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Data without Boundaries

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*supporting equal and easy access
to official microdata for the
european research area*



Envisioning Data without Boundaries

Europe needs a comprehensive and easy-to-access research data infrastructure to be able to continuously produce cutting-edge research and reliable policy evaluations.

There is an existing wealth of official microdata, currently under-used and held behind national, legislative, technical and cultural borders.

These can be crossed over with cooperation and political will.

Towards a European Research Data Infrastructure

DwB contributes to the creating of an integrated model where the best solutions for access to official statistical microdata are available, irrespective of national boundaries, yet flexible enough to fit national arrangements.

DwB enhances researchers' transnational access to official micro data through coordination of existing infrastructures, Council of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) and the European Statistical System (ESS).

Bridging Three Communities

With 28 partners belonging to the European Statistical System (10 National statistical Institutes or statistical departments), to the CESSDA (11 Data Archives) and to the Research Community (6 universities and 1 SME involved in methodological research), DwB aims at discussing and promoting common improvements, solutions and frameworks to be proposed to the whole communities.

Proposing Pilots and Discussing Standards

Currently, comparative research projects based on national official microdata need to go through multiple accreditations and quite different technical and methodological environments. DwB work will result in proposing pilots for a European research accreditation and a European distributed remote access to confidential microdata for national datasets.

DwB also takes part in the discussion about metadata standards (SDMX/DDI) with the aim of building a single point of access for official microdata.

Servicing Researchers

DwB strives to increase data availability for users by collecting and structuring information on existing data, further developing metadata documentation and standards and providing user-friendly routines for national official statistics and Eurostat microdata. These will be made accessible through a permanent virtual service centre.

Get Support for Transnational Access

Our biannual calls for proposals give selected applicants the possibility to get financial, technical and methodological support to access a wide range of official highly detailed microdata. Find more information on Data Access on our website.

Visit Research Data Centres

If you are a staff member of a National Statistical Institute or a Data Archive you may get an opportunity to visit the Research Data Centres. During the visit you will learn about remote access solutions and get information on making the microdata in your home institute accessible through remote access. Find more information on visits for staff members on our website.

Improve your Knowledge

On our training courses you get acquainted with the wealth of data offered in Europe. The courses provide information on the practical and legal requirements of the use of the data.

Join Our Events

DwB organises a series of events to extend the discussion about practices and standards.

The Biennial European Data Access Forums (2012 & 2014) allow discussions between data producers, data providers and users. Problems, progress and solutions for accessing official microdata across borders within Europe will be discussed in depth.

The Biennial Regional Workshops in Southern and Eastern Europe (2013 & 2015) foster cooperation between National Statistical Institutes and Data Archives.

The Biennial Users Conferences (2013 & 2015) promote dialogue between researchers and Data Producers.

Invite Us to your Events

The DwB partners are happy to join your events, to introduce the project, its objectives and products.

