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Executive Summary

The European Language Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST) is a broad-based, multilingual thesaurus for the social sciences, managed by a cross-national team within the CESSDA Metadata Office (MDO) project. The current version of ELSST was released on 16 June 2020. The previous version dates from 10 September 2019. This report records the changes that were made to the English source version of ELSST since the previous release.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ELSST	European Language Social Science Thesaurus
PT	Preferred Term
UF	Use For term

1 Introduction

The European Language Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST) is a broad-based, multilingual thesaurus for the social sciences. ELSST keywords are used to describe the subjects and concepts covered by data. ELSST is currently available in 14 languages: Danish, Dutch, Czech, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Swedish. Content development work on ELSST is led by four CESSDA partners within the Metadata Office (MDO) project: UK Data Service (UK), FSD (Finland), GESIS (Germany) and NSD (Norway). This core group meets every 2-3 weeks to drive development work forward. The meetings are also open to ELSST translators (all languages) and decisions taken at the meetings are circulated to them for comment. Regular general meetings are also held for all translators, where strategic matters are discussed.

The current version of ELSST was released on 16 June 2020. The previous version dates from 10 September 2019.

The focus of the work in this period was on the creation of a new hierarchy, TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, and the inclusion of new topical concepts such as COVID-19 and DISINFORMATION.

This report records the changes that were made to the English source version of ELSST since the previous release. Updates were also made to all other language versions of ELSST except Spanish, since no organisation that can provide Spanish translations is currently participating in ELSST, and Danish, where no resources were available. Translation of Preferred Terms for all languages is between 98-100% complete.

2 Summary of changes

In ELSST, concepts are represented by a Preferred Term (PT) in each language. Preferred Terms are used to describe/index data. Preferred Terms may be associated with Use For terms (UFs), typically synonyms or near-synonyms, which are not used for indexing, but which guide the user to their Preferred Term.

The following changes were made to the English version of ELSST:

- 14 new concepts
- 6 deleted concepts
- 6 relabelled Preferred Terms (PTs)
- 21 new Use For terms (UFs)
- 2 deleted Use For Terms (UFs)

Preferred Terms may also be associated with Scope Notes, which describe their meaning within the thesaurus, and Use Notes, which provide guidance on how they may be used for indexing. History Notes and Scope Note Sources provide further information, mainly for administrative purposes, on the history of a Preferred Term and the source of its Scope Note respectively. The following changes were made to the English version of ELSST:

- 18 new or changed Scope Notes
- 1 new Use Note
- 16 new or changed History Notes
- 16 new or changed Scope Note Sources

Concepts may be related hierarchically (via Broader Terms or Narrower Terms) or non-hierarchically via Related Terms. The relational structure of ELSST is common to all languages. The following changes were made:

- 46 changes to the Broader Terms/Narrower Terms relationships
- 14 changes to Related Terms relationships

3 List of changes

Details of changes to concepts, Preferred Terms, Use For terms, Scope Notes and Use Notes for the English version of ELSST are given below.

3.1 New concepts

- TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY
- POWER PLANTS
- WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- COMPETITION LAW
- CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR
- COVID-19
- CROWDFUNDING
- DIGITIZATION
- DISINFORMATION
- BIOMASS POWER STATIONS (previously a UF)
- WIND TURBINES (previously a UF)
- TIDAL TURBINES (previously a UF)
- WAVE POWER GENERATORS (previously a UF)

3.2 Deleted concepts

- DOCKS
- WATER SERVICES (BUILDINGS)
- STRUCTURES
- PIERS
- PYLONS
- ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION

3.3 Relabelled Preferred Terms

- DISRUPTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (previously *DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES*)
- CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE (previously *CYCLING FACILITIES*)
- PORTS, HARBOURS AND DOCKS (previously *PORTS*)
- PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE (previously *PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES*)
- WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AND HANDLING (previously *SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND HANDLING*)
- ENERGY GENERATION (previously *ELECTRIC POWER*)

3.4 New Use For terms

- OFFSHORE WIND FARMS
- CYCLING FACILITIES (previously a PT)
- PORTS (previously a PT)
- DOCKS (previously a PT)
- PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES (previously a PT)
- WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE
- PAVEMENTS
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
- STREETS
- SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND HANDLING (previously a PT)
- WASTE WATER DISPOSAL AND HANDLING
- GENERATING STATIONS
- POWER STATIONS
- GENERATING PLANTS
- NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
- SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS-2
- SARS-COV-2
- DIGITISATION
- DIGITALIZATION

- DIGITALISATION
- FAKE NEWS

3.5 Deleted Use For terms

- ELECTRICITY
- ELECTRICAL ENERGY

3.6 New Scope Notes

- TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: REFERS TO TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
- TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY: PROTECTION OF TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS, NETWORKS AND ASSETS, ESPECIALLY CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- DISRUPTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: DISRUPTION OF TECHNICAL SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS DUE TO, FOR EXAMPLE, WEATHER PHENOMENA OR TECHNICAL FAILURES
- CANALS: ARTIFICIAL WATERCOURSES
- PORTS, HARBOURS AND DOCKS: BUILT OR NATURAL FACILITIES FOR TRADE OR RECREATIONAL SHIPPING AND BOATING
- ROADS: ROADS AND STREETS, MAINLY MEANT FOR VEHICLES TO TRAVEL BETWEEN PLACES
- STREET LIGHTING: LIGHTING PROVIDED TO ILLUMINATE STREETS, ROADS, MOTORWAYS AND OTHER VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES
- WASTEWATER DISPOSAL AND HANDLING: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HANDLING AND DISPOSING OF WASTEWATER FROM INDUSTRIAL, DOMESTIC AND STORM RUN-OFF SOURCES
- DAMS: A BARRIER CONSTRUCTED ACROSS A STREAM OR RIVER TO IMPEDE THE FLOW OF WATER
- POWER PLANTS: INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER
- WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER SUPPLY, CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT. DOES NOT INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TRANSPORT
- COMPETITION LAW: THE BRANCH OF LAW CONCERNED WITH THE REGULATION OF ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES, RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, AND ABUSES OF A DOMINANT POSITION OR MARKET POWER
- CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR: THE WAY IN WHICH PEOPLE ACQUIRE, USE AND DISCARD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND ADOPT LIFESTYLE PRACTICES

- CROWDFUNDING: THE PRACTICE OF FUNDING A PROJECT OR VENTURE BY RAISING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE

3.7 Changed Scope Notes

- ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES FOR ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE (*previously THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY SUPPLY TO A NATIONAL GRID*)
- CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE: ALL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNED FOR CYCLISTS (*previously THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH BICYCLE USAGE, SUCH AS CYCLE LANES AND BICYCLE PARKS*)
- PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE: ALL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNED FOR PEDESTRIANS (*previously THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURES PROVIDED FOR THOSE ON FOOT, SUCH AS FOOTPATHS, PAVEMENTS, CROSSINGS AND FOOTBRIDGES*)
- WATER SUPPLY: THE PROVISION OF WATER WITHIN A PARTICULAR AREA (*previously THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WATER THAT IS AVAILABLE WITHIN A PARTICULAR AREA FOR HUMAN AND OTHER USES*)

3.8 New Use Note

- WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: FOR TRANSPORT USE EITHER "SEA TRANSPORT" OR "INLAND WATER TRANSPORT".

4 Contact information

ELSST may be viewed online at <http://elsst.ukdataservice.ac.uk/>. Any questions relating to the thesaurus should be addressed to the UK Data Service Thesaurus Team at: thesaurus@ukdataservice.ac.uk.