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OVERALL DESCRIPTION

An essential goal of the Data without Boundaries (DwB) project is to promote cooperation, and foster relationships between the ESS (the European Statistical System, including National Statistical Institutes and related agencies in member states) and CESSDA (the Council of European Social Science Data Archives) in order to build an efficient data infrastructure for social sciences in the ERA. To achieve this, DwB deems essential to support cooperation between National Statistical Institutes and data archives at national level. However at the moment, European countries differ widely in this respect: while cooperation is strong and well-established in some, it is looser or sometimes embryonic in others, and some countries do not yet have an archive. DwB is best positioned to facilitate transfer of knowledge across countries, showcasing national examples that demonstrate the usefulness of archives, the benefits of collaboration, and the lessons learned from past experiences. As part of this effort, two Regional Workshops have been planned within the project lifespan.

The first regional workshop on "Microdata Access in European Countries: Cooperation between National Statistical Institutes and Social Data Archives", was hosted by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS), Ljubljana, Slovenia on Wednesday, 24th and Thursday, 25th April 2013.

Focusing on 15 countries mainly in the Eastern Europe area, a list of which is provided below, this workshop aimed to bring together representatives of National Statistical Institutes and social science data archives to discuss current arrangements and conditions for researchers' access to data, activities and initiatives of existing data archives, best practices, and potential opportunities for enhanced cooperation that may benefit all stakeholders. In particular, it was the opportunity to promote closer cooperation and a better sharing-out of the administrative and financial burden (for e.g. metadata production, anonymisation, accreditation, dissemination and providing support to researchers in general), which is increasingly higher. Through a series of presentations of both general overviews and particular case studies, and a working group session on the threats and opportunities for enhanced collaboration, the workshop intended to raise participants' awareness about these needs and related issues in the broader European context.

The workshop gathered more than 50 representatives from National Statistical Institutes, data archives and research and higher education institutions of the targeted Eastern European countries. Interestingly, most of the contacted NSIs have answered the DwB invitation positively and attended the workshop.

In addition, it was the opportunity for representatives of the FP7-funded SERSCIDA (Support for Establishment of National/Regional Social Sciences Data Archives, <http://www.serscida.eu/en/>) project to give an overview of the project and its objectives, which are of particular interest in this region. The SERSCIDA project is active in countries in which there is currently no data archive and is part of the effort for consolidating CESSDA within Europe. It constitutes an

important partner in the joint effort to facilitate cooperation and transfer knowledge and experience from the European countries that have a long experience with data archives, to those that do not.

The workshop was chaired by Ms. Irena Krizman, Director General of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS). Many positive feedbacks (for instance Lithuania) were received after the workshop from both NSIs and Archives, stressing how the workshop was useful for learning about cooperation between NSIs and Archives in different domains in other countries where such links exist; and highlighting how first conversations have been triggered on this occasion in some cases. DwB will continue to follow up the development of cooperation in these countries, possibly with a specific questionnaire within a one-year time.

List of Targeted Countries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

CONTENT OF WORKSHOP

I. OVERALL PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (April 24)

Chair: Ms. Irena Krizman, Director General of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

SESSION 1 – INTRODUCTION

- 09.30 - 09.45** **Welcome Address**
Ms. Irena Krizman, Director General of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
- 09.45 - 10.00** **The Data without Boundaries (DwB) project and the 1st Regional Workshop** *Ms. Roxane Silberman (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet; DwB Scientific Coordinator, France)*

SESSION 2 – ACCESS TO MICRODATA FOR RESEARCH IN EUROPE AND ACTIVITIES OF ARCHIVES

- 10.00 - 10.15** **Research access to official micro-data in Europe: an overview**
Ms Paola Tubaro (University of Greenwich, UK and CNRS, France)
- 10.15 - 10.30** **The activities of CESSDA data archives in Europe**
Ms. Roxane Silberman (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet; DwB Scientific Coordinator, France)

SESSION 3 – EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION

- 11.00 - 11.15** **The experience of a National Statistical Institute after a law change: Estonia**
Ms. Tuulik Sillajõe (Statistics Estonia, Estonia)
- 11.15 - 11.30** **Setting up a data archive: the experience of Romania**
Mr. Adrian Dusa (Romanian Social Data Archive, Romania)
- 11.30 - 11.45** **The European project SERSCIDA: Opening Data Services in the Western Balkans**
Ms. Lejla Somun-Krupalija (Human Rights Centre, University of Sarajevo; SERSCIDA Project Coordinator, Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- 11.45 - 12.00** **Open discussion with the audience**

SESSION 4 – FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTES AND DATA ARCHIVES

Chair: Ms. Irena Krizman, Director General of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

- 13.30 - 13.45** **How data archives enhance access to official microdata in Europe**
Ms. Roxane Silberman (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet; DwB Scientific Coordinator, France) and Ms. Paola Tubaro (University of Greenwich, UK and CNRS, France)

- 13.45 - 14.15** **Archives as full partners in transnational microdata access: UK and France examples**
Mr. Michel Isnard (Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economique, France) and Mr. Paul Jackson (Office for National Statistics, UK)
- 14.15 - 14.45** **Access to official statistical microdata at the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS) and cooperation with the Slovenian Social Science Data Archive (ADP)**
Mr. Tomaz Smrekar (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia) and Mr. Sebastian Kočar (Arhiv družboslovnih podatkov, Slovenia)
- 14.45 - 15.45** **Working session on possible forms of cooperation (in groups)**
- 16.15 - 17.00** **Presentation of results of groups work and discussion with the audience (Chair: TBC)**
- 17.00 - 17.15** **Wrap-up of the day**
Ms. Roxane Silberman (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet; DwB Scientific Coordinator, France)

DAY 2 (April 25)

Chair: Ms. Irena Krizman, Director General of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

SESSION 5 – PROMOTION OF MICRO DATA AND TRAINING OF RESEARCHERS

- 09.30 - 09.45** **UK initiatives to train researchers in the use of microdata**
Mr. Reza Afkhami (UK Data Archive - University of Essex, United Kingdom)
- 09.45 - 10.00** **The GESIS research methods training programme**
Ms. Silke Schneider (GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany)
- 10.00 - 10.15** **Training initiatives within Data without Boundaries**
Ms. Roxane Silberman (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet; DwB Scientific Coordinator, France)
- 10.15 - 10.30** **Open discussion with the audience**

SESSION 6 – METADATA ISSUES

- 11.00 - 11.15** **Metadata management in National Statistical Institutes and researcher access: the Hungarian example**
Mr Zoltán Vereczkei (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Hungary)
- 11.15 - 11.30** **Metadata management: DDI and Nesstar at the Czech Social Science Data Archive**
Ms. Yana Leontieva and/or Mr. Jindrich Krejci (Czech Social Science Data Archive, Czech Republic)
- 11.30 - 11.45** **CIMES, a tool for describing European Official Statistics Microdata**
Ms. Raphaëlle Fleureux and Mr. Cyril Jayet (CNRS-Réseau Quetelet, France)
- 11.45 - 12.00** **Open discussion with the audience**
- 12:00 - 12:10** **DwB WP7: Metadata Standards Development**
Ms. Michelle Coldrey (UGOT-SND, Sweden) and Mr. Claus-Göran Hjelm (Statistics Sweden)

SESSION 7 – TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS

- 13.30 - 13.45** **The European process of enhancing access to Eurostat data**
Ms. Aleksandra Bujnowska (Eurostat)
- 13.45 - 14.00** **The Integrated European Census Microdata (IECM)**
Mr. Albert Esteve (Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics, Spain)
- 14.00 - 14.15** **Population census microdata for research: the case of Slovenia**
Mr. Danilo Dolenc (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia)
- 14.15 - 15.00** **General discussion with the audience and wrap-up of the workshop**
Chair: *Mr. Tomaz Smrekar (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia).*

II. WORKING GROUPS

The 1st Regional Workshop offered a working group session to discuss possible forms of cooperation between the stakeholder communities, on April 24 (session 4, 14.45 - 15.45).

The text below gives an overview of the way this session was organised and handled.

Name of the Game

1. Make up 12 cards each with a task and cost label for the stages of administration of research data access*
2. Make up a base board with 4 columns labeled i) NSI, ii) Archive, iii) research institution, and iv) research project.
3. Make up 4 cards titled with each of the 4 following roles. On the reverse of each card add the following text under the heading "pressures":
 - a. **NSI** - "You are head of dissemination for your NSI. You provide a remote access facility that can support 15 research projects per year. However, in the next year you have to cut your budget for research data access in half to Euro 150,000, and this will reduce your head count for this function from 10 to 5 unless you charge each project for your services to make up the shortfall. Your National Statistician has been asked by the government to assist in the economic development of your country by promoting better exploitation of the confidential data held by your NSI. Your National Data Protection Supervisor is under pressure from the public to prosecute any loss of personal data by the government."
 - b. **Data Archive** - "You are the director of the national data archive. You provide a public use file download service and have statutory responsibilities for permanent preservation of anonymised government datasets. You have no experience in remote access services because they are provided by your national statistics authority. You have 10 full time permanent staff and a stable Euro 500,000 budget for all current services. You are entitled to offer additional services provided all new costs are fully recovered."
 - c. **Research institution** - "You are the Vice Chancellor for the newest university in the country. A Research Excellence Framework (REF) policy has just been introduced by your government, and your University budget is linked to the quality of its research publications. Your advisory board believes that Euro 1 million increase in budget is possible with an improvement in research publications, and has given you permission to invest Euro 70,000 this year to win as many REF points as possible."
 - d. **Researcher** - "You are a Principal Investigator and have just won a European Commission grant of Euro 50,000, which must be spent in the next academic year, to analyse the effect of last year's IMF and ECB financial rescue package on the national labour market. You are free to spend the grant in whatever way you see fit, but you have been told that it will take at least 6 months before the NSI can support your project due to the cuts coming in the NSI. You are elected by your peers to represent the research community on the National Research Council which distributes Euro 750,000 in research grants each year."
4. Divide attendees into groups of 4 and duplicate these materials accordingly.

Task for each group

You meet your peers at an annual conference and the 4 of you start talking about the pressures each of you are under in the year ahead.

Use the base board and the 12 research data access task descriptions to assist your conversation. The costs for each task are the NSI's best estimates for how its budget of Euro 300,000 was spent last year. The staff cost planning assumption for all employers is Euro 30,000 per full time person per year.

You have 30 minutes to make a recommendation to Ministers for change to the national framework for research access to data. Your recommendation must be costed and resourced, showing where investments and savings can be made in the next year, taking account of the halving of the NSI budget. The immediate pressures must be addressed, but the Minister is keen to show the national Parliament and the European Commission that there is a long term strategy to maximise national data resources.

The minister will hear a number of other proposals from other groups. Be prepared to argue your case for change in a 5 minute presentation.

*** 12 research data access activities and cost to NSI last year in Euros**

1. Data extraction from official data sources - 60,000
2. Metadata preparation and cataloging - 30,000
3. Data protection supervisor scrutiny - 5,000
4. Secure data management costs - 30,000
5. Servers, heat, light, and room amenities - 45,000
6. Researcher accreditation - 5,000
7. Technical support and advice - 45,000
8. Annual conference and user workshop - 10,000
9. Researcher training - 10,000
10. Output checking - 40,000
11. Data access decision committee costs - 5,000
12. General staff administrative costs, travel and accommodation - 15,000

Total Running Costs - Euro 300,000

Facilitators Roles

- Introduce the scenario.
- Explain the budgets and functions, and the degree of flexibility for change.
- Encourage groups to challenge task cost estimates if there is good reason to think they should be adjusted.
- Each group facilitator acts as the Minister in the report back phase. Each group has 5 minutes to argue its changes.
- No winner, just facilitate a conversation between groups on what they think the optimal solutions might be.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The table below lists the names, home institution and position held of the EDAF participants, organized per country.

Country	Institution Type	LAST NAME	First Name	Institution Name	Position Held
Bosnia and Herzegovina	ARCHIVE	SOMUN-KRUPALIJA	Lejla	HRC, University of Sarajevo	SERSCIDA Coordinator
Bulgary	ARCHIVE	HRISTOV	Tzvetan	Agency for social analyses	Assistant
	ARCHIVE	KABAKCHIEV	Andrey	Agency for social analyses	Assistant
Croatia	ARCHIVE	MATKOVIĆ	Teo	Croatian Employment Service	Assistant Professor
	NSI	CUKINA	Tihana	Croatian Bureau of Statistics	Head of Service for Development and Implementation of Data Collection Methods
Czech Republic	ARCHIVE	KREJCI	Jindrich	Institute of Sociology ASCR,	Head of Czech Social Science Data Archive
	ARCHIVE	LEONTIYEVA	Yana	Institute of Sociology, AS CR	Scientific Researcher
	NSI	SERBUSOVA	Barbora	Czech Statistical Office	Expert of Information Services Unit
Estonia	ARCHIVE	MURAKAS	Rein	ESSDA, Tartu University	Head of ESSDA, Social Analysis Methods Lecturer
	ARCHIVE	RÄMMER	Andu	ESSDA, University of Tartu	Lecturer
	NSI	SILLAJÕE	Tuulikki	Statistics Estonia	Deputy Director General
France	ARCHIVE	FLEUREUX	Raphaelle	CNRS - Réseau Quetelet	Data Librarian
	NSI	ISNARD	Michel	INSEE	Head of Legal Affairs
	ARCHIVE	JAYET	Cyril	CNRS - Réseau Quetelet	Research Assistant
	ARCHIVE	LIBES	Tanguy	CNRS - Réseau Quetelet	DwB Project Manager
	ARCHIVE	SILBERMAN	Roxane	CNRS - Réseau Quetelet	Réseau Quetelet Director, DwB Principal Investigator
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Hungary	ARCHIVE	HEGEDUS	Peter	TARKI Foundation - TARKI Data Archive	Data Srchive Coordinator
	NSI	ÁBRY	Csaba	Hungarian Central Statistical Office	Metainformation system coordinator
	NSI	ERDEI	Virag	Hungarian Central Statistical Office	Statistician in the Census Department
	NSI	VERECZKEI	Zoltán	Hungarian Central Statistical Office	Head of Methodology Department
Kosovo	NSI	QERIQI	HazBije	Statistical Office of Kosovo	Census Department, Outreach and Communication Officer
	NSI	UKA	Sanije	Statistical Office of Kosovo	Chief of Population Sector
	NSI	ZABERGJA	Sabri	Statistical Office of Kosovo	Population Census Manager
Latvia	NSI	AINARS	Uldis	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	Director, Information, Publishing and Printing Department
	NSI	ZALUZINSKA	Liga	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia, Legal Division	Legal adviser
Lithuania	ARCHIVE	MORKEVICIUS	Vaidas	LiDA, Kaunas University of Technology	Researcher
	NSI	MALAKAUSKIENE	Margarita	Statistics Lithuania	Deputy Head of Statistical Information Dissemination division
	NSI	RIMŠA	Raimondas	Statistics Lithuania	Deputy Director General
N/A	N/A	BUJNOWSKA	Aleksandra	EUROSTAT	Unit B1 - Statistical Officer
Romania	ARCHIVE	DUSA	Adrian	RODA	Director
	NSI	IORDAN	Corina	National Institute for statistics, ROMANIA	Counsellor
	NSI	RĂDULESCU	Maria	National Institute for statistics, ROMANIA	Director
Serbia	ARCHIVE	BRADIĆ-MARTINOVIĆ	Aleksandra	Institute of Economic Sciences	Research Fellow
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Slovak Republic	NSI	FOLTANOVA	Neonila	Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic	Department of Population Statistics
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	NSI	DOLENC	Danilo	SORS	Head of Department, Demography statistics and Level of living statistics
	NSI	KRIZMAN	Irena	SORS	Director General
	NSI	SMREKAR	Tomaz	SORS	Head of Dissemination
	NSI	SMUKAVEC	Andreja	SORS	Senior Counsellor
Spain	ARCHIVE	ESTEVE PALÓS	Albert	Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics	Vice-Director
	ARCHIVE	TURU SÁNCHEZ	Anna	Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics	Research Specialist
Sweden	ARCHIVE	COLDREY	Michelle	Swedish National Data Service, University of Gothenburg	Project Manager
	NSI	HJELM	Claus-Göran	Statistics Sweden	Research and Development
United Kingdom	ARCHIVE	AFKHAMI	Reza	UK Data Service	Senior Access and Support Officer
	NSI	JACKSON	Paul	ONS	Subject Matter Expert - Legal

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Upon participants and speakers' agreement, the slideshows which have been presented during the Regional Workshop have been made publicly available on DwB website in both pdf and ppt formats (http://www.dwbproject.org/events/regional_workshop1.html).

In addition, in order to foster networking activities between the involved countries and institutions, a mailing list has been prepared and will be circulated amongst the participants, upon their formal approval.

