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Executive Summary

The CESSDA Vocabulary Service (CVS) allows communities and organisations to host and publish their own vocabularies for discovery and download. For this, CESSDA has developed a tool that provides both a discovery interface where vocabularies can be searched, browsed and downloaded and an editing interface where the vocabularies are managed and translated. The editor also includes an access and user management interface and allows versioning with persistent identifiers and citation of the controlled vocabularies. All content is available through an API.

In 2020, both the discovery interface and editor were transferred to a new software platform. A beta version of the new software was released in late October.

This report records the changes that were made to the content of the CESSDA Vocabulary Service during 2020 up to the time of writing this report.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

API	Application Programming Interface
CVS	CESSDA Vocabulary Service
DDI	Data Documentation Initiative
SL	Source language (usually English)
TL	Target language

1. Introduction

The [CESSDA Vocabulary Service](#) (CVS) currently contains 28 controlled vocabularies. The DDI Alliance has created 24 of these vocabularies for the users of its international documentation standard. These vocabularies generally provide broad categorisations of methodology used in creating research data. Content development work on DDI vocabularies is led by the [DDI Alliance Controlled Vocabularies Working Group](#).

The other vocabularies in the service have been created by CESSDA. These include a topic classification and vocabularies needed to harmonise metadata in the [CESSDA Data Catalogue](#).

CESSDA Service Providers and associated organisations have translated some DDI and CESSDA vocabularies into their local languages, particularly those included in the CESSDA metadata model. Vocabularies are currently available in 11 languages: Danish, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Serbian, Slovenian and Swedish.

Because of the software development, the vocabulary management work was halted for about six months. The freeze started in late spring and ended at the end of October, when the beta version of the software was released.

This report records the updates to the CESSDA Vocabulary Service content during 2020: the new source language (SL) vocabularies published; existing SL vocabularies previously published elsewhere but now published in CVS; new translations (Target Language (TL) vocabularies) published; and new source vocabulary and translation versions published.

The vocabularies that have been published previously refer to DDI vocabularies that are published on the [DDI Alliance controlled vocabularies](#)¹ website but are now managed in the editor of the CVS. The pipeline from the CVS to the DDI Alliance vocabulary site is currently in progress. When finalised, the DDI controlled vocabularies website content will again be up-to-date.

2. List of changes

The number of changes made to the content in 2020:

- 3 new SL vocabularies published
- 10 SL vocabularies previously published elsewhere and now published in CVS
- 10 new translations (TL vocabularies) published
- 6 new SL versions published
- 12 new translation versions published

Details of changes to content are given below.

¹ All links quoted in document were accessed on 19 November 2020

2.1 New SL vocabularies published

- CdcPublisherNames
- CessdaPersistentIdentifierTypes
- CountryNamesAndCodes

2.2 Existing SL vocabularies previously published elsewhere but now published in CVS

- CharacterSet
- LanguageProficiency
- LifecycleEventType
- ResponseUnit
- SoftwarePackage
- TimeZone
- TypeOfAddress
- TypeOfConceptGroup
- TypeOfNote
- TypeOfTelephone

2.3 New translations published

- Aggregation Method (Danish)
- AnalysisUnit (Italian)
- CommonalityType (Serbian)
- DataSourceType (Serbian)
- GeneralDataFormat (Serbian)
- ModeOfCollection (Serbian)
- SamplingProcedure (Serbian)
- SummaryStatisticType (Serbian)
- TimeMethod (Serbian)
- TypeOfInstrument (Serbian)

2.4 New SL versions published

- ModeOfCollection 4.0
- AnalysisUnit 2.1
- CdcPublisher Names 2.0 and 3.0
- CessdaTopicClassification 4.1
- ModeOfCollection 4.0
- TypeOfAddress 1.1

2.5 New translation versions published

- AnalysisUnit 2.0 (Finnish, Italian, Serbian)
- AnalysisUnit 2.1 (Finnish, Swedish)
- CessdaTopicClassification 4.0 (Danish, Finnish, French, Italian, Serbian)
- CessdaTopicClassification 4.1 (Swedish)
- ModeOfCollection 4.0 (Swedish)

As the new SL versions were published only after the beta version of the software was released at the end of October, there has not been time for most translating organisations to produce translations of them yet at the time of writing this report.

3. Contact information

Any questions relating to the CESSDA Vocabulary Service can be addressed to the attention of CVS Content Contact at metadata-office@cessda.eu