Webinar

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
National Data Services

Norway

NSD - Norwegian Centre for Research Data - CESSDA Member
National data services

Data collection
- obtaining data
- training in RDM

Data archiving & sharing
- ensuring quality of data and metadata
- managing access to data (appropriate licensing)

Data discovery and reuse
- maintaining catalogues
- user support and training
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)
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 283,000 interviews). SHARE covers 27 European countries and Israel.

SHARE Wave 7
Post-Pretest Meeting
Vilnius, Lithuania
16-18 March, 2016

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."
Topline Results issue 6 out now

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

Latest news

- 06/04/17  General Assembly meeting later this month
- 27/03/17  Madrid to host latest event
- 06/08/17  ESS presents at European conferences
- 12/03/17  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.
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.
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?'.

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

1. Apply to have your research organisation recognised as a research entity.

How to apply for microdata access?

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

Guidelines for the assessment of research entities and research proposals

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
Finding data from national data services
Online catalogues: Example DANS (Netherlands)

EASY

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)

For more info: brill.com/rdj

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

ageing

Advanced search  Browse

16 RESULTS IN PUBLISHED DATASETS

Sort by: Date created (newest - oldest)

REFINE

Physical exercise and IADL limitations in Dutch older people

Netherlands Kinship Panel Study - Wave 4 - 2014: A Multi-Actor, Multi-Method Panel Study on Solidarity in Family Relationships
Date: 2015-06-18  Creators: Hoon, S, de (Erasmus University Rotterdam); Dykstra, P.A.  Audience: Social sciences  Access: Other  Behavioural and educational sciences
Online catalogues: Example FORS (Switzerland)
### 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.

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**SUMMARY STATISTICS**

- Valid cases: 1434
- Missing cases: 10
- Minimum: 1.0
- Maximum: 3.0
- Mean: 1.15

This variable is numeric.

**CONCEPT**

- Politics
- Elections
Sweden

Swedish National Data Service - SND

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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CESSDA Products and Services
Catalogue
2018
search all CESSDA Service Providers
Search Questions and Variables

petition

- **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](#)

  SN0977  ISSP 2014 - Citizenship II: Sweden

- **20a** Have you at any time during the last five years signed a [petition](#) about an environmental issue

  SN0887  ISSP 2010 - Environment III: Sweden

  SN0753  ISSP 2000 - Environment II: Sweden

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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 identifies e.g. Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
Data Citation (example)

The citation for this study is:


Select the text above to add data citation in your outputs.

Select citation format: APA

XML citation formats: CSL EndNote
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

https://cessda.net/