



ROLE OF CESSDA IN DEVELOPING NEW DATA SERVICES IN WESTERN BALKANS

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- Is a network from **1976** (in 2013 – 23 DA)
- Has a common **portal** - a central catalogue harvesting the CESSDA members catalogues on NESSTAR servers
- Developed and use **NESSTAR** - a widely used tool even outside CESSDA partners
- Has a unified way **to look for** data and metadata
- It allows variable level **browsing** to help researchers to discover data
- Use **DDI** as a standard for metadata description
- Use a multi-lingual **thesaurus**
- **Trans-border data access agreement**
- Support long term preservation
- Promote the **acquisition, archiving** and **distribution of data** throughout Europe.

June 2013 GA – a meeting of new CESSDA (CESSDA AS) members is scheduled. Members (EU and associated countries) will be represented by heads of ministries or research agencies.

Task: acceptance of CESSDA statutes and annexes

Ministries will define Service Providers in each country.

Service Providers forum (DA and DS) - members will follow CESSDA AS rules and developments and will support recommendations from [CESSDA PPP](#).

Important tasks for CESSDA AS are **widening and strengthening** of organization, already recommended by CESSDA PPP.

"Culture of CESSDA is culture of cooperation."

The **European Service Centre** - Establish a comprehensive web service for European OS-microdata & census data. – [DWB project](#)

CESSDA encourages new data organizations **to follow its [objectives](#)**.

14 Obligations of Service providers proposed by [CESSDA PPP](#) are recommended for inclusion in constitution of new CESSDA AS.

Among them: *a member should..*

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 fulfill tasks as Associated or Full Member;

H. J. Marker, SERSCIDA conference, 2013

SERSCIDA is designed as a strategic project for **supporting the cooperation and exchange of knowledge** between the EU countries associated within the Council of European Social Sciences Data Archives (**CESSDA**) and the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) in the field of social science data archiving.

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Almost **no current practice** in **archiving of social science data**.



SERSCIDA will support the **establishment of data archiving practices** based on the tested model from other European countries and using the current best practices of CESSDA institutions.

Results and recommendations from [CESSDA PPP, WP7](#) fit nicely in SERSCIDA project as a **follow-up of the PPP** activities in the Balkans.

Will aim towards enabling the **open access** to all information and collected data.

Open Access to research data

- Reinforces open scientific **inquiry**; Encourages **diversity** of analysis and opinion;
- Promotes **new** research;

*We want to provide greater **returns from the public investment in research**.*

Open access data are more **used** and **citable** since they could be more easily identified and linked to other datasets.

Increased visibility of researchers (institution) **and their work**.

Many **declarations, initiatives, strategies**:

OECD: [Declaration on Access to Research Data From Public Funding](#) (2004); [Principles and Guidelines for Access to Research Data from Public Funding](#) (2007)

EC: [Riding the wave: How Europe can gain from the rising tide of scientific data](#) (2010)



[OpenAIRE](#) (2009-2012) and [OpenAIREplus](#) (2011-2014)

SERSCIDA Workflow

MAPPING the existing potentials



CONFERENCE

ACTION PLAN

PROTOTYPE

PROMOTION

Legal & policy frameworks
Analysis of possibilities and needs
of researchers

Online survey
Round tables

Stakeholders / financing
institutions
University / researchers
Libraries
Statistical offices

training modules and working visits
- CESSDA partners

Prototype / web page /
dissemination conference





Return of
investment



Data must be discoverable and accessible.

Action plan includes a list of TO DOs **before** and **after** the **establishment** of DS.

Before	Define organization and internal structure; Human Resources; Technical infrastructure, Establish policies, quality control procedures and workflows.
After	Implement and maintain technical systems Data acquisition and curation – solicit and process research data Outreach and Promotion Networking and communications Ensure sustainability Work toward growth

Training at ESSEX and Ljubljana University, **Working visits**

SERSCIDA will improve the level of **access** to and **dissemination** and **sharing** of **scientific information and data** through transfer of existing practices and activities of CESSDA institutions to the WB countries involved while at the same time adjusting them to the particularities of each country.

Proposed tasks and necessary activities for new CESSDA based on experience from SERSCIDA are:

- To prepare training plans and trainings, including working visits and exchange of personnel.
- To assign a task manager and a working group for the widening of the organization.
- To provide instructions regarding plans, documents and technology solutions that bind to meet the requirements of membership in CESSDA AS.

Among results from the SERSCIDA will not be just reports and prototype but also documents in instructions that CESSDA AS could use as an input to a **portal** supporting the **establishing new data archives**.

---> latest approach



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