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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 - CROATIA

The Croatian
Data Archive Services
for the Social Sciences



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 Croatian Data Archive Services for the Social Sciences will be the national infrastructure public service whose role is to ensure long-term preservation and dissemination of social science research data. The data archive should be established as a unit within a larger existing organisation, where the data services should be available to the whole community, national and international. The host institution should be FFZG - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb. A key stakeholder will be the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education and the main partner should be the University of Zagreb University Computing Centre.

Our mission

Our mission is to provide a foundation for social science research. We will do this by acquiring and managing digital objects, being an expert centre in data curation, and by ensuring that the data are seamlessly accessible in open formats and well documented for efficient reuse.

What do we do?

We will support researchers during the entire lifecycle of their project, from hypothesis development and grant preparation to data collection. We will also ensure that data is preserved and reusable in the long-term once the project has ended. The data archive will promote data sharing and secondary analysis to achieve wider and more effective use of existing data in research and education.

The core services of the archive will be:

- » solicitation and acquisition of data from data producers;
- » curation and long-term preservation of data;
- » maintaining a catalogue of the archived data;
- » enabling access to data and access rights administration;
- » support, assistance, and advice for data depositors during the entire lifecycle of the project and for data users;
- » promoting a culture of data sharing and secondary analysis.

A number of additional services are envisaged such as online tools for data analysis and enabling secure access to sensitive data via a safe room. Moreover, the data archive should establish and coordinate a local network of data service users (data depositors, data users, and librarians), as well as take part in regional and international collaboration projects.

In its work, the data archive follows international professional standards and procedures. It cooperates with similar institutions in Europe and globally.

What kind of data do we have?

The data service will curate social science research data produced by researchers and research organisations. The primary focus is on quantitative data in the disciplines of sociology, psychology, education science, information science, political science, and economics. Other disciplines can be included as well, as long as they produce data by using social science methodologies and cover societal and economic issues. The data service will also collect qualitative data by careful selection and with consideration for available resources (e.g. it will not handle time-consuming qualitative data management if quantitative data is still waiting to be processed).

Both contemporary and historical data will be acquired, although the data management of contemporary data will be prioritised. Mainly traditional-scale data will be processed to begin with and not large-scale data or "big data". Curating data from administrative registers can be considered in the future in a framework of cooperation with other projects and initiatives.

Who is it for?

The data archive will offer services to university researchers and teachers, university students (doctoral, master, and bachelor) and researchers from other public research institutions (e.g. scientific institutes, government organisations).

Other categories of users are policy makers and funding bodies, NGOs, business, professional organisations, private research companies, secondary school teachers and students, journalists, etc. The services will be free for all users from the public sector for non-profit use, however fees may be applied for commercial use.

The Croatian Data Archive has a large network of archives in Europe to provide it with support via possible future membership of CESSDA ERIC.

More information

For more details visit <https://hr.seedsproject.ffzg.hr> or contact the Croatian archive team (data.archive@ffzg.hr).