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Newsletter

Welcome to the CESSDAs Newsletter 2024!

Dear Colleagues,

For many of us, the summer break has come to an end, and I hope you had a relaxing time enjoying your holidays. During the summer, several exciting events took place. From June 11th to the 13th, CESSDA organised its first CESSDA Conference in Split, Croatia, celebrating ten years since the establishment of the CESSDA Main Office and the ERIC in 2014.

While I was confident that, together with our colleagues from the Service Providers, we co-designed an engaging programme for the Science Day and the workshops, I did not anticipate the overwhelming positive feedback we received. Attendees praised the quality of the presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and the excellent networking opportunities, complemented by great food and beautiful locations.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all colleagues from the CESSDA Main Office, Service Providers, and our partners who prepared, presented, and attended the event, making the conference a success. Special thanks also go to the local organisers from CROSSDA, the Croatian Data Archive.

This was an excellent exercise in preparation for the next major CESSDA event in two years. In 2026, CESSDA, as a network of social science data archives, will celebrate its 50th anniversary! So, please look forward to it! For those interested, several articles cover the main topics of the event.

Another major highlight for the CESSDA community is that Professor Matthew Woollard has been awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to data science and higher education. As Director of the UK Data Archive and UK Data Service (UKDS) from 2010 to 2023, Professor Woollard led pioneering developments in data curation and active preservation across the social sciences. As a leading expert in the field, he also assisted policymakers in developing key legislation, including the Digital Economy Act (2018). On behalf of the CESSDA community, I would like to congratulate Matthew

Woollard on this honour and thank him for his crucial role during the early years of CESSDA ERIC and important transition periods. CESSDA is very proud and honoured to have such a leader in the field of data services.

Finally, CESSDA, GESIS, the German Data Archive, and LiDA, the Lithuanian Data archive were invited to a panel discussion at the WAPOR 77 conference in Seoul, Korea. This was also a great opportunity to connect to KOSSDA, the Korean Data Archive.

Best wishes,

Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch

In the Spotlight

Professor Matthew Woollard awarded with an OBE for his outstanding contributions to data science and higher education.

Professor Matthew Woollard has been awarded an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours List for services to data science and higher education.

The CESSDA consortium is proud to acknowledge Professor Matthew Woollard's recent recognition in the King's Birthday Honours List, where he was awarded an OBE for his outstanding contributions to data science and higher education. Matthew's nomination for this prestigious honour not only demonstrates his expertise and knowledge but we at CESSDA would also like to highlight how invaluable he was during the early years of CESSDA ERIC and during important transition periods.

Learn More

CESSDA in the European Landscape

4 June

Research Infrastructures in a Changing Global, Environmental and Socio-economical Context

The "Research Infrastructures in a Changing Global, Environmental and

Socio-economical Context" conference
organised in the frame of the Belgian Presidency of the European Council, took place on June 4th and June 5th 2024, in Brussels, at the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR).

Watch the conference

First results of the OSCARS Open Call have been published

The first OSCARS Open Call, launched to foster cutting-edge research and services across a wide range of scientific disciplines, received an overwhelming 264 proposals from 33 countries. The call resulted in the selection of 58 innovative projects, reflecting a significant step forward for open science in Europe.

The proposals encompassed diverse fields, from astronomy and particle physics to environmental sciences, life sciences, photon and neutron science,

and the social sciences and humanities. As a core partner representing the social sciences, CESSDA is particularly pleased to see robust participation

from the social sciences community and the interdisciplinary nature of many of the selected projects.

These selected projects are spread across 19 countries and include not only academic and research institutions but also small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), non-profit organisations, and even a large company. As a project partner CESSDA brings its experience in promoting open data and FAIR principles in the social sciences, therefore we view this successful call as both a major milestone for the OSCARS project and the European open science movement. The projects selected will contribute to making scientific data, software, and tools more accessible, facilitating better research collaboration, data sharing, and reuse.

Learn more

News from the EC Projects

BY-COVID Final Event in Brussels

The BY-COVID project recently held its **Final General Assembly,** marking a successful conclusion thanks to the contributions of all project partners, stakeholders, and speakers.

Another key event, titled ["From Open Data to Knowledge: Enhancing European Resilience to Health Crises,"](#) highlighted the importance of open data and showcased the project's impact on science and society. The event brought together scientists, data experts, industry leaders, and policymakers in Brussels.

BY-COVID *Final Event*

SSHOC
social sciences & humanities open cloud

Deliverable 4.10

Report on the **Machine Translation (MT)** pilot study

Learn more

Publication on Machine Learning

In the past SSHOC project, European Social Survey (ESS) researchers led a pioneer pilot research project to test for machine translation and post-editing in the translation of survey questionnaires. The results are published in this deliverable.

e-Rimote - Green Paper

CESSDA is pleased to announce the publication "[Facilitating Remote and Virtual Access Provision by European Research Infrastructures – Requirements, Issues, and Recommendations.](#)" This peer-reviewed paper, authored by a diverse team of experts, including CESSDA

New Publication on *Facilitating Remote and Virtual Access in European Research Infrastructures*

Service Providers and the CESSDA Main Office. The publication focuses on the critical role of remote and virtual access in advancing scientific research across various disciplines in the evolving Research Infrastructures (RIs) landscape in Europe, a process that has been accelerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Learn more

CESSDA in the Community

28 July

The WAPOR 77th Annual Conference - CESSDA and CESSDA Service Provider discussing the role of data archives for public opinion research in Seoul, South Korea.

CESSDA ERIC, GESIS, the German Data archive, and LiDA (the Lithuanian Data Archive) were invited to discuss in a featured panel with colleagues and partners from Korea, Hongkong and the US at the 77th World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) annual conference on July 28-31, 2024 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The conference `The soul of public opinion research: Liberty, Quality and Humanity´ discussed the latest developments in public opinion research, misinformation, and the study of campaigning and voting behavior. The focus was on challenges and opportunities posed by internet technologies such as social media platforms, artificial intelligence or quantum computing. In this context the important role of data archives was highlighted in a panel discussion on `Long-term memory: a prerequisite for survival - how archiving elevates the social science of opinion research and ensures its enduring positive impact on society.

In the picture: Panel members and colleagues at a networking dinner (L>R) Vaidas Morkevičius (LiDA), Christof Wolf (GESIS), Daniel C. Tsang (Irvine University, US), Seok-Ho Kim (KOSSDA); Dr. Lydia Repke (GESIS), Won-ho Park (KOSSDA), and Bonnie Dr. Wolff-Boenisch (CESSDA) and Brett Powell (Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at Cornell University).

WAPOR 2024 was hosted by the Sungkyunkwan University, which was founded in 1398 as the highest national educational institute in the early years of the Joseon Dynasty in Korea, and is the oldest university in East Asia.

Co-organisers were: the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the Korean Sociological Association, the Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA), the Korean Association of Party Studies, the Korean Association for Survey Research, and the Institute of Social Development and Policy Research at Seoul National University.

The 4-days conference gathered over 400 researchers from 51 countries with about 270 presentations organized in 60 conference sessions and 8 training workshops.

The full programme: https://wapor.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-WAPOR-CONFERENCE-PROGRAM-August-01-2024.pdf

1 October

Ukraine Webinar: Developing Transnational Access to European Research Infrastructures in the Social Sciences and Humanities

This will be a joint webinar of the [ESFRI Strategy Working Group on Social Sciences and Humanities](#), together with [The Social Science Social Sciences & Humanities Open Cloud](#), the [Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine](#), and the [National Research Foundation of Ukraine](#). Ukraine has been associated with Horizon Europe since 2022 and several European social sciences and humanities (SSH) initiatives have initiated activities to support Ukrainian participation in European research infrastructures. These specific initiatives support research communities in Ukraine and the development of research infrastructure in their field.

Learn more

11 - 13 June 2024

Enhancing Reproducibility in Computational Social Science: Workshop Highlights

The fourth and final workshop of the CESSDA Conference 2024, titled "From MyBinder to JupyterHub: Enhancing Reproducibility in Computational Social Science," was led by Arnim Bleier and Raniere Silva from GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. This session provided a hands-on overview of tools and strategies to improve reproducibility in computational social science research.

Learn more

11 - 13 June 2024

The Role of AI in CESSDA Service Providers: Workshop Highlights

At the CESSDA Conference 2024, the first of four workshops, titled "The Role of AI in CESSDA Service Providers," explored the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) to

enhance data archives and research infrastructures. Chaired by Bojana Tasic of FORS, the session brought together experts to discuss how AI can revolutionise the field.

Learn more

11 June 2024

CESSDA Expert Seminar on Data Citation

On 11 June 2024, the CESSDA Expert Seminar on data citation gathered nearly 50 participants for a 3-hour session in Split, Croatia. The seminar focused on the activities of the CESSDA Data Citation Key Topic Working Group (WG) and particularly the CESSDA Recommendations on data citation.

Learn more

A Year in Review: CESSDA publishes 2023 Annual Report

CESSDA released its annual report detailing its extensive activities and accomplishments during 2023. This report showcases CESSDA's ongoing commitment and activities to support social science research through robust data archiving services and innovative projects. The activities undertaken in 2023 demonstrate that CESSDA continues to be a pivotal player in the research data landscape in Europe.

Learn more

CESSDA and its SPs

The CESSDA Main Office welcomes our Senior Science Officer, Lorraine!

Lorraine Wong has extensive research experience in various areas of the social sciences including work, human trafficking, migration, social protection, and health. Before joining

Lorraine Wong

CESSDA

CESSDA, she worked with United Nations agencies to analyse survey and administrative data. At the International Organization for Migration, she led a partnership with Microsoft Research to generate synthetic data and dashboards to inform human trafficking vulnerability factors and incidences.

Learn more

A new Director for the French SP PROGEDO

Nicolas Sauger has been appointed as the new Directeur of the French SP for France, PROGEDO, as of January 1st this year. Nicolas has been a Professor of Political science at Sciences Po (Paris, France). He was before the Director of another French SSH data archive, the CDSP. As a political scientist, Nicolas has been working in the field of elections and electoral systems, political attitudes, and party competition. Nicolas has also been involved in several surveys, especially the European social survey, now as a member of its Methods advisory board, but also as the PI of the French election studies.

Nicolas Sauger

CESSDA

Learn more

Introducing Anja Smit, Director of DANS

Hello, my name is Anja Smit and I joined DANS, Dutch Centre of Expertise and National Repository and for research data in 2022 as the Director. DANS is an Institute of the Royal Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council in The Netherlands. I bring to

Anja Smit

DANS a background in research libraries of over three decades in The Netherlands and in the international arena. In my last position of Library Director at Utrecht University, my colleagues and I were very active in the area of open science, including of course, FAIR Data. To me, libraries developing services around research data is a very logical development: just think of the metadata expertise of research libraries, and the broad experience in making research output FAIR.

Learn more

A new and improved data repository for PROGEDO

In June 2024, PROGEDO implemented a major upgrade to its data repository, Quetelet-Progedo-Diffusion, streamlining data access. A new interface has been set up—backed by a help desk and ticketing software, Zammad — making it now possible for users to discover, identify and request data of interest all through a single entry point. The requested data are then made available to users via a secure file sharing space based on Nextcloud.

Learn more

SND receives extended grant from the Swedish Research Council until 2028

SND is one of the 19 research infrastructures that the Swedish Research Council gives top priority in their decision on which infrastructures can apply for grants for continued funding. The decision also states that SND's current grant period is extended by two years until 2028. During the extended period, an investigation will be conducted to clarify SND's role and responsibilities.

Resources

Some recent publications from the CESSDA community.
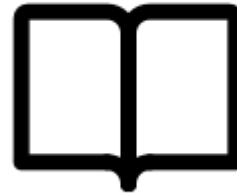
The UK Data Service Data Skills Framework

for working with large scale survey data, census, and macro-level aggregate data

Guidebook - Depositing Restricted Access

In The DANS Data Stations

Making Qualitative Data Reusable

A Short Guidebook For Researchers And Data Stewards Working With Qualitative Data

Open Science

A Practical Guide for Early-Career Researchers

Comparison of tools for automated FAIR software assessment

from the EOSC FAIR-Impact Project

Ability to specify retention period

now available in DataverseNL and DANS Data Stations

DEEM's 2024 Best Paper Award

for Croissant Metadata

Contextualizing Research Tools & Services

Through Workflows in the SSH Open Marketplace

Improve your DMP

with expert guidance from CESSDA

Surveys

Some recent publications from the CESSDA community.

Trusted Research Environment User Experience Survey (ESRC)

Closes 30 Sep 2024

Discovery survey: ESRC Future Data Services Discovery & Data Curation

Closes 30 September 2024

ESRC Future Data Services Discovery & Data Curation - Service Staff Survey

Closes 30 September 2024

Events and Training

EDDI 2024
2 - 6 of December 2024

Ukraine Webinar
1 October 2024

Data Interoperability: From Discussion to Practices in Norway
16 September 2024

EOSC Symposium 2024
21 - 23 October 2024

COORDINATE Call for Researchers interested in Child & Youth Wellbeing

On September 2nd, COORDINATE launched the sixth call for the [COORDINATE Transnational Access Visits](#) (TAVs). This programme enables researchers of children and youth wellbeing to visit European research institutions/universities and access the most relevant European birth cohort, panel and cross-sectional survey data. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to spend 1-3 working weeks at one of the eight partner institutions, gain access to data, conduct their research, benefit from the support of local experts, and expand their skills.

Deadline for applying: October 2, 2024

Learn more

Vacancies

GESIS is looking for 2 Team Leaders (Senior Researchers) to join their team.

Apply here

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter. If you have any news or stories that you would like us to consider for our next addition, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us here. We look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,
The CESSDA Team