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## About CESSDA ERIC

CESSDA ERIC provides large scale, integrated and sustainable data services to the social sciences. It brings together social science data archives across Europe, with the aim of promoting the results of social science research and supporting national and international research and cooperation.

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## National Data Service - KOSOVO

### **KSSDC**

The Kosovo Social Sciences Data Centre



## Why establish a national data service?

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 Kosovo Social Sciences Data Centre (KSSDC)** will be a national infrastructure for social sciences and humanities providing long-term preservation and distribution of research data. The data centre should be housed within a larger existing organisation but its services will be available to the whole community, national and international. The main purpose of KSSDC will be to provide curation of research data produced by the research community in the country and access to these data for researchers and the broader public. The KSSDC could be established by the Centre for Political Courage (CPC) within the Institute for Social Studies and Humanities (ISSH), at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pristina. One of the main stakeholders in the future will be the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST).

## Our mission

Our mission is to offer a secure environment for researchers in Kosovo to store, access, and reuse national and regional data from the social sciences.

## What do we do?

The key services of KSSDC will include:

- » selecting and acquiring data;
- » processing and cataloguing data and documentation;
- » data dissemination;
- » digital preservation and the development and maintenance of technical systems;
- » education and support for depositors (how to manage data, data management plan) and users (how and why to use data for secondary research).

A number of additional services are envisaged such as the promotion of Open Access for scientific research in Kosovo and enabling secure access to sensitive data.

## What kind of data do we have?

The KSSDC's holdings will include social science data in a broad sense. The primary focus, however, will be quantitative data in sociology, psychology, education science, political science and economics. These include microdata (coded numerical responses to surveys with a separate record for each individual respondent) and macrodata (aggregate figures, e.g. country level economic indicators).

KSSDC will also collect and curate qualitative data, by careful selection and with consideration given to available resources. Qualitative data include in-depth interviews, diaries, anthropological field notes and the complete answers to survey questions. Digitised paper documents or original digital files like images, photographs and audio and video clips may also be collected.

## Who is it for?

The Data Centre will be open and dedicated to the research community, researchers, teachers and students. It will also benefit other stakeholders involved in scientific research in Kosovo and abroad, such as higher education institutions, both public and private, research institutes and institutions, NGOs, IGOs, public institutions such as the Kosovo Agency of Statistics, and think tanks. It aspires to be useful to both data producers and data users, such as registered researchers from the country and abroad, and other interested parties such as public institutions, policy makers, journalists, students, and others.

The Kosovo Social Sciences Data Centre has a large network of archives in Europe to provide it with support via CESSDA ERIC.

## More information

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