

About CESSDA ERIC

CESSDA ERIC provides large scale, integrated and sustainable data services to the social sciences. It brings together social science data archives across Europe, with the aim of promoting the results of social science research and supporting national and international research and cooperation.

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National Data Service - ALBANIA

ADAS

The Albanian Data Archive for Social Science

Why establish a national data service?

From a research policy perspective, national data services provide a number of benefits to scientific communities that justify the needed investment.

Long-term access

To ensure wider and more effective use of existing data, respecting FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles

More efficient use of public finances

Publicly funded data are further exploited by secondary users for new insights and scientific contributions

Stronger research practice and quality

By rendering research more transparent and open for replicability

Funding and publication in journals

Increasingly a requirement that data be deposited in archives/repositories

Added value of secondary research

Secondary data brings value to university lecturers and students, as well as to society and business

Who are we?

The Albanian Data Archive for Social Science (ADAS) will be a national research infrastructure that provides long-term preservation and distribution of research data in the social sciences in Albania. The Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth and the National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation will define the host institution for ADAS and coordinate its establishment. There are several potential institutions which could serve as a host institution for the national data service.

Our mission

Our mission is to manage data and data services in order to support high quality research, teaching and learning in the social sciences in Albania by acquiring, developing and managing data and related digital resources, and by promoting and disseminating these resources as widely and effectively as possible.

What do we do?

The main activities of ADAS will be to:

- » acquire important research data from a wide range of social science disciplines;
- » ensure long-term digital preservation;
- » provide access to research data that enables easy and well-informed usage for various purposes;
- » train researchers and more generally data depositors on planning, dealing and preparing data for ingest in open access;
- » provide data service user support and training;
- » actively promoting secondary use of research data by training users.

What kind of data do we have?

ADAS will collect data across a range of social science disciplines. This includes quantitative and qualitative data. The primary focus will be on quantitative data in the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, political science, psychology, educational science, information science, economics, demography, and geography.

The data service will also collect and curate qualitative data, but with more careful selection and with consideration given to available resources. Qualitative data will encompass in the first phase oral history and life story projects, as well as other narrative studies, currently undertaken within academia and NGOs.

Who is it for?

ADAS intends to provide services to the academic community, i.e. university researchers, teachers and students (doctoral, master and bachelor), as well as to researchers from other public institutions (i.e. scientific institutes, government agencies), and researchers from private institutions such as NGOs, individual researchers, journalists, and private research companies. For other individuals/institutions, the data service reserves the right to decide on a case-by-case basis.

ADAS has a large network of archives in Europe to provide it with support via CESSDA ERIC.

More information

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