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# How to find data in Europe



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# Overview

- Background: CESSDA and data services
- Data: what's available and how to find it
- Access to data
- Spotlight on...
  - GESIS
  - UK Data Service
- Q and A

# CESSDA

Consortium of European Social  
Science Data Archives

*“to provide a full scale sustainable  
research infrastructure that enables the  
research community to conduct high-  
quality research which in turn leads to  
effective solutions to the major  
challenges facing society today”*



# CESSDA: Key tasks



Develop and coordinate standards, protocols and professional best practices

Facilitate researcher access to important resources

Provide training

Coordinate the network of European data service providers

Promote the results of social sciences

Promote wider participation in CESSDA



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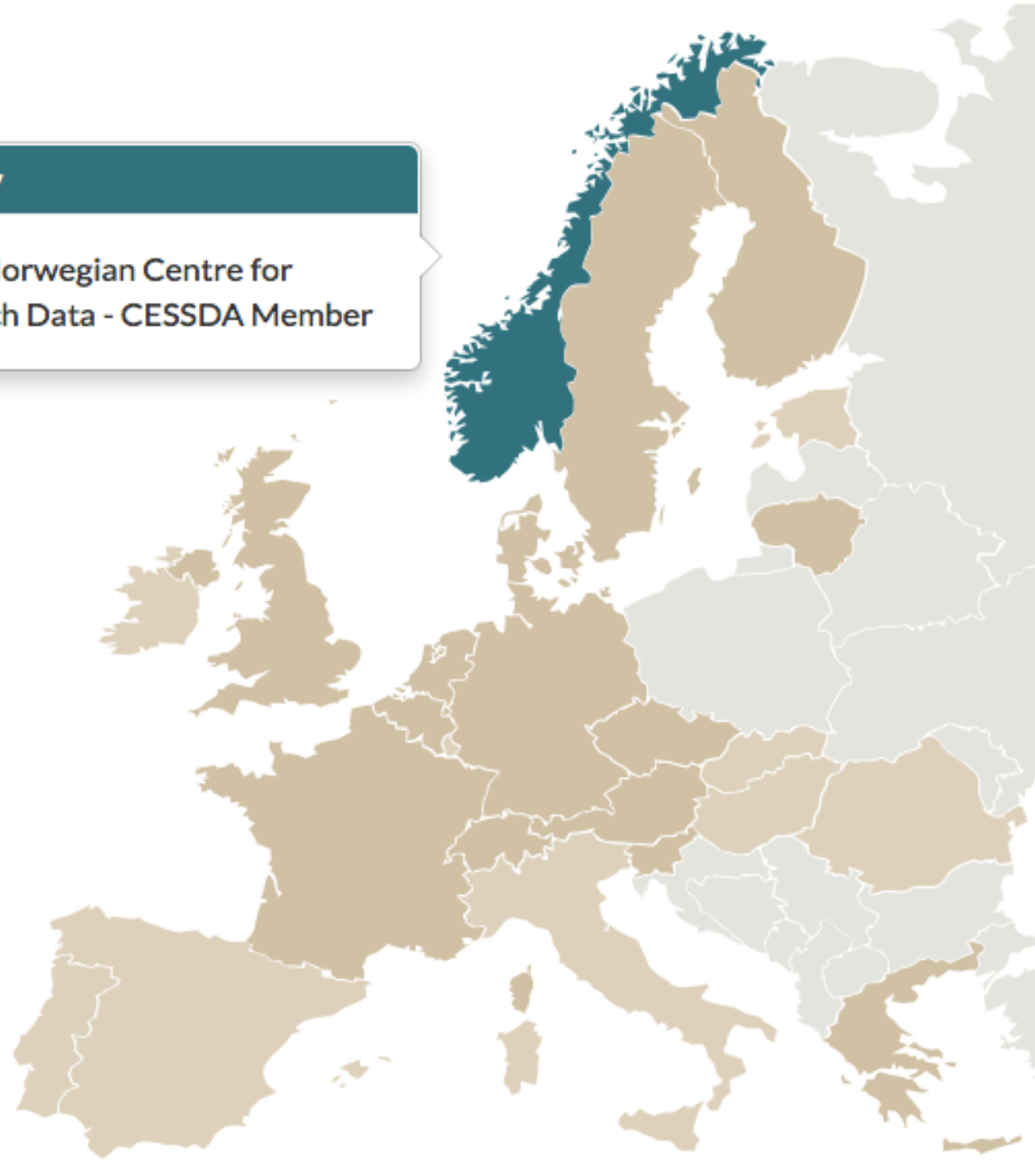
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## National Data Services

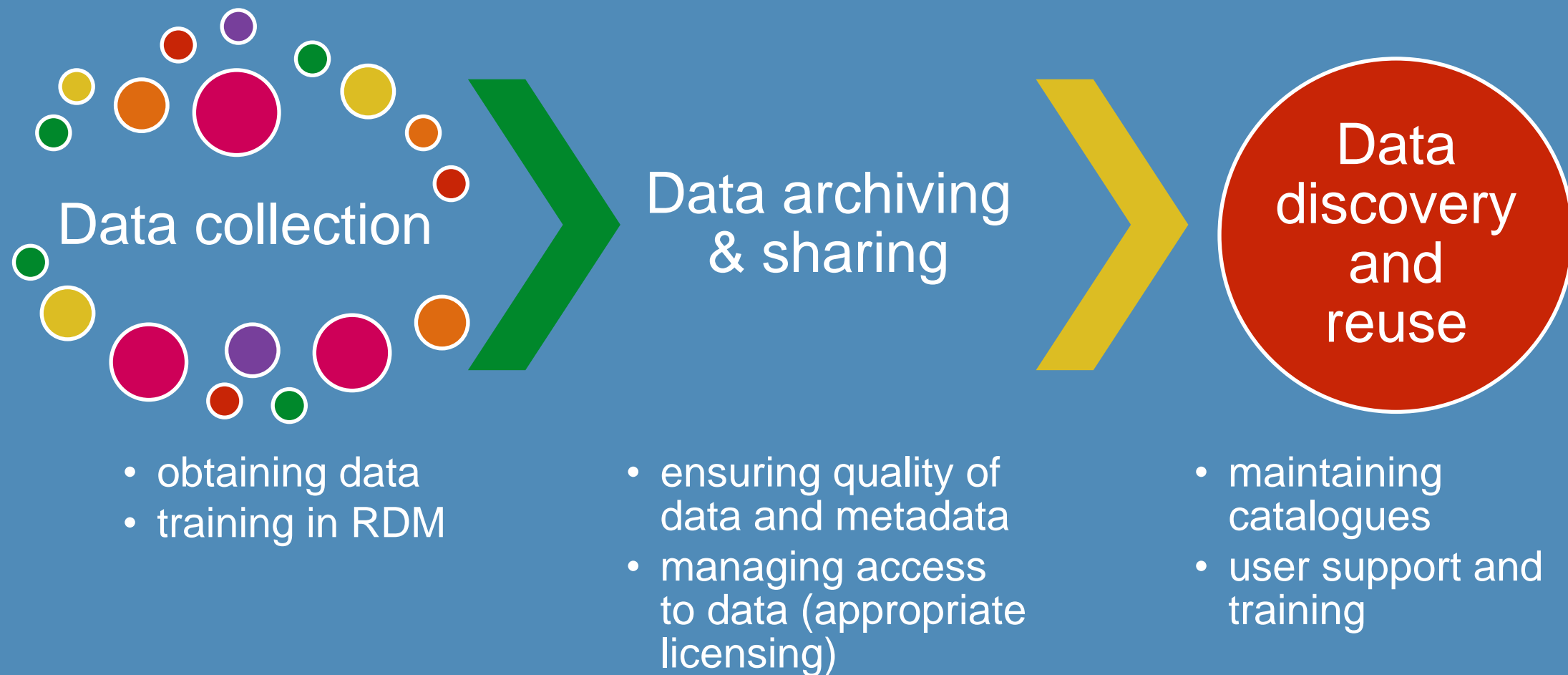
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Research Data - CESSDA Member

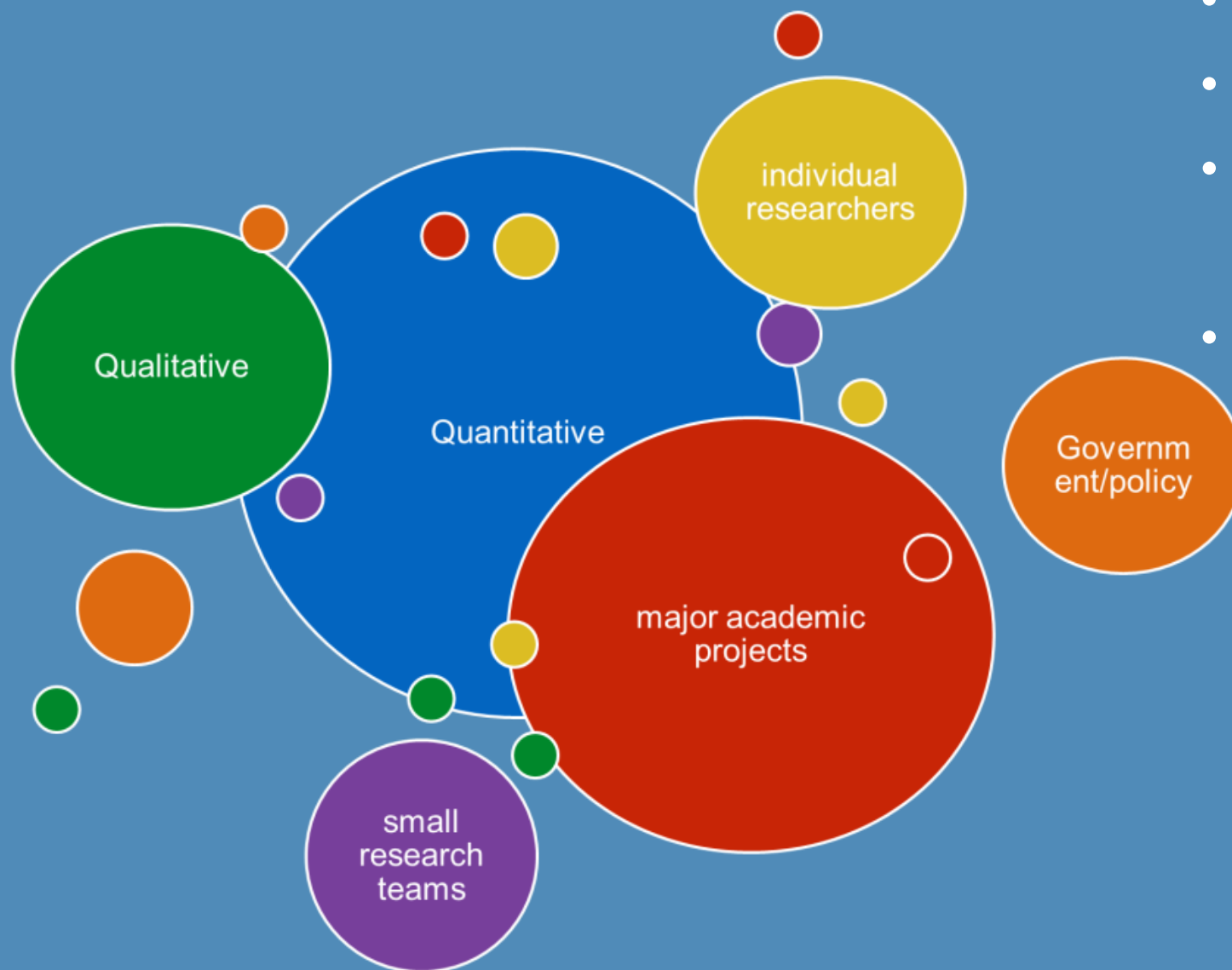




# National data services



# What data are available?



- quantitative
- qualitative
- recent (and less recent)
- outputs of
  - major academic projects
  - government/policy
  - small research teams
  - individual researchers

# Examples: cross-national studies



## International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)

- Annual, cross-national collaboration on cross-sectional surveys
- Diverse topics relevant to social sciences.
- Rotating thematic modules

Similar: European Social Survey, European Values Survey and Eurobarometer



## Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

- Multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database
- micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks

Similar: Generations and gender programme (GGP)



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## Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

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## SHARE - Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of approximately 123,000 individuals aged 50 or older (more than 293,000 interviews). SHARE covers **27 European countries and Israel**.



The **data** are available to the entire research community **free of charge**. For a summary overview and research results of SHARE, you can download the **SHARE brochure** or our latest First Results Book: **Ageing in Europe - Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society**.

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News

### Wave 6 data released!

SHARE is very happy to announce the release of Wave 6 data! Wave 6 not only includes Croatia as a...

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### Launch of the Executive Master's Programme in Management of Research Infrastructures

Rltrain, the Research Infrastructure Training Programme, is launching its Executive Master's...

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### SHARE Newsletter No. 20

Please enjoy reading our Newsletter No. 20. In this edition, we present to you three of our new...

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## Topline Results issue 6 out now

*Our report identifies  
rates of self-diagnosed  
physical and mental  
health conditions in 21  
European nations.  
More...*

OTHER CONDITIONS  
Does the applicant suffer from any disease  
likely to interfere with the sufficient di-  
source of danger to the public  
YES, please specify



## Social Inequalities in Health and their Determinants:

Topline Results from Round 7 of the  
European Social Survey

ESS Topline  
Results Series **6**  
Issue

### Latest news



06/04/17

General Assembly meeting later  
this month



27/03/17

Madrid to host latest event



24/03/17

ESS presents at European  
conferences



13/03/17

Roger Jowell Memorial Lecture  
2017



### Data and Documentation

Data and documentation can be accessed by  
round (year), by theme or by country. Data  
are available for download and online  
analysis.



### Methodological Research

The European Social Survey runs a  
programme of research to support and  
enhance the methodology that underpins the  
high standards it pursues in every aspect of  
survey design, data collection and archiving.





## International Social Survey Programme

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The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) is a continuous program of cross-national collaboration running annual surveys on topics important for the social sciences. The program started in 1984 with four founding members - Australia, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States – and has now grown to [about 50 member countries](#) from all over the world. For more details on the ISSP history, please click [here](#).

### ISSP-News



[ISSP 2015, Work Orientations IV -  
First release published \(v1.0.0\)](#)



[ISSP 2012, Family and Changing  
Gender Roles IV - Fourth release  
published \(v4.0.0\)](#)



[ISSP 2014, Citizenship II - Final  
release is available \(v2.0.0\)](#)



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Structure of Earnings Survey

Adult Education Survey

European Road Freight Transport Survey

European Health Interview Survey

Continuing Vocational Training Survey

Community Statistics on information Society

Micro-Moments Dataset

Household Budget Survey

### News

As from January 2017 the research proposal applications in MS Word format have been replaced by webforms. At once, an automated system to handle the application procedure has been launched. In order to use the system you will need an EU-login (former ECAS).

A link to a 'Quick User Guide' is available in the PDF document 'How to apply for microdata access?'.  
[View the document](#)

The applications for research entity recognition are not affected by these changes, the form for this procedure will remain the same.

### What are microdata?

Microdata consist of sets of records containing information on individual persons, households or business entities. Microdata are used in official statistics for the production of aggregate information (usually tables). Access to confidential microdata is restricted in order to protect the anonymity of individual persons or businesses.

### Access to microdata

We grant access to our microdata **for scientific purposes only**.

To apply for access to Eurostat's microdata, your organisation must first be recognised by us as a research entity – a university, research institution or research department in a public administration, bank, statistical institute etc.

### Applying for access

➔ **Step 1 – Apply to have your research organisation recognised as a research**

PDF How to apply for microdata access?

PDF List of recognised research entities

🌐 Commission Regulation (EU) 557/2013 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes

🌐 Regulation (EC) 223/2009 on European Statistics

🌐 Regulation (EC) 45/2001 on Personal Data Protection

PDF Guidelines for the assessment of research entities and research proposals

PDF Datasets availability table

# Examples: Longitudinal studies

## Household panel studies

- German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)
- Understanding society (and the British Household Panel Study)
- Swiss Household Panel

SOEP



# Finding data from national data services





Data Archiving and Networked Services  
**DANS**

Get exposure and credit for your data: write a data paper for the new peer reviewed, online-only open access Research Data Journal (published by Brill)

EASY offers sustainable archiving of research data and access to thousands of datasets.

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# Online catalogues: Example FORS (Switzerland)

 **FORsbase**

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Catalogue Home

Login

**Project and data catalogue**

**Free text search:**  **Has archived data:** ☐

Advanced search

Show  entries

Ref study	Study title	End date	Data
4245	AIDS QUIZ. Development and evaluation of an instrument for the self-assessment of protective behaviour	28.12.1996	No
4691	European Values Study 1990		No
6058	EM - Electronic Markets, The International Journal of Electronic Commerce and Business Media	28.01.2009	No
6367	Anomie in Bulgarien : Die soziale Integrationskrise im post-sozialistischen Bulgarien	28.12.1997	Yes
6549	La construction de la réalité culturelle dans les médias et sa pertinence pour l'escalade de conflits: une analyse des composantes ethniques et religieuses des conflits au Rwanda et en ex-Yougoslavie	28.04.2003	No
6551	Bedingungen des interpersonellen Vertrauens	28.04.2000	No
7481	Politikbeteiligung auf lokaler Ebene	28.06.2003	Yes
7552	The Political Economy of Direct Legislation: An Analysis of its Impact on Policy Outcomes and the Scope for Reform	28.12.2004	No
8053	Equality within the family: longterm perspectives and how children see it	28.06.2005	No
8314	Social Networks and Migration: Far West Nepalese Labour Migrants in Delhi	28.09.2005	No

**Useful Resources**  
**Quickguides to:**

- FORsbase: overview
- Explore the catalogue
- Get data
- Register your study
- Deposit your data

**FAQs**  
**Other resources**  
**Need help?**

**FORs**  
[Browse data on Nesstar](#)

# NESSTAR

NSD

Norske spørreundersøkelser

Thematic classifications

Work

Living conditions

European surveys (Norwegian parallels to Eurobarometer)

Family, children and gender roles

Level of Living EU-SILC 2013

New Family Cultures: Gendered Intimacy Forms and Life Project in Reshaping, 2013

Municipal Youth Surveys, 2013

The Social Meaning of Children. Reproductive Choice, Gender and Social Class, 2012

International survey on family and work life, 2012, Norwegian part of ISSP

Metadata

Variable Description

All variables

Background variables

Work and Income

Political belonging

**Did respondent vote in last general election?**

Country specific party voted for in last general election: norway

Attitudes toward female and equality

Family structure, marriage and divorce

Description of personal life experience

Survey on Visitation and residence 2012, children file

Municipal Youth Surveys 2010-2012

Establishing a research network, student participation in research and mapping of physical play and activity in the kindergarten, 2011

TVERS -From waste to material resources in a grave to cradle perspective: A stakeholder approach within the textile value chain, 2011

Survey on Families' Child Care, 2011

High School - an arena for growth and development, 2008, junior high school sample

Families' Child Care Preferences 2010

Leisure and Sustainable Development: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? - Second Homes, 2010.

Searching for effective HIV-prevention and care in sub-Saharan Africa: focusing on local contexts - Home-based VCT trial Zambia, 2010

Hospital at home and integrated care. The perspectives of relatives and municipality workers , 2010

Gender and ICT in everyday life (NOS), 2009

Gender quotas in public company boards, 2009

Coping of Pre-school Teacher Role in a Field Coloured by Laymen, 2009

DESCRIPTION

TABLE

ANALYSIS

Dataset: International survey on family and work life, 2012, Norwegian part of ISSP

**Variable Stemvalg: Did respondent vote in last general election?**

**PREQUESTION TEXT**  
Question 28-39 is answered by everyone.

**LITERAL QUESTION**  
B32 did you vote in the last parliamentary election in 2009?

**POSTQUESTION TEXT**  
One tick only

Values	Categories	N		
1	Yes	1255	<div></div>	87.5%
2	No	143	<div></div>	10.0%
3	Not eligible to vote at last election	36	<div></div>	2.5%
Sysmiss		10		

**SUMMARY STATISTICS**  
Valid cases 1434  
Missing cases 10  
Minimum 1.0  
Maximum 3.0  
Mean 1.15  
This variable is numeric

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## Sweden

### Swedish National Data Service - SND

SND Svensk Nationell Datatjänst

Website: <http://snd.gu.se/en>

SND provides support and guidance to researchers throughout the whole research process. This Swedish node in an international network of data archives is an essential part of the research infrastructure. Part of SND's mission is to gain a very good overview of existing research databases and to endeavour to gain full knowledge of future databases within the Social Sciences, Humanities and Health Sciences.

Our main task is to take stock of databases relevant to research as well as support archiving, usage and re-usage of databases and related research materials on a national level within SND's fields of responsibility.

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# Why not a single catalogue?



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# Variable and question banks

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19 Here are some different forms of political and social action that people can take. Please indicate, for each one, whether you have done any of these things in the past year, whether you have done it in the more distant past, whether you have not done it but might do it or have not done it and would never, under any circumstances, do it. - Signed a **petition**

SND 0977 ISSP 2014 - Citizenship II: Sweden

22a Have you at any time during the last five years signed a **petition** about an environmental issue

SND 0887 ISSP 2010 - Environment III: Sweden

SND 0753 ISSP 2000 - Environment II: Sweden

21a Have you at any time during the last five years signed a **petition** about an environmental issue



# Data access



## CESSDA general principle

*available to anyone  
regardless of status, nation or  
type of use (except  
redistribution) unless there  
are known requirements  
which prevent it*

# Data access: common arrangements

## Openly available without registration

- remember to acknowledge source

## Register (e-mail, university log-in or request user name and password)

- sometimes register use of data

## Terms and conditions

- no redistribution
- not identifying individuals
- non-commercial use only or for research and teaching only

## Order data

- sometimes need data owner permission

## Additional applications for sensitive/confidential

- may only get access in a safe space (dedicated room or remote systems)

## Free

- sometimes charges for commercial use and supplementary services (such as data on CDs)

# Making sense of your data



to understand the data and  
evaluate suitability for your  
research question

need to know:

- what information was collected?
- from whom?
- when and where?
- what was done to the data?

Metadata and documentation

- Catalogue entry
- Documentation: user guides, survey questionnaires, interview schedules and fieldwork notes
- accessible from catalogue

# Data Citation

- credit the data creators
- allow others to find the data
- How?
  - is there a recommended citation?
  - include enough information so that the exact version of the data being cited can be located
  - persistent identifiers e.g. Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

# Data Citation (example)

## CITATION

The citation for this study is:

University of Essex. Institute for Social and Economic Research, NatCen Social Research, Kantar Public. (2016). *Understanding Society: Waves 1-6, 2009-2015*. [data collection]. 8th Edition. UK Data Service. SN: 6614, <http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-6614-9>

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# GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

- One of the leading Social Science Infrastructures in Europe with over 50 years of experience.
- Objectives are
  - ▶ research-based infrastructure services,
  - ▶ interdisciplinary research.
- Covers entire life-cycle of research data (focus: surveys).
- 5 departments, among them  
Data Archive for the Social Sciences - DAS.



# Objective and Tasks of the Data Archive

## Objective

- Advance social science research by promoting wide data sharing and by providing rich data resources.

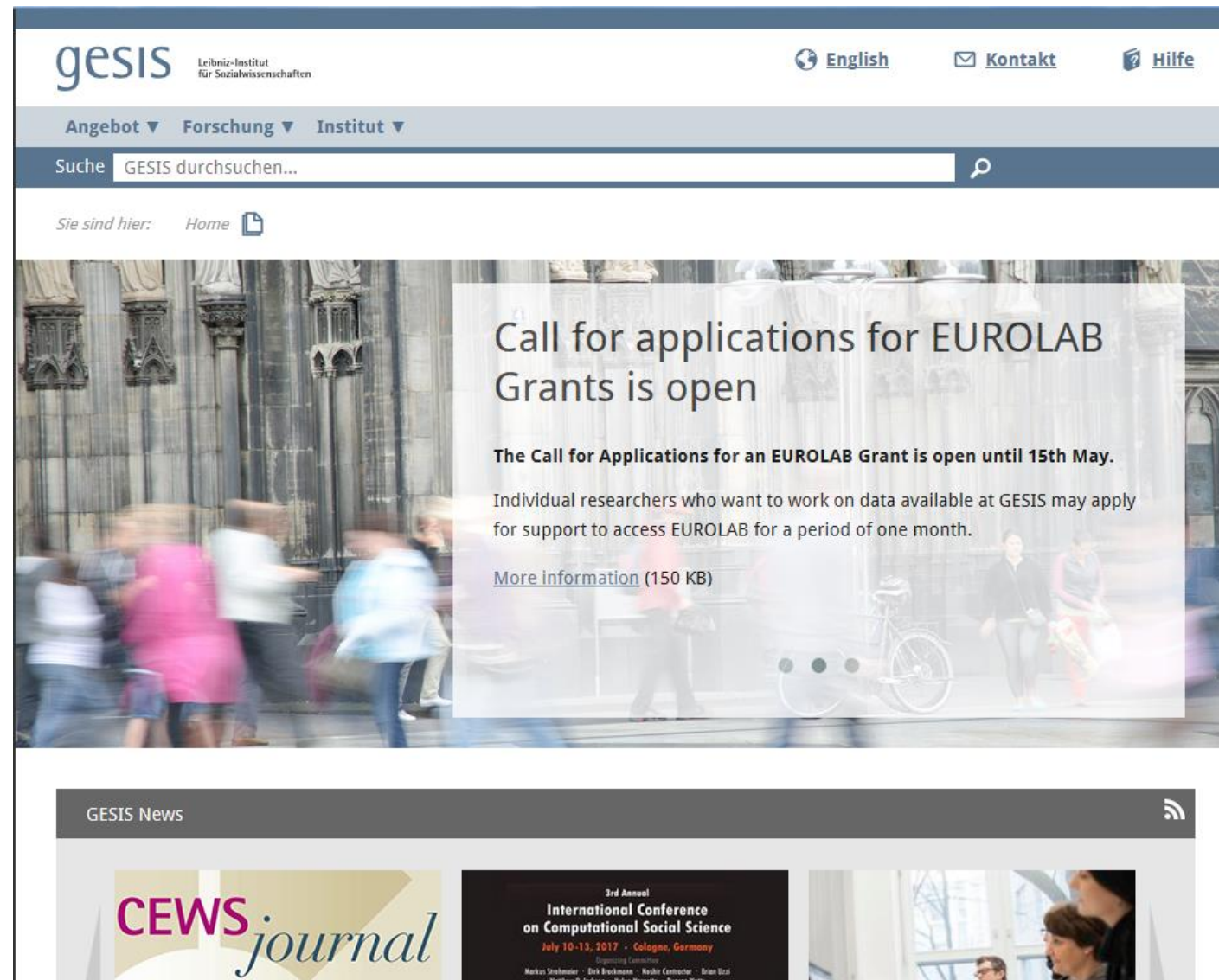
## Tasks

- Provide high quality data and data services.
- Develop standards and infrastructure solutions for data sharing.
- Conduct research on social change, as well as on archiving and data management.

# Data Archive for the Social Sciences

- Holdings of about 5.700 studies
  - ▶ Surveys  
(strong focus on international comparison)
  - ▶ Time-series
  - ▶ Historical data
- Home of (among others):
  - ▶ Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)
  - ▶ Eurobarometer survey series (with ICPSR)
  - ▶ International Social Survey Program (ISSP)
  - ▶ German National Election Study (GLES)
  - ▶ German General Social Survey (ALLBUS)

# Website demonstration



- Main access point for data: data holding catalogue.
- Nesstar server for collections.
- Specialized websites for collections.

## Access

- Mainly data for scientific re-use.
- Four access classes (all require registration, some require access consent by data depositor).
- All users can register, no national restrictions.
- Eurolab provides grants for research visits.
- Secure Data Center for access of more “sensitive” data.

# What is the UK Data Service?

- UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data
- support, training and guidance



# What data do we hold?

Surveys (UK and cross-national)

UK Longitudinal studies

International macrodata

UK Census (1971 – 2011)

Qualitative data  
(range of multimedia qualitative data sources)

Business microdata

Administrative data





# Re-share

- online repository for researchers to archive, publish and share research data
- ESRC grant holders are required to submit the data from their research grants
- we review deposits to ensure they conform with ethical and legal requirements
- available via the Discover portal

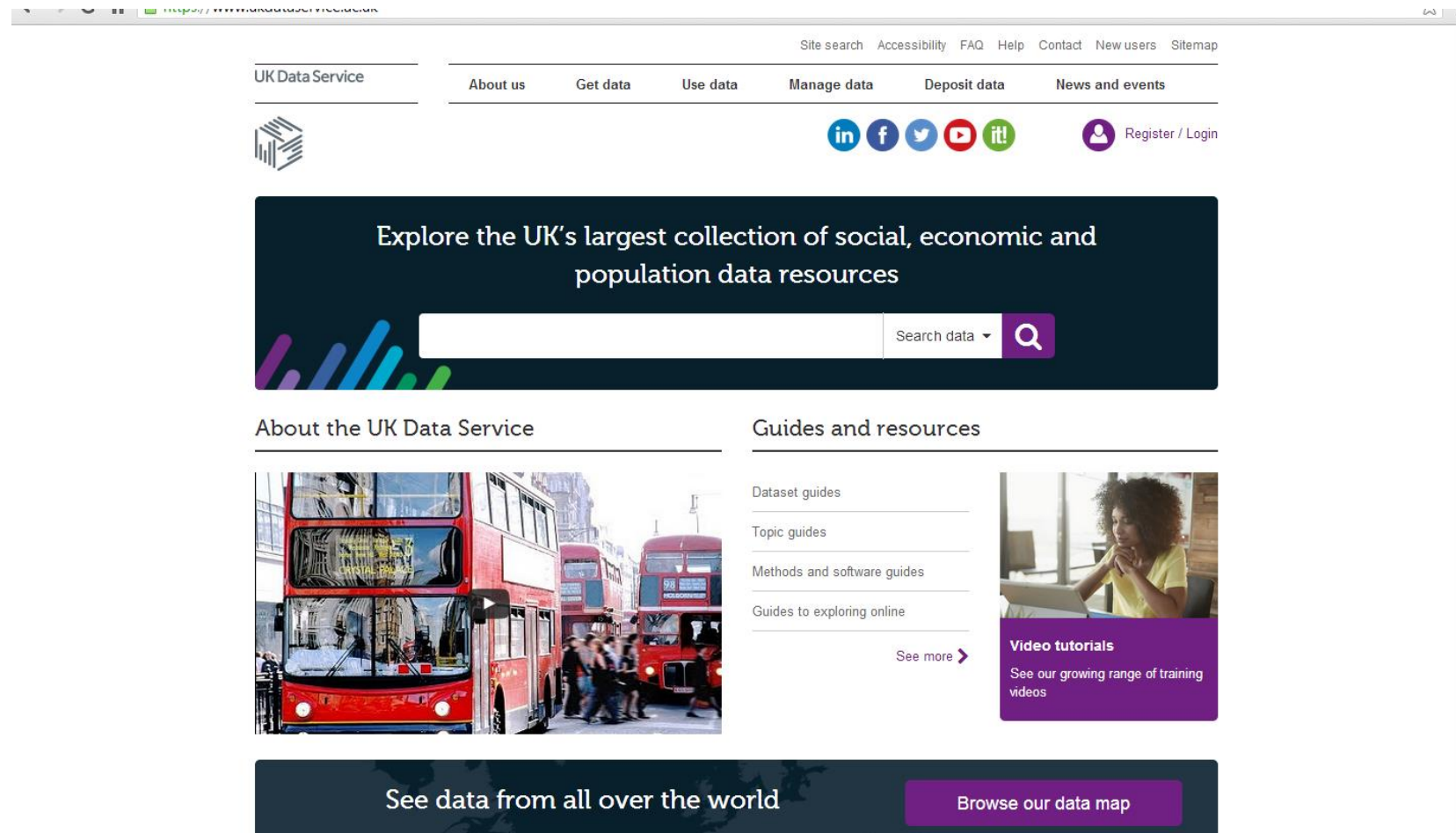


# Access

- open Data collections available for anyone to use
- standard end user licence (requires registration)
- UK higher education use institutional log-in
- others apply for a UK Data Archive username and password
- secure data lab and safe room for sensitive or confidential data
- non-UK users cannot access controlled data via the Secure Lab



# Website demonstration



- Homepage
- 'Discover' tool
- Key data and data by theme
- Series and catalogue pages
- NESSTAR catalogue
- Other online tools (UKDS.Stat)
- Help and resources



# Thank you

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