



Council of European Social Science Data Archives

Cross-European data sharing made easy

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A short history...

- 1976 - CESSDA was founded
- 1980 – Standard Study Description
- 1987 – First expert seminar
- 1998 – Start work on Nesstar
- 2000 – DDI 1.0
- 2008 – CESSDA PPP
- 2010 – Signing the MoU
- 2010 – CESSDA ERIC Steering Committee


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What is CESSDA?

- It is an informal group of 20 European organisations
- Its members are differentially funded
- More than 35 years of successful voluntarily based cooperation
- In 2010, they jointly held over 25000 datasets

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CESSDA objectives

1. To promote the acquisition, archiving and distribution of data throughout Europe.
2. To promote projects and procedures for enhancing exchange of data and technologies among data organizations.
3. To stimulate the development and the use of these procedures throughout Europe.
4. To encourage new data organizations to further these objectives.
5. To promote the integration of the European database.
6. To associate and cooperate with other international organizations sharing similar objectives.


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CESSDA membership - current


- Austria
- Denmark
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK

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The CESSDA ERIC

- Legal entity
- Governance Structure
- Central co-ordinating body
- Sustainable funding

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Fully integrated data infrastructure

- Integrated resource discovery tools
 - Multilingual searching
- Integrated common Authentication & Access
 - Single sign-on
 - Single access protocols
- Extensible system
 - nationally & internationally

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ERIC – centre of excellence

- Certification/auditing
- Professionalization
 - Training
 - Knowledge Transfer
 - Mobility
- Standards development


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Obligations of Service providers - 1


1. be fully compliant with the elements of the DDI metadata standard that are required to enable the member to contribute fully to CESSDA-ERIC activities and which will be identified by the CESSDA-ERIC
2. adopt and apply the CESSDA-ERIC common single sign-on user authentication system;
3. enable the harvesting of all their resource discovery metadata and relevant preservation metadata for inclusion in the CESSDA-ERIC data portal;
4. make their data holdings downloadable through common data gateways;
5. make sure that their local language(s) within the multi-lingual thesaurus are maintained;
6. share their data archiving tools (under the IP conditions set in Intellectual Property Rights annex to these statutes);
7. adhere to the principles of the OAIS reference model and any agreed CESSDA-ERIC requirements for operating trusted data repositories;

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Obligations of Service providers - 2

8. contribute to the CESSDA-ERIC's cross national data harmonisation activities;
9. contribute material and/or expertise to the cross-national question bank;
10. provide mentor support for CESSDA-ERIC Associate Members and their representative Service Providers to achieve Full Membership;
11. provide member support for countries with immature and fragile national infrastructures to help them build up needed competence later to be able to fulfil tasks as Associated or Full Member;
12. facilitate access to national government and research funded micro data, dependent on national legal systems;
13. adhere to the CESSDA-ERIC's Data Access and Dissemination Policy;
14. adhere to the provisions the entire Organisation's policies as required.

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Recent developments

- Data without boundaries project started May 2011
- DASISH project started January 2012
- SERSCIDA project started February 2012

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CESSDA Council of European Social Science Data Archives 	CLARIN Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure 	DARIAH Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities 
ESS European Social Survey 	SHARE Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe 	

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For more information about CESSDA:
<http://www.cessda.org/>
& about the CESSDA PPP project:
<http://www.cessda.org/project/>

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