET PUBLISHED

Information about the [first open dataset](#) has been published on ViCom's website. This open dataset can serve as an initial example for future open datasets generated within ViCom.

This example of course does not determine how other datasets must be shared within the data network, and if you have any idea on what (more) should be shown in the structure/metadata of a dataset, please let us know! We want to take a bottom-up approach and gather input to work towards more general guidelines for data sharing in ViCom.



Word cloud made from answers to question 12 in the survey regarding important issues to be tackled within the ViCom data network

NEWS

- To appear: Gregori et al. - ViCom consortium (2023): A Roadmap for Technological Innovation in Multimodal Communication Research. Proceedings of the HCI2023 conference.
- DFG grant submission by Martin Schulte-Rüther & Björn Krüger (with cooperation partners in ViCom): Enhancing re-usability and extensibility of research code: Towards a framework for Motion Analysis Pipelines [openMAP]

USEFUL TOOLS

- An institutional GitHub account has been set up for ViCom so as to centralize new tools and codes that are helpful for our research. All of us can share code and tools on this [ViCom GitHub repository](#). The first examples of such tools were kindly provided by Door Spruijt and Wim Pouw. You can find them listed on the [ViCom Data Network's homepage](#).
- "Segment Anything Model (SAM): a new AI model from Meta AI that can "cut out" any object, in any image, with a single click" (<https://segment-anything.com/>)
<https://github.com/facebookresearch/segment-anything>

UPCOMING EVENT

GeSpIn – Gesture and Speech in Interaction Conference, September 13th – 15th in Nijmegen
<https://www.gespin2023.nl>