

# Euro Question Bank: Microservices and UI for fielded survey question search

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# Outline

1. The CESSDA EuroQuestionBank Project
2. User Interface
3. Architecture
4. Requirements for Service Providers

# The EQB project

Existing question data banks for social science survey research mainly operate at the national level.



limited pool of available questions

EQB displays survey questions from CESSDA members.



a cross-national question bank with a central search facility

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# Use cases of EQB

- ❖ browse and discover questions
- ❖ access study-related information and documentation
- ❖ compare and export survey items



# EQB metadata schema

## Mandatory

Question (text/ID)

Study title

URL/Name of Service  
Provider

Publication year

## Recommended

Study PID

Time method

Country

Sampling procedure

Mode of collection

Data collection date

...

# UI: Start page



## Welcome to the CESSDA Euro Question Bank - EQB!


Are you looking for fielded survey questions to inspire your own questionnaire or research?

Do you want to locate data on specific topics?

Looking for questionnaire translations?

Then the Euro Question Bank may be the right tool for you!

Just start searching!

 Search

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# Search all fields & all languages



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English ▼

## Question Text

Below we ask that you enter ages. You may enter any age you wish, the question is what you think and not what the law permits or prohibits. If at no age at all, please enter 0 (zero).

no title

[Question details](#)

[Study details](#)

English ▼

## Question Text

[Have you ever experienced any of the following events?]

European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)

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English ▼

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☐ az-az

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### Pre- and post-question texts [all]

# Search in all fields in Spanish



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### Interview language ?

☐ al-xk 1

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## Question Text

What was the name or title of your father's [mother's] job?

European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)

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# Search in question texts in Dutch



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English

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no title

Question details

Study details

English

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Questions texts: leeftijd

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- ☐ al-xk 1
- ☐ az-az 1
- ☐ bg-bg 1

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Search in pre- and post-question texts

# Alphabet support



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Interview language ⓘ: al-xk

Interview language ⓘ

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## Filters

### Question texts [all]

### Study titles [all]

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Georgian ▼

### Question Text

თუ არა Q75 შეკითხვაში: რომელი პარტიაა თქვენს შეხედულებებთან ყველაზე ახლოს?

European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)

Question details

Study details

Documentation

Response categories

Montenegrin ▼

### Question Text

Ovdje je lista prihoda i voljeli bismo znati u koju kategoriju pripada Vaše domaćinstvo. Ubrojite u prihod sve plate, honorare, penzije i druge prihode koji pristižu. Molim Vas da mi samo kažete slovo ispred kategorije u koju pripada vaše kućanstvo. U prihod računajte sredstva kojima raspolazhete nakon plaćanja svih poreza i doprinosa.

European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)European Values Study 2008: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2008)

Question details

Study details

Documentation

Response categories

# Response categories



leeftijd

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English

## Question Text

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English

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English

## Question Text

## Response categories

Order	Answer code	Response category
0	-5	other missing
1	-4	question not asked
2	-3	not applicable
3	-2	no answer
4	-1	don't know

# Question details



## Question details

Display language: az-az ▼

[See all questions of this study.](#)



Question number:

Question text:

YOX cavabı təgdirdə: Hansı partiya Sizə daha uyğun gəlir?

Name:

Subquestion number / text:

Pre-/Post-question text:

Question ID:

Q92

Version:

1.0.0

Interviewer instructions:

RESPONDENTƏ 75bNə-LI KARTI VERİN

Variables:

v265 | which political party appeals to you most (Q75b)

Concepts:

Concept Descriptions:

Response categories (codes):

Order	Answer code	Response category
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# Study details



## Study details

Display language: en ▼

<b>Title</b>	ALLBUS/GGSS 2014 (Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften/German General Social Survey 2014)
<b>Citation:</b>	ALLBUS/GGSS 2014 (Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften/German General Social Survey 2014), 2018, ZA5240, Version 2.2.0, <a href="https://doi.org/10.4232/1.13141">doi:10.4232/1.13141</a>
<b>Study PID/number:</b>	ZA5240_SU
<b>Further information on study and data:</b>	n/a
<b>Versionnumber/-date:</b>	2.2.0/2018-09-13
<b>Link to study in CESSDA Data Catalogue:</b>	<a href="https://datacatalogue.CESSDA.eu/study/nid?n=10.4232/1.13141">datacatalogue.CESSDA.eu/study/nid?n=10.4232/1.13141</a>
<b>Abstract:</b>	Social monitoring of trends in attitudes, behavior, and societal change in the Federal Republic of Germany. ... <a href="#">(read more)</a>
<b>Methodology</b>	
<b>Data collection period:</b>	Start: 2014-03-24 End: 2014-09-13
<b>Time dimension: ?</b>	Cross-section n/a
<b>Sampling procedure: ?</b>	Probability: Stratified: DisproportionalProbability: Multistage Zweistufige, disproportional geschichtete Zufallsauswahl in Westdeutschland (incl. West-Berlin) und Ostdeutschland (incl. Ost-Berlin). In der ersten Auswahlstufe wurden Gemeinden in Westdeutschland und in Ostdeutschland mit einer Wahrscheinlichkeit proportional zur Zahl ihrer erwachsenen Einwohner ausgewählt. In der zweiten Auswahlstufe wurden Personen aus den Einwohnermeldekarteien zufällig gezogen. Zielpersonen mit nicht hinreichend guten Deutschkenntnissen zählen zu den systematischen Ausfällen.
<b>Data collection mode: ?</b>	Face-to-face interview: Computer-assisted (CAPI/CAMI)Self-administered questionnaire: Computer-assisted (CASI) Persönlich-mündliche Befragung mit standardisiertem Frageprogramm (CAPI – Computer Assisted Personal Interview), zwei Zusatzbefragungen als CASI (Computer Assisted Self-Interview) im Rahmen des ISSP (Splitverfahren).

# Download Documentation



Study documentation details for ALLBUS/GGSS 2014 (Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften/German General Social Survey 2014)

Title	Type:
<a href="#">No link or title provided</a>	OriginalLiterature
<a href="#">No link or title provided</a>	OriginalLiterature
<a href="#">ZA5240_cdb.pdf (Codebuch)</a>	Codebook
<a href="#">ZA5240_Supplement_Alter.pdf (Codebuch)</a>	Codebook
<a href="#">ZA5240_Supplement_Erhebungsgebiet.pdf (Codebuch)</a>	Codebook
<a href="#">ZA5240_Supplement_Geschlecht.pdf (Codebuch)</a>	Codebook
<a href="#">ZA5240_Supplement_Konfession.pdf (Codebuch)</a>	Codebook
<a href="#">ZA5240_v2-2-0.dta.zip (Datensatz)</a>	Dataset
<a href="#">ZA5240_v2-2-0.sav (Datensatz)</a>	Dataset
<a href="#">ZA5242_q.pdf.txt (Fragebogen)</a>	Questionnaire
<a href="#">ZA5240_fb.pdf (Fragebogen)</a>	Questionnaire
<a href="#">ZA5240_mb.pdf (Methodenbericht)</a>	Method Report

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German

## Question Text

Welche der folgenden Beschreibungen trifft AM BESTEN auf Sie zu? Wenn Sie zurzeit wegen Krankheit/Elternzeit/Urlaub/Streik usw. VORÜBERGEHEND NICHT arbeiten, beziehen Sie die Frage bitte auf Ihre normale Arbeitssituation.

ALLBUS/GGSS 2014 (Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften/German General Social Survey 2014)

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## Question Text

No text available

ALLBUS/GGSS 2014 (Allgemeine Bevölkerungsumfrage der Sozialwissenschaften/German General Social Survey 2014)

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Relevance

## Selected filters

### Interview language ?

☐ al-xk

163

☐ az-az

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## Comparison

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German

flatdb

json

**Question text:**  
Um welche Art von Hochschulabschluss handelt es sich dabei? Bitte nennen Sie mir nur den höchsten Abschluss, den Ihr Partner / Ihre Partnerin erlangt hat.

**Name:**  
Kopie von 445: ZA9999-V382:LEBENSPARTNER: ART DES FH-ABSCHLUSSES

**Pre-/Post-question text:**

**Question ID:**  
Q1098

**Version:**  
1.0.0

**Interviewer instruction**  
Liste S39/S50 vorlegen!

**Subquestion number / text :**

**Variables**  
V322 n/a LEBENSPARTNER: ART DES UNI-ABSCHLUSSES

**Answer codes**  
0|Lebenspartner hat keinen Hochschulabschluss (Code 0 in S049(K))  
1|A Bachelor

**Response categories**

Detail

German

flatdb

json

**Question text:**  
Was von dieser Liste trifft auf Ihren Partner / Ihre Partnerin zu?

**Name:**  
ZA4600-V309:LEBENSPARTNER: BERUFSTAETIG?

**Pre-/Post-question text:**

**Question ID:**  
Q1099

**Version:**  
1.0.0

**Interviewer instruction**  
Liste S40/S51 vorlegen!

**Subquestion number / text :**

**Variables**  
V323 n/a LEBENSPARTNER: BERUFSTAETIG?

**Answer codes**  
0|Befragter ist verheiratet und lebt mit Ehepartner zusammen (auch eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft) (Code 1, 6 in S033), hat keinen festen Lebenspartner (Code 2 in S044)

**Response categories**

Detail

German

flatdb

json

**Question text:**  
Wie kommt man in unserer Gesellschaft am ehesten nach oben? Beurteilen Sie bitte die Wichtigkeit der Eigenschaften und Umstände anhand der Liste. Bitte sagen Sie mir zu jeder Aussage, wie wichtig dieses Ihrer Meinung nach für den Aufstieg in unserer Gesellschaft gegenwärtig

**Name:**

**Pre-/Post-question text:**

**Question ID:**  
Q69

**Version:**  
1.0.0

**Interviewer instruction**  
Liste 58 vorlegen!

**Subquestion number / text :**  
F058\_A | Opportunismus, Rücksichtslosigkeit | F058\_A | Opportunismus, Rücksichtslosigkeit  
F058\_B | Bildung, Ausbildung | F058\_B | Bildung, Ausbildung

**Variables**  
V183 | WEG Z.ERFOLG:OPPORTUNISM.,RUECKSICHTSLOS  
V184 | WEG ZUM ERFOLG: BILDUNG, AUSBILDUNG

**Answer codes**  
0|Keine Teilnahme an Split A (Code 2 in V4)  
1|Sehr wichtig

**Response categories**

Detail

Azerbaijani

flatdb

json

**Question text:**  
Ümumiyyətlə desək, Siz hesab edirsinizmi ki, insanların əksəriyyətinə etibar etmək olar, yaxud insanlara münasibətdə çox ehtiyatlı olmaq lazımdır?

**Name:**

**Pre-/Post-question text:**

**Question ID:**  
Q9

**Version:**  
1.0.0

**Interviewer instruction**

**Subquestion number / text :**

**Variables**  
v62 n/a people can be trusted/cant be too careful (Q7)

**Answer codes**  
-5|other missing  
-4|question not asked

**Response categories**  
• mund t'i besohet shumicəs sə njerëzve  
• duhet patur kujdes kujt i beson  
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# Basket



## Questions marked for export

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Study ↕	Question ID and Version ↕	Text			View question
ZA5240_SU	ZA5240_Q569_1.0.0	Welche der folgenden Beschreibungen trifft AM BESTEN auf Sie zu? Wenn Sie zurzeit wegen Krankheit/Elternzeit/Urlaub/Streik usw. VORÜBERGEHEND NICHT arbeiten, beziehen Sie die Frage bitte auf Ihre normale Arbeitssituation.	PDF		View question
ZA5240_SU	ZA5240_Q205_1.0.0	Sagen sie mir bitte, in welchem Monat und in welchem Jahr {notiz} geboren wurde?	PDF		View question
ZA4800_SU	ZA4800_Q92_1.0.0	[Q75: If there was a general election tomorrow, can you tell me if you would vote?]	PDF		View question
St0adc3e7c-d000-42ca-96a5-4dfd51156de6	Qu6734d482-1bbb-49e4-b250-48413082e503_1.0.0	Did you have enough money in your family budget to afford health care, medicals, etc.in 1993?	PDF		View question
su_5DFB687E-08A3-42A5-A1EE-F803794ABF53	Q4724_1.0.0	For the following questions we would like to know what you think, not what is permitted or prohibited by law. From what age do you find it acceptable that someone: If at no age at all, please enter 0 (zero).	PDF		View question
su_5DFB687E-08A3-42A5-A1EE-F803794ABF53	Q4889_1.0.0	Over the past 30 days, on how many days per week on average did you:	PDF		View question
su_5DFB687E-08A3-42A5-A1EE-F803794ABF53	Q4740_1.0.0	Please indicate whether you feel that government policy concerning the following issues is, generally speaking, too permissive, suitable as it is, or too strict?	PDF		View question
su_5DFB687E-08A3-42A5-A1EE-F803794ABF53	Q4861_1.0.0	Do you know someone else that:	PDF		View question

# Content

# Countries

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Countries

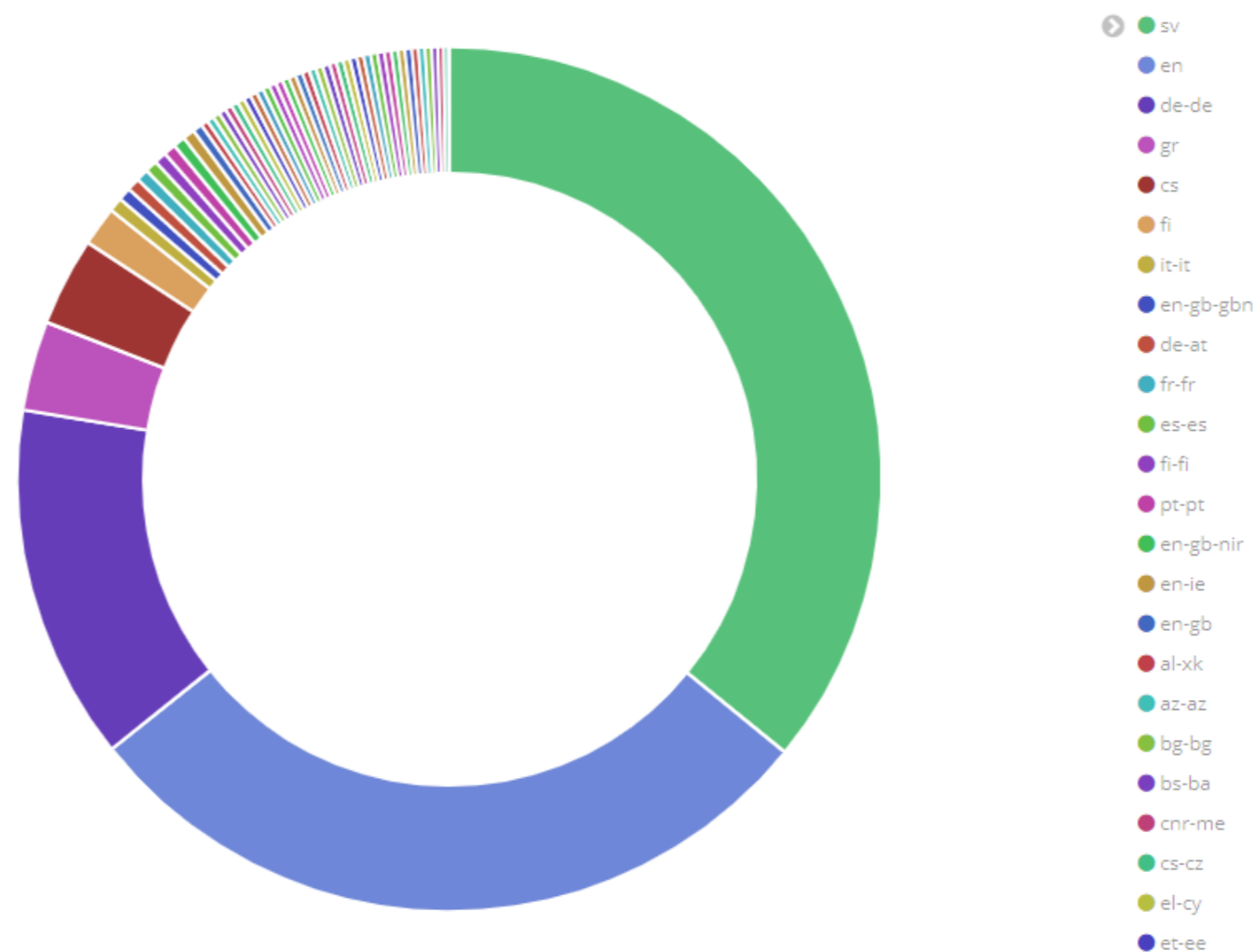
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Studies

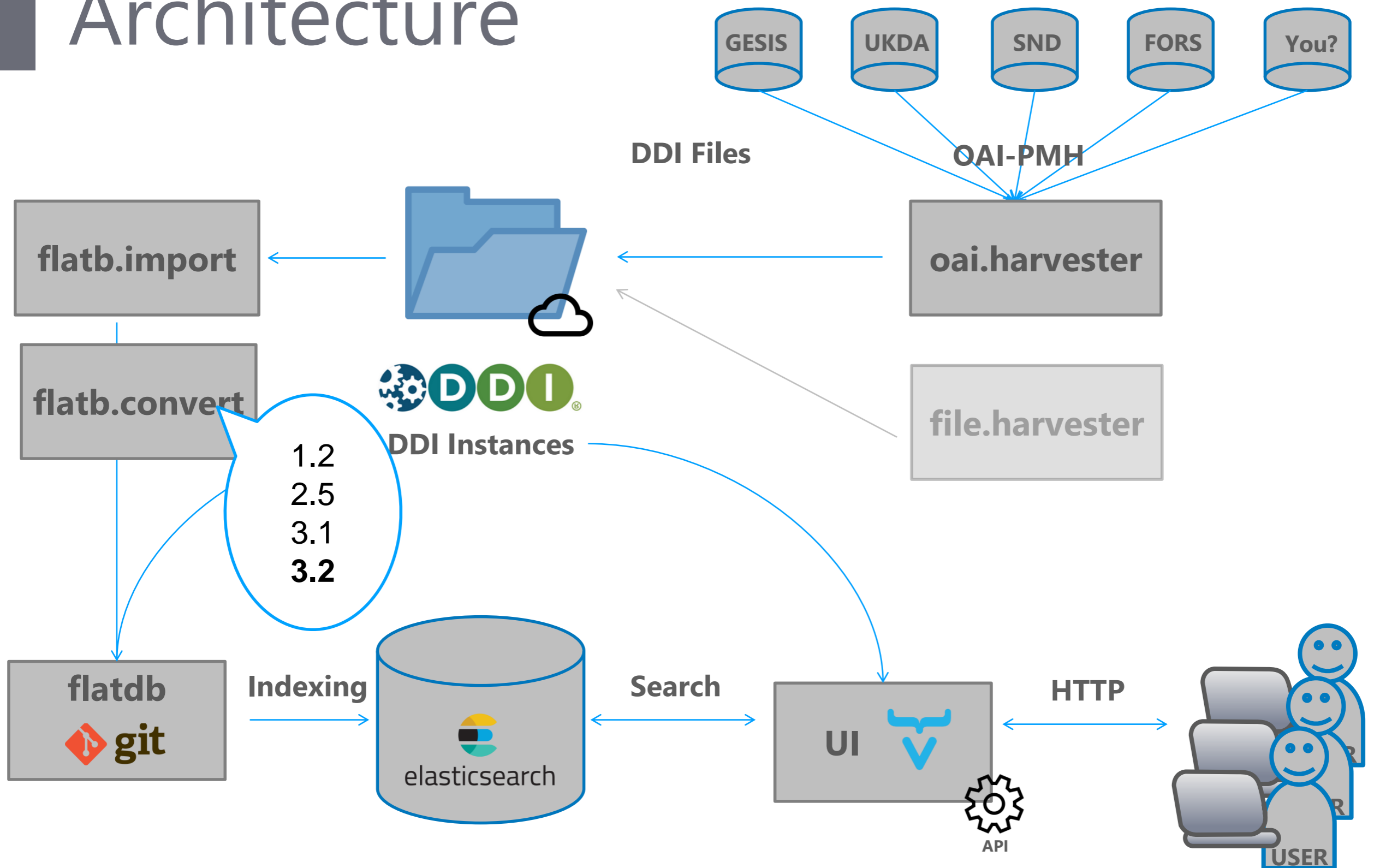
# Questions

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Questions

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# Architecture



# Challenges

- ◆ Different DDI versions and interpretations
  - ◆ DDI Converter  
(see presentation „A converter for DDI: From CodeBook to Lifecycle“ today at 15.20 PM)
- ◆ SPs have hard time providing DDI compatible files
  - ◆ regular support and feedback needed, DDI training for SPs would be useful
- ◆ SPs do not have question-level metadata documentation
  - ◆ use of questionnaire editing tools, e.g. the GESIS Questionnaire Editor
- ◆ CV elements in EQB require an xml:lang element/attribute, which is not available in DDI 3.2  
(e.g. Contributor Role and Analysis Unit)
  - ◆ issue could not be solved, also not with DDI issue tracker

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# Requirements for providers

- ✓ Contact us (Thomas.Kraemer@gesis.org) 
- ✓ Use DDI: <https://ddialliance.org/> 
- ✓ Improve your metadata documentation 
- ✓ Make your metadata available (preferred via OAI-PMH)  
<https://www.openarchives.org/pmh/> or file-based

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