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Communication with different stakeholders groups about the need and process of establishing a data service for the social sciences in Croatia started during the SERSCIDA project (2012-2014). The core group of interested and relevant people who can support a new data service was already recognised during that time. The database of stakeholder contacts was created back then, and it was updated during the SEEDS project. The main stakeholders are individual researchers in the area of social sciences, representatives from the national research policy and financing institutions, academic and research librarians, and representatives from the National and University Library, National Statistical Office and Croatian National Archives.

2. Local events organised in parallel to 3rd SEEDS project workshop in Zagreb, November 2-4, 2016

The first two local events in Croatia were organised in parallel to the 3rd SEEDS project workshop held in Zagreb, on November 2-4, 2016[1]. Both events took place on the first day of the workshop, November 2nd 2016.

DSA workshop

The Data Seal of Approval is the assessment tool used by CESSDA to ensure that its members apply best practices in digital data curation. DSA expert **Natascha Schumann** from the Data Archive for the Social Sciences at the GESIS - Leibnitz Institute for the Social Sciences in Cologne was invited to give a lecture about DSA and its recent developments. Since the DSA topic is interesting to a broader community of experts who are involved in building digital repositories for different types of digital objects, we invited people from Croatian science infrastructure institutions (libraries and the University Computing Centre) to attend the DSA workshop.

Round table and panel discussion: Strategic measures - actions for establishing data services

Another guest who attended the SEEDS project workshop in Zagreb was **Ivana Ilijašić-Veršić**, Active administrative director of CESSDA. The special occasion of having the Director of CESSDA visiting Croatia was used as one reason to invite several stakeholders from Croatia to participate in a round table and panel discussion about strategies and actions for establishing data services for social sciences. Several representatives from Croatia were invited to present current strategic documents and ongoing initiatives related to the development of data services.

Both events were already reported in the SEEDS D10 Report on Workshop III in Zagreb[2], Croatia.

3. Open science at FFZG, 29th November 2016

Info day "Open science at FFZG" was an event organised within the SEEDS project in cooperation with the **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Office for International Cooperation**. It was held on 29th November 2016 as a

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[1] SEEDS Workshop in Zagreb. https://hr.seedsproject.ffzg.hr/?news=zagreb-workshop-announcement&lang=hr
[2] SEEDS D10 Report on Workshop III in Zagreb. Round table and panel discussion - Strategic measures: actions for establishing data services, p. 9 http://seedsproject.ch/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Report-on-Workshop-III_Zagreb.pdf

series of lectures where the following themes were covered: EU policies about Open Access to scientific publications and data; experiences with open data and methods in philological research; experiences and good practices of publishing open access books in humanities; ethical issues in open science; infrastructures for enabling open access to scientific publications and data in Croatia; presentation of the SEEDS projects and other current and past projects in Croatia aiming to establish the infrastructure for long term preservation and re-use of social science research data.

The program of the event is available [here](#)[3].

4. Lectures about research data, open access to scientific information and open science in Zadar, Split and Osijek, April 2017

Because the activities towards the establishment of data services in social sciences are generally better known in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia, than in other cities, and people from Zagreb already had a chance to attend our workshop and roundtable discussion organised during the 3rd SEEDS workshop in November 2016, in the last phase of the project the decision was made to disseminate the results of the project and to promote data services to stakeholders who work in academic institutions outside Zagreb. Following the positive experiences our colleagues from the Centre for Scientific Information at Rudjer Bošković Institute had a few years ago during the FOSTER project[4], when they organised a series of lectures about open science, open access to publications and open research data[5] in five Croatian cities, we decided to take a similar approach and organised promotional events for the SEEDS project in three Croatian cities: Zadar, Split and Osijek. In each city we first selected and contacted the most suitable institutions to support us in organising the lectures. The initiative was very well received by the representatives of these institutions. In Zadar and Split we established cooperation with university libraries - the **Split University library** and the **University Library in Zadar**, and in Osijek our hosting institution was the **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek**.

Here is the schedule of the events:

Place and date	The event	Attendees
Zadar, 11.4.2017	Research data and Open Science [program]	librarians, IT experts, and researchers
Split, 12.4.2017	Research data and Open Access [program][6]	librarians
Osijek, 19.4.2017	Research data, Open Access, Copyright issues [program][7]	librarians, IT experts, researchers, students

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[3] https://hr.seedsproject.ffzg.hr/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/seeds-zadar-poziv-predavanja.pdf
[4] FOSTER project website. https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/
[5] Centre for scientific information. A list of lectures about open science, open access and open research data. http://www.lib.irb.hr/edukacija/popis-predavanja-foster
[6] https://hr.seedsproject.ffzg.hr/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/seeds-split-poziv-predavanja.pdf
[7] https://hr.seedsproject.ffzg.hr/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/seeds-osijek-poziv-predavanja.pdf

Besides presenting the results of the SEEDS project, the intention was to promote data sharing culture, open access to scientific information, and open science in general. The primary target audience for the lectures were researchers and librarians. Invitations were sent to researchers in all fields in science and to academic librarians in all research and education institutions in a particular city, because we wanted to promote data sharing culture and open access to scientific information more broadly, and because the social sciences research communities in the selected cities are rather small.

We invited well known Croatian experts in the area of open science and open access to be our guest lecturers - **Iva Melinščak Zlodi**, **Bojan Macan**, and **Jadranka Stojanovski**. In each city, the structure of the events was similar, but different lecturers were giving the talks about open access and open science, so the content was slightly different. At the beginning of the event, the purpose, context and the results of the SEEDS project were presented. Research data infrastructures were explained and put in the context of pan-European infrastructures and CESSDA consortium. This was followed by the lecture about open access and/or open science. The last presentation was about research data management, covering topics relevant for all sciences such as mandates for open research data given by the major European research funders (notably European Commission), and presenting tools and procedures for data management planning. Each event was concluded with a questions and answers sessions and discussions.

During the visits to Zadar and Osijek, we also had a chance to meet with the vice-rector of the University of Zadar, Prof. Dr. sc. **Ivanka Stričević** and the vice-dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Prof. Dr. sc **Tatjana Gradečak-Erdeljić**. The importance of data services in facilitating research quality was discussed and the role of national infrastructures was explained in a context of data sharing services and in a broader context of providing access to all scientific information. As a background in all discussion, Open Science and Open Access principles were embraced and advocated. We also raised issues about possible incentives for researchers, giving examples from other European countries on how researchers can be motivated to share their data. Such incentives can be defined by research funders and policy makers on different levels of the system, on a national level and on a university or faculty level. Incentives can be in a form of mandates or rewards for researchers.

Appendix I: Lists of participants

Zadar, 11th April 2017

Nr.	Name	Institution
1	Adriana Pavlinić Tomšić	OŠ Banova Jaruga
2	Ana Slišković	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za psihologiju
3	Ante Blaće	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za geografiju
4	Bernarda Palić	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za pedagogiju
5	Dora Rubinić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
6	Gorica Lovrić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
7	Jadranka Brkić-Vejmelka	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za geografiju
8	Jakov Marin Vežić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
9	Jelena Rušev Mogilevskij	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
10	Marta Kasap	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
11	Marta Unković	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
12	Mate Jurić	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za informacijske znanosti
13	Neven Pintarić	Sveučilište u Zadru, informatička služba
14	Nikica Gardijan	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
15	Nikolina Peša Pavlović	Sveučilište u Zadru, Odjel za informacijske znanosti
16	Vedran Vuković	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru
17	Zrinka Džoić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Zadru

Split, 12th April 2017

Nr.	Name	Institution
1	Ana Ćubelić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
2	Ana Matijašević Renić	Kineziološki fakultet Split
3	Ana Utrobičić	Medicinski fakultet, knjižnica
4	Anita Tičinović	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
5	Branka Radić	Sveučilište u Splitu
6	Dijana Erceg	Fakultet građevinarstva, arhitekture i geodezije
7	Dubravka Dujmović	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
8	Irena Urem	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
9	Iva Kolak	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
10	Ivana Gizdić	Ekonomski fakultet u Splitu
11	Jasna Afrić	Sveučilište u Splitu
12	Katarina Mandić	Sveučilište u Splitu, Fakultet elektrotehnike, strojarstva i brodogradnje
13	Margita Mirčeta Zakarija	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
14	Margita Puharić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
15	Mihaela Koračić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
16	Mirja Lovrić	Hrvatski pomorski muzej Split
17	Mirta Matošić	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
18	Nives Paškov	Veleučilište u Šibeniku
19	Petra Zoranović	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
20	Romana Jadrijević	Filozofski fakultet u Splitu
21	Sanja Brbora	Sveučilišna knjižnica u Splitu
22	Shelly Pranić	Medicinski fakultet u Splitu
23	Snježana Dimzov	Filozofski fakultet u Splitu
24	Vedrana Balić	OŠ Petra Kružića, Klis

Osijek, 19th April 2017

Nr.	Name	Institution
1	Andrea Sudarević	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
2	Boris Bosančić	Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
3	Anita Papić	Odsjek za informacijske znanosti, Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
4	Gordana Dukić	Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
5	Gordana Kradijan	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
6	Ivana Ćosić	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
7	Ivana Ružić	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
8	Josipa Zetović	Fakultet za odgojne i obrazovne znanosti
9	Katarina Paulić	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
10	Kristina Kiš	Knjiznica Filozofskog fakulteta, Osijek
11	Lana Horvaić	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
12	Ljiljana Vučković Vizentaner	Knjižnica Poljoprivrednog fakulteta u Osijeku
13	Maja Koporčić	Fakultet za odgojne i obrazovne znanosti, učiteljski studij, Osijek
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15	Marta Matijević	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
16	Martina Bošnjak Turalija	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
17	Matea Šumrada	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
18	Mateja Paradžik	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
19	Mirna Šušak Lukačević	Sveučilište u Osijeku, Odjel za matematiku
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21	Miron Hnatko	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
22	Mirta Uglik	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
23	Patricija Jaredić	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
24	Rebeka Falinkaš	Ekonomski fakultet u Osijeku
25	Sanda Hasenay	Prehrambeno-tehnološki fakultet, Osijek
26	Sanja Sušilović	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
27	Sanjica Faletar Tanacković	Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
28	Tanja Gradečak-Erdeljić	Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
29	Tena Vilček	student - Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku

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31	Vesna Radičević	Filozofski fakultet u Osijeku
32	Vesna Zobundžija	Knjižnica Građevinskog fakulteta Osijek