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## Building the CESSDA Network of Partners

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# Building a Pan-European Research Data Infrastructure

*"...Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) will build on existing national services within the member countries and strengthen and expand pan-European cooperation through close cooperation in the field of research and development in social science data archives for both scientific and economic reasons"*

Statutes of CESSDA ERIC, Preamble

## Limitations

- » **Low level of maturity / non-existence of service providers in some countries**
- » **Lack of support for CESSDA ERIC membership in some countries**

# Solution: CESSDA strengthening and widening activities

**Strategic Goal:** *“CESSDA ERIC will provide services with European coverage and performance measures, achieve a wider membership, work to reduce access barriers, and build archive capacity across Europe”*

CESSDA Strategic Plan

- » **Support to development of capacities across Europe**
- » **Widening membership**
- » **European coverage based on external collaboration**

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# Strategic objective since beginning of CESSDA

## *“Article I: Objectives*

- 1. To promote the acquisition, archiving and distribution of data throughout Europe.*
- 2. To promote projects and procedures for enhancing exchange of data and technologies among data organizations.*
- 3. To stimulate the development and the use of these procedures throughout Europe.*
- 4. To encourage new data organizations to further these objectives.*
- 5. To promote the integration of the European database.*
- 6. To associate and cooperate with other international organizations sharing similar objectives.*

CESSDA ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE, Neuchâtel 2000)

**EDAN**  
**East European Data**  
**Archive Network**

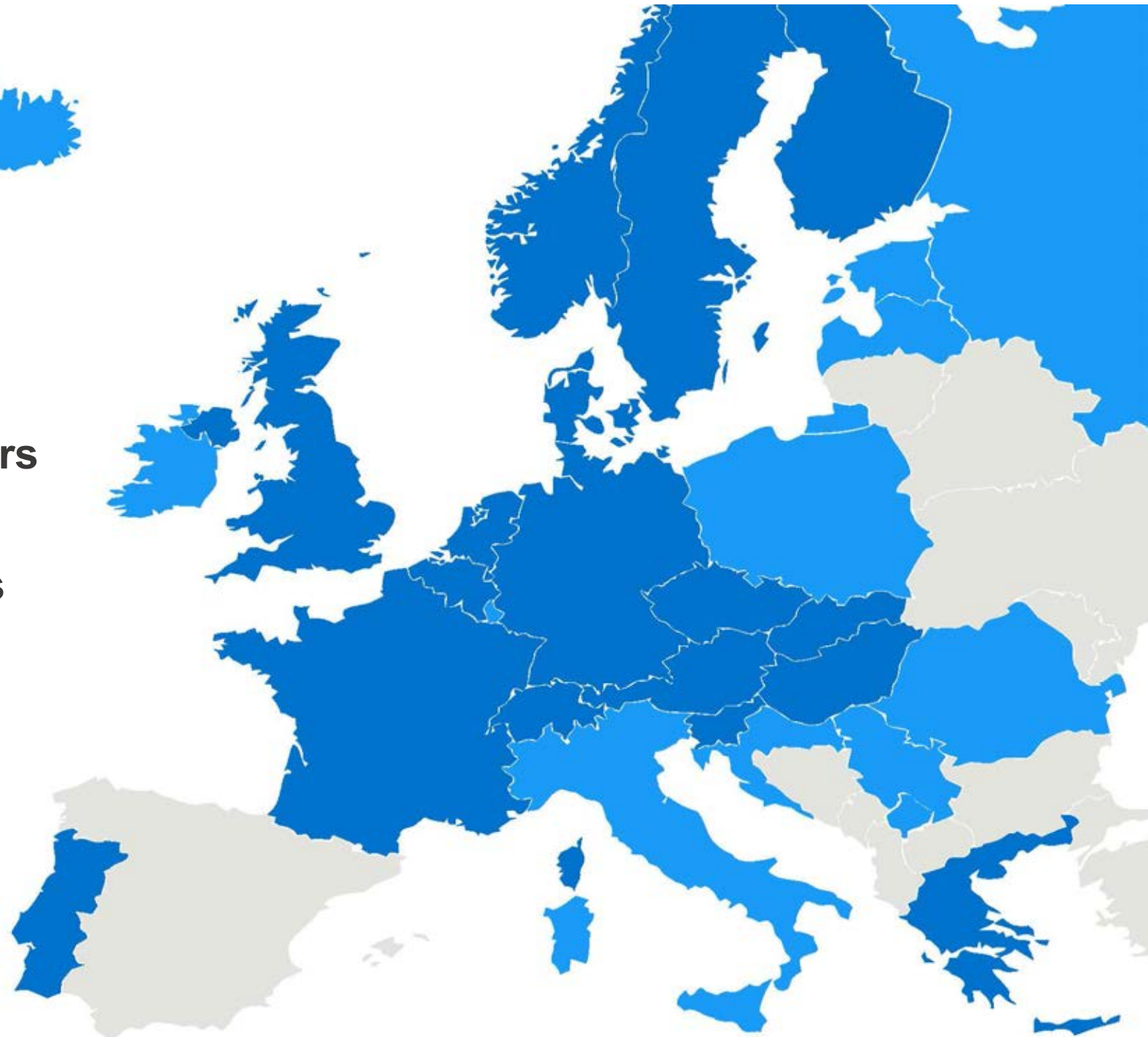


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# CESSDA ERIC Members and CESSDA Partners



- » **44 target countries**
- » **16 CESSDA ERIC full members**
- » **1 CESSDA ERIC observer**
- » **CESSDA Network of Partners**
  - » **SPs aspiring to membership**
  - » **non-member SPs**
  - » **initiatives**



# Widening Activities 2018

*Widening European coverage is among the priorities highlighted in the CESSDA strategy documents. This task continues in recent developments within CESSDA SAW, SERSCIDA and SEEDS aiming to ensure continuity of long-term CESSDA widening efforts.*

## » **CESSDA Workplan 2018 Task**

### » **Objectives**

- » to foster the Network of CESSDA Partners
- » to help disseminating existing CESSDA support services
- » to develop knowledge about non-member SPs and emerging archiving activities
- » disseminating existing CESSDA support services
- » o increase CESSDA visibility in non-member countries

### » **Target Groups**

- » CESSDA aspiring non-member SPs and other archiving activities in Europe
- » CESSDA management and CESSDA support and tools developers.

# Widening Activities 2018

## » Partners in the project

- » CSDA - Czech Social Science Data Archive
- » FORS - Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences
- » ADP - Social Science Data Archives (Slovenia)
- » TARKI - The Tárki Data Archive (Hungary)
- » SND - Swedish National Data Service
- » DANS - Data Archiving and Networked Services (Netherlands)



**SND**



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# Widening Activities 2018

## » **Resource directory**

- » Survey on resources within the CESSDA Community
- » Development of a guide into the resources
- » Gap analysis based on feedback from non-member SPs

## » **CESSDA Widening Workshop 2018**

- » Focused on practical issues of data service building (know-how, tools, services)
- » Targeted to non-member SPs + providers of CESSDA support
- » Autumn 2018, 1.5 day event
- » Location in a selected aspiring non-member country

## » **Setting up a system of monitoring of the state-of-play at non-members**

- » Development of a monitoring system (regular short surveys + living document, continuously updated)
- » 1-st monitoring survey



# Additional CEESDA widening activities in 2018

## » CEESDA Widening Meeting 2018 in Milano

» The widening task contributes into organisation and the programme

## » Review of needs

» TARKI

» Under negotiation



# Widening Activities 2019

- » **A limited-scale project to bridge the period between the end of the current project and the possible launch of expected CESSDA SaW2**
- » **5 partners (ČSDA, FORS, TARKI, ADP, SND)**
- » **CESSDA Widening Workshop 2019**
  - » 1.5 day event with 40-60 participants; located in a perspective non-member country
- » **CESSDA Helpdesk**
  - » an online information and email service, where aspiring CESSDA service providers might get advice and feedback regarding development of their data services and plans for joining CESSDA;
  - » a mentorship programme between widening project partners and actively aspiring archives;

# Overview of plans and realised activities

Ideas on widening activities collected during development of the CESSDA Work Plan on Collaboration in March 2014 (expert group: CSDA, FSD, Réseau Quetelet, FORS)

- » **Establishing expert Workgroup**
  - » Performed by the CESSDA management
- » **Developing CESSDA's strategy of widening and pan-European coverage**
  - » Strategic goals integrated into CESSDA strategy documents
  - » Conceptual basis was not set up - ongoing projects combine different views
- » **Incorporating SERSCIDA recommendations and policies**
  - » Current projects follow up SERSCIDA and SEEDS
  - » Direct links provided by FORS and ADP
- » **Establishing a network of partner archives**
  - » CESSDA Network of Partners established under CESSDA SaW
  - » No formal agreements on partnership

# Overview ... continued

- » **Developing different models of partnership; model agreements on partnership**
  - » Not implemented
- » **Workshops on widening**
  - » Implemented, ongoing projects
- » **Monitoring developments in countries which are not represented in CESSDA, exchange of information, onsite visits;**
  - » Implementation in process (CESSDA SaW, Widening Activities 2018)
- » **Promotion and information campaigns via the Web and E-mail**
  - » CESSDA communication strategy
- » **Training activities related to widening**
  - » Partly implemented
  - » Since 2018 widening activities are part of the Training Group agenda; collaboration with the Trust and Technical Groups

# Overview ... continued

- » **Access for CESSDA Partners to the CESSDA Training Programme; CESSDA Outreach Fund**
  - » Sensitive topic; however, partly implemented
- » **Developing different models of partnership; model agreements on partnership**
  - » Not implemented
- » **CESSDA system of mentoring support**
  - » Partial implementation planned within the Help Desk sub-task of the Widening Activities 2019
- » **CESSDA staff exchange and visiting programme**
  - » Not implemented