

The DwB Project, a Short Overview

1st European Data Access Forum

An introduction


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Introduction

- Welcome as coordinator of DwB project and organizer of this Forum
- Short presentation of this Forum
 - A few words about DwB project which is the Forum organizer
 - Why a European Data Access Forum ?
 - Rationale for the program
- Some practical information





DwB project in short

- The Forum is part of the Data without Boundaries(DwB) project
 - Yet the audience of the Forum is much larger than DwB members
 - And the objective exceeds the duration of the project
- DwB in short
 - FP7 project, funded for 4 years by the European Commission (2011-2015)
 - A coordination of infrastructures project :
 - European Statistical System (NSIs, NSAs, Central Banks coordinated by Eurostat)
 - CESSDA, Council of European Social Science Data Archives European
 - Build the essential link necessary for a European data access infrastructure allowing the researchers to access the huge resources of government microdata
 - Based on volunteers (27 partners from the different communities) and pilots
 - Main objective
 - Enhance access to government microdata (census, surveys, administrative...)
 - Focus : transnational access, highly detailed/confidential, microdata, Europe
 - National microdata





Why a 1st European Data Access Forum?

- A lot of progress in the European zone, yet still important differences raising obstacles particularly for transnational access to highly detailed microdata
- DwB aims at **discussing standards and find path for progress**
- On a large scope of issues covering the whole process of access: getting information, accreditation (partly linked to legal issues), security, metadata ...
- **Building on volunteers and on pilots**
- **Yet success requires involving all members of the different communities**
 - NSIs, NSAs, central banks, other government agencies, data archives
 - And also the researchers who are the users, other important stakeholders as ministries of research, research councils, authorities in charge of privacy protection
 - And also non Europeans, international organizations, other projects..;
- **European Data Access Forum (EDAF) as a basis for the future**
 - DwB will organize 2 EDAF (2nd in 2014) and also 2 regional conferences (2013 and 2015)
 - Could be the basis for building this European multilateral place of discussion that we need on a longer term





Rationale for the program (1)

- A Forum where the different communities can meet, exchange, discuss
 - First outputs from DwB but also other experiences, projects
 - A program but space for interaction
 - Posters and demos available during coffee breaks, lunch time, end of 1st day
- A 1st Forum with a short format (2 days) and more focus on accreditation and legal issues
- More in the future (2014)





Rationale for the program (2)

- 1st day
 - Start with a concrete research project as a business case for the discussions. Will cover the whole process from getting information to getting the results
 - Provide an overview about transnational access and accreditation state of the art and main challenges in Europe (DwB first output)
 - Both presentations demonstrate the need for sharing a common background
 - Working sessions in parallel and feedbacks to be discussed in plenary session
 - End of 1st day with a look on the future: what place for government microdata in the future ?
- 2nd day
 - More focus on legal frameworks for transnational access and how to enhance the situation with 3 countries cases
 - Where we stand with the revision of the Commission regulation about access to confidential (European) microdata for scientific purpose
 - Current projects on decentralised access : DWB and others
 - Round table about new perspectives for the researchers ?
 - International perspective



Practical issues

- Interaction needed : stick to your schedule to allow questions and discussions
- Use microphone in discussions and give your name
- Coffee breaks and lunch just outside the meeting room (don't bring food in the meeting rooms)
- Posters and demos available
- Presentations : hard copies for some, also available on our website (intranet):
 - > Weblink: <http://www.dwbproject.org/events/edaf1.html>
 - > Login: guest_edaf
 - > Password: dwbedaf
- Working sessions will be in different meeting rooms (explanations to be given later)
- Administrative issues : Tanguy, Romuald and Cyril



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- Special thanks to EDAF organizational committee: Tanguy, Romuald, Martine and Aleksandra
- Wish you a fruitful meeting



Thanks for Listening

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