



Webinar: What's new in CESSDA Data Catalogue? 11.3.2021

Q&A's sheet

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Questions	Answers
<p>Are CESSDA Catalogue metadata accessible via an API?</p>	<p>An API (in the form of an OAI-PMH endpoint) will be available by the end of 2021</p>
<p>UK based access going forward?</p>	<p>Not sure what the question means. The CESSDA Data Catalogue can be accessed from the UK.</p>
<p>If one has qualified for restricted or secure access in one country (e.g. UK) is that automatically accepted in all CESSDA countries?</p> <p>Thank you for the rapid response - LGM</p>	<p>No. This is because of different country-specific access requirements. There is no data access passport at present. Some work is underway to harmonise the data access categories, so researchers will be able to filter by access category at some point in the future.</p> <p>Some ideas in deliverable from SSHOC project</p> <p>D5.9 Framework and contract for international data use agreements on remote access to confidential data</p>
<p>When you say that research datasets have no home: How do you handle the ethical issues with that. In Sweden you have to have an approval from the Swedish Ethical Review Authority in order to conduct your research project and when you reuse the data it might be in another research field and how do you handle this? In your opinion, are there any issues with this?</p>	<p>My interpretation of the speaker's meaning is that just because a dataset was produced in say a Social Science context, doesn't mean that it is only of use to Social Science researchers.</p>
<p>Are the datasets all survey data, or do they include qualitative datasets?</p>	<p>Qualitative, quantitative and mixed mode (all modes provided by Service Providers)</p>



<p>Is there an option for variable search?</p>	<p>No, as variables are not included in the metadata at present. We are investigating possible inclusion of variable data.</p>
<p>I might have missed this but are you considering to include a filter to distinguish panel data from cross-section data?</p>	<p>On the wish list. Sorry, no date has been set for when this will be available.</p> <p>It will require that sufficient proportion of metadata providers will provide this information and use the Time Method vocabulary.</p>
<p>Are there written instructions regarding the technical requirements that need to be followed in order for the data from the national data archive to be listed in the CESSDA catalogue? Platform? DDI version?</p>	<p>Yes, these have been posted in Basecamp for CESSDA Service Providers to see, and will be made available to the public soon.</p> <p>At present we can harvest DDI 1.2.2 and DDI 2.5 in XML format. This does not mean your metadata is in this format but your endpoint (OAI-PMH or such) will be.</p>
<p>When do you expect the filter by access category to be available?</p>	<p>We are working on mapping access categories used by the Service Providers to the common CESSDA categorisation.</p> <p>Service Providers do not need to change their access categories, they just need to map their categories to the CESSDA one and provide the CESSDA category in the metadata record in their OAI-PMH.</p>
<p>Have you found any issues when data originates from different countries with different legislations?</p>	<p>The Data Catalogue only contains metadata. Researchers have to go to the service providers to arrange access to the associated data. Legislation relates to the actual data files, not to metadata.</p>
<p>Some data sets don't have a link to Access data?</p>	<p>That is because the dataset page URL on the service provider website wasn't included in the metadata. We provide feedback to the metadata providers when we find issues with this and ask them to provide the URL.</p>



	<p>Providing the URL is mandatory from July 2021 onwards.</p>
<p>Will the CESSDA Metadata Validator be available again? Do you have a timeline? Yes for testing our own metadata.</p>	<p>It will be incorporated in the Data Catalogue at some point, at Basic level (metadata needs to have mandatory elements and mandatory sub elements when the parent element is provided).</p> <p>We hope to make the validator available for self-testing purposes in the near future.</p>
<p>Are all the data in your catalogue anonymous? Or is it possible to order data not anonymised?</p>	<p>There are no data in the Data Catalogue, only the associated metadata. Service Providers distribute data - anonymization procedures differ, based on national legislation.</p> <p>Taina: I would say that data files that are not fully anonymised cannot be downloaded at the service provider website but the dataset can still be described (=metadata). Data use requires special conditions, e.g. remote safe access or safe room use. Might be specified in the <i>Terms of access</i> element in the dataset overview.</p> <p>Reply from UKDS: "The majority of our data are fully anonymised, unless otherwise specified in the relevant online catalogue records, and are therefore not suitable for genealogical users or family historians. The latter applies to Secure Lab data."</p>
<p>Will you include URIs for vocabulary terms of CESSDA vocabularies? (for now I've seen URIs only for ELSST terms)</p>	<p>On the wish list. Sorry, no date has been set for when this will be available.</p>