From a research policy perspective, national data services provide a number of benefits to scientific communities that justify the needed investment.

**Long-term access**
To ensure wider and more effective use of existing data, respecting FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles

**More efficient use of public finances**
Publicly funded data are further exploited by secondary users for new insights and scientific contributions

**Stronger research practice and quality**
By rendering research more transparent and open for replicability

**Funding and publication in journals**
Increasingly a requirement that data be deposited in archives/repositories

**Added value of secondary research**
Secondary data brings value to university lecturers and students, as well as to society and business
Who are we?

The Albanian Data Archive for Social Science (ADAS) will be a national research infrastructure that provides long-term preservation and distribution of research data in the social sciences in Albania. The Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth and the National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation will define the host institution for ADAS and coordinate its establishment. There are several potential institutions which could serve as a host institution for the national data service.

Our mission

Our mission is to manage data and data services in order to support high quality research, teaching and learning in the social sciences in Albania by acquiring, developing and managing data and related digital resources, and by promoting and disseminating these resources as widely and effectively as possible.

What do we do?

The main activities of ADAS will be to:

- acquire important research data from a wide range of social science disciplines;
- ensure long-term digital preservation;
- provide access to research data that enables easy and well-informed usage for various purposes;
- train researchers and more generally data depositors on planning, dealing and preparing data for ingest in open access;
- provide data service user support and training;
- actively promoting secondary use of research data by training users.

What kind of data do we have?

ADAS will collect data across a range of social science disciplines. This includes quantitative and qualitative data. The primary focus will be on quantitative data in the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, political science, psychology, educational science, information science, economics, demography, and geography.

The data service will also collect and curate qualitative data, but with more careful selection and with consideration given to available resources. Qualitative data will encompass in the first phase oral history and life story projects, as well as other narrative studies, currently undertaken within academia and NGOs.

Who is it for?

ADAS intends to provide services to the academic community, i.e. university researchers, teachers and students (doctoral, master and bachelor), as well as to researchers from other public institutions (i.e. scientific institutes, government agencies), and researchers from private institutions such as NGOs, individual researchers, journalists, and private research companies. For other individuals/institutions, the data service reserves the right to decide on a case-by-case basis.

ADAS has a large network of archives in Europe to provide it with support via CESSDA ERIC.

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