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Newsletter

Happy holidays from the Director of CESSDA

Dear colleagues,

With the new year around the corner, this last newsletter for 2023 presents you with a very recent highlight and a perspective of an important event in 2024.

At the International Science Data Week 2023 in Salzburg this October, CESSDA ERIC and CODATA, the Committee on Data of the International Science Council (ISC), have formalised a strategic partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. The collaborative venture stems from a shared recognition that addressing major global challenges necessitates robust and trusted research infrastructures cutting across societal, ecological, and economic domains, recognizing the pivotal role of social sciences data.

The signing of the MoU coincided with the selection process of a new President for CODATA. Mercè Crosas, head of Computational Social Sciences at the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre was elected for a five-year mandate. Mercè has an impressive career with experiences as Secretary of Open Government for the Government of Catalonia, Chief Data Science & Technology Officer at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science and as the University-wide Research Data Management Officer, where she co-authored the FAIR data principles. CESSDA is looking very much forward to collaborating with Mercè Rosas and Simon Hodson, CEO of CODATA.

In 2024 CESSDA will organise its first conference in Split, Croatia to celebrate the 10th anniversary of CESSDA's Main Office.

The whole CESSDA Team wishes you, your families and friends a peaceful season.

Best wishes,

Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch



In the Spotlight

CESSDA consolidates and strengthens European social science research.

[the date](#)

In June 2024 CESSDA will organise its first CESSDA ERIC Conference, marking the 10th anniversary of when the CESSDA Main Office was set up in Bergen.

The Conference is dedicated to the different main stakeholders of CESSDA: the Service Providers, the researchers, policy makers and the member countries. Please save the date in your calendars; 11-13 June in Split, Croatia.



CESSDA in the European landscape

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[CESSDA Annual Report](#)

Discover CESSDA's achievements in 2022 through the beautifully embellished design of our annual report, now accessible on the CESSDA website. Immerse yourself in the highlights of the year and delve into the fascinating insights provided within the pages.



12 December 2023

[CESSDA at the EOSC Symposium - a throwback](#)

CESSDA Main Office and many Service Providers joined this year's EOSC Symposium, which took place in Madrid this September.

8 December 2023

Seven newly awarded EC funded projects in CESSDA to start in 2024

As a result of its past engagement and successful cross-disciplinary collaborations, CESSDA was solicited to participate in multiple EC project proposals.



4 December 2023

New Horizon Europe project in social sciences to begin next year - Infra4NextGen

A new €9.75m project funded by the European Commission will bring together outputs from key social science research infrastructures to inform the NextGenerationEU recovery plan and European Union youth policy.

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Infra4NextGen



25 October 2023

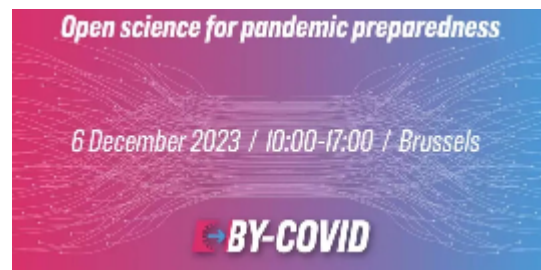
Strengthening cross-cluster collaboration: Highlights from the 2nd SSH Open Cluster Assembly

CESSDA, which holds the Vice-Chair and Secretariat roles of the SSHOC Cluster, has co-organised and joint hosted the 2nd SSHOC Cluster Assembly this year. Read more about the meeting!

25 October 2023

Open science for pandemic preparedness project

As part of the BY-COVID project, we are happy to report the high-profile 'Open Science for Pandemic Preparedness' event took place in Brussels on 6 December 2023.



For more on CESSDA's EU projects, visit our page on [Development and Impact](#).



CESSDA in the community

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We are welcoming our new Head of IT in 2024!

Alen Vodopijavec joins our team in 2024. Alen has a rich background in software development, Unix/Linux systems administration, and advocating for open access in scientific publishing. He has contributed to the establishment of CROSSDA in Croatia and participated in European Commission and Swiss National Science Foundation projects.

During his tenure at the Ruđer Bošković Institute, Alen played a pivotal role in implementing Croatia's first institutional repositories and contributed to the development of numerous national research infrastructure services.



His involvement extended beyond national borders, engaging in international initiatives such as OpenAIRE and NI4OS-Europe and spearheading RBI's membership in the European Open Science Cloud Association.



6 December 2023

[CEESDA releases the new version of the CEESDA Metadata Validator and the new DDI Profiles!](#)

CEESDA has released the next version of the CEESDA Metadata Validator (CMV). This tool, which validates DDI metadata documents against a given DDI profile, has been enhanced with new features to improve the user experience.

5 December 2023

[Spotlight on the Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences](#)

The Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS) is the national centre of expertise in the social sciences in Switzerland and is a CEESDA member. Hear from Brian Kleiner, Head of Data and Research Information Services at FORS.



28 November 2023

[Spotlight on the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences](#)



ISSK-BAS (Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) is the national collector and provider of social survey research data collected by Bulgarian research and scientific institutions in the social sciences and humanities. We met with Radostina Angelova of ISSK-BAS.

22 November 2023

Spotlight on the Data Archiving and Networked Services

The Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS) is the Dutch infrastructure for research data, including Social Science and Humanities (SSH) Data, and is a CESSDA service provider. The Netherlands is a member of CESSDA. Hear from Ingrid Dillo, Deputy Director of DANS.



14 November 2023

The SPOZNAJ Project will introduce the principles of open science to Slovenian research organisations

The 'SPOZNAJ - Support for the Implementation of Open Science Principles in Slovenia' project commenced in June 2023. Half a year into the project, the initiative included collaboration with the Central Technical Library at the University of Ljubljana and 20 public research organisations in Slovenia.



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For Norway as for all the other partners and future partners of CESSDA I think CESSDA will keep providing tools, services, training for sharing, for reuse of data, for sustainability of services. It will be a key player in the implementation of FAIR principles.

Olja Toljagic
Research Council of Norway



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31 October 2023

[Interview with CESSDA Member Country Representative Olja Toljagic \(Norway\) - video and podcast available](#)

Discover how CESSDA ERIC is shaping the future of social sciences in Europe and beyond, providing trusted, pan-European data services from our interview with Olja Toljagic. Both the Youtube video and podcast are now available.



20 October 2023

[UK Data Service receives new ESRC investment of £37.5m, funding research infrastructure to 2030](#)

The award represents the continued recognition by UKRI of the integral infrastructure the UK Data Service provides for effective research, policy development and impact for public benefit.

17 October 2023

[Spotlight on the Austrian Social Science Data Archive](#)

The Austrian Social Science Data Archive (AUSSDA) serves as Austria's core social science research infrastructure and is a proud service provider for CESSDA. In this spotlight, we hear from Lars Kaczmirek, Head of AUSSDA.



23 November 2023

[C25 Changes in FSD agreements for a smoother archiving process](#)

FSD has updated its agreements regarding the transfer and archiving of



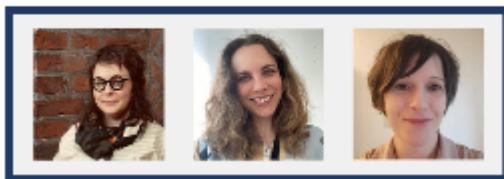
research data. The separate agreement on personal data processing for assessing the suitability of research data for archiving is no longer in use.

5 December 2023 **Data Station Life Sciences launched**

The DANS Data Station for the Life Sciences, enabling researchers and data professionals in the Medical, Health, and Green Life Sciences to digitally archive and publish research data, is now live.



New networks for data stewards emerging at various levels



12 December 2023 **New networks for data stewards emerging at various levels**

The data steward role has emerged as a critical function in contexts of data management within both academia and the business world. It is a fairly new profession, and it is becoming evident that there is a growing need to share experiences and discuss both small and large issues in this field.

Success and reach of the CESSDA newsletter

If you have news, resources, events, career or funding opportunities you would like to publicise via the newsletter, we welcome your submissions. Our [relaunch issue in June](#) this year went out to over 800 subscribers across Europe. It achieved an unprecedented open rate - almost half of the people who received the newsletter read it, which far exceeds industry benchmarks.

Make sure your news reaches a wide and engaged audience - [share it with us!](#)



Events and training

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[Register now! eRImote Expert Group on Data](#)



Resources

[Data Driven policy learning: the Role of FOSSR](#)



Vacancies and fellowships

[Senior Science and Policy Officer, CESSDA - open](#)

[sharing, Data access and security. Meeting 2 - Authentication and authorisation of users and RI staff to ensure safe/appropriate access occurs](#)

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[Enhancing Research Data Management with EUDAT and FAIRCORE4EOSC](#)

23-25 January 2024

[Data sharing and reuse under GDPR, Athens](#)

24 January 2024

[Register now! eRImote Expert Group on Data sharing, Data access and security. Meeting 3 - Licensing and contracts and the other formal agreements put in place between involved organisations](#)

19-21 February 2024

[18th International Digital Curation Conference, Edinburgh](#)

27 February 2024

[FAIR Implementation Workshop - Building FAIR skills at a national level](#)

28 February 2024

[Register now! eRImote Expert Group on Data sharing, Data access and security. Meeting 4 - Infrastructure security measures, especially identifying relevant standards or certifications](#)

11-12 April 2024

[COSMOS 2024 - Conference on Smart Metadata for Official Statistics, Paris 11-12 April 2024](#)

[BY-COVID D3.3.1: COVID-19 Data Portal](#)

[Open data to support European pandemic preparedness](#)

[Presentations from EDDI 2023](#)

[CORDIS results pack on research infrastructures in Europe](#)

[deadline](#)

[Project Manager, CESSDA - open deadline](#)

Let us know if you would like to [advertise a vacancy](#) at your institution.

11-13 June 2024

[Save the date -](#)

[Announcement of CESSDA](#)

[ERIC Conference in 2024](#)



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