CROSSDA Croatian Social Science Data Archive

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European context

ESFRI - the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) plays a key role in policy-making on Research Infrastructures in Europe (coherent and strategy-led approach to policy making on Research Infrastructure in Europe; Roadmap, Landmark)

ERIC - The European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) is a specific legal form that facilitates the establishment and operation of Research Infrastructures with European interest

European context

CESSDA - Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives

- 2006. identified as a social science research infrastructures (RIs) of excellence by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)
- 2016. recognised as an ESFRI Landmark in the ESFRI 2016 Roadmap in the field of social and cultural innovation
- 2017. became an ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium)

Croatian context

The importance of investing in research infrastructures, the need to include Croatia in Pan-European research infrastructures as well as support for ERIC memberships are already recognised in all relevant Croatian strategic documents:

- Strategy for Education, Science and Technology (2014-2020)
- Smart Specialisation Strategy (2016-2020)
- Croatian Research and Innovation Infrastructure Roadmap (2016)

Beginning

- Initiative for Social Science Data Archive (FFZG, 2005.)
- projects: CESSDA PPP, SERSCIDA, SEEDS, CESSDA SaW
- projects' results:
 - networking, training, education, support
 - procedures, establishment plan (SERSCIDA, SEEDS)
 - technical systems prototypes (SERSCIDA, SEEDS)
 - the newest prototype is built on the Dataverse platform and is completely ready to become a production system with a persistent identifier (DOI) assigned to each dataset

Croatian Data Archive Establishment Process

- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences initiative towards Ministry of Science and Education
- Ministry appointed FFZG as a national coordination institution
- Ministry applied for CESSDA ERIC membership
- Croatia became a member of CESSDA ERIC

Data Archive Establishment

Agreement on support of FFZG in CESSDA Consortium

- roles and duties of the Ministry and FFZG as a national coordinating institution
- Ministry fees, budget, employees
- FFZG space, technical infrastructure (proper servers, software, network, telecommunications), data archive services, reports

Services and activities

- Solicitation and acquisition of data from data producers
- Curation and long-term preservation of data
- Maintaining a catalogue of the archived data
- Enabling access to data and access rights administration
- Support, assistance, and advice for data depositors during the entire lifecycle of the project
- Support for data users
- Promoting a data sharing culture and secondary analysis

Thank you!