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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 - MONTENEGRO

MSSDA

The Montenegrin Social Science
Data Archive



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 Montenegrin Social Science Data Archive (MSSDA) will be a national data service infrastructure for the long-term preservation and distribution of social science research data produced by Montenegrin researchers. MSSDA could be hosted by the Centre for Monitoring and Research (CeMI) as a service of the Ministry of Science and the Ministry of Education of Montenegro. CeMI is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation, whose main goal is to provide infrastructural and expert support for continuous monitoring of the overall process of transition in Montenegro. CeMI is well integrated into existing national networks, with links to universities, research institutes, NGOs and other institutions.

Our mission

Our mission is to offer a database of well-documented quantitative and qualitative data for researchers and the wider public, to offer long-term preservation of data and promote the use of social science data through a culture of data sharing, as well as aid Montenegrin social science research gain visibility within the European Research Area.

We also aspire to be an evidence-based advocacy organisation which provides continuous support to the process of democratic consolidation and Europeanization of Montenegro. We want to be recognised as a valuable national service by all relevant institutions that are part of the science community and higher education system.

What do we do?

The key services of the MSSDA will be:

- » selecting and acquiring research data and documentation;
- » maintaining a catalogue of archived data;
- » providing access to public and restricted data (open access for public data and different levels of access defined for restricted data);
- » permanent monitoring of compliance with international standards in the field of data management and preservation;
- » support and training in data management and data reuse for researchers.

Additionally, depending on available resources, MSSDA will develop materials and training for data depositors and for data users. Providing access to online tools for data analysis and variable exploration (creating tables, graphs and other analytical results) can also be developed in the future. Promotional activities and outreach to users should be part of the regular activities of the data service together with the wider promotion of Open Access to data.

What kind of data do we have?

The focus of the data service is on both quantitative and qualitative data in the social sciences. This includes the following areas: sociology, psychology, education sciences, law, political science, economics, business and management, and other social science disciplines. Contemporary, as well as historical data, are considered for archiving by the data service.

Who is it for?

The services offered by the archive are aimed at researchers and teachers from public research and education institutions (universities, scientific institutes, government agencies) as well as university students (doctoral, master and bachelor). Policy makers and research funders can also use the services in decision making, the development of science policies and in evaluation (getting statistics about data archiving and data use among researchers). Researchers from NGOs and private research companies, secondary school teachers and students, journalists, business, and professional organisations may also use our services.

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

More information

CeMI was a partner in the SEEDS project (<http://seedsproject.ch>). For more details, contact Centre for Monitoring and Research (CeMI), Ms. Nikoleta Tomović (nikoleta.tomovic@cemi.org.me).