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1. List of participants

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2. Report on local conference: Macedonia

On 04 April 2017, as part of the planned activities of the SEEDS project, the Institute for sociological, political and juridical research (ISPJR) at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje organized a conference on the topic of establishing a social science data archive in Macedonia.

Representatives of major higher education institutions (public and private), the Ministry of education and science, the State statistical office of the R. Macedonia, the national library, the national archive, other relevant institutions, and individual researchers were invited. Almost 40 participants took part at the event including the Swiss ambassador in Macedonia, Mrs. Sybil Suter Tejada, the Rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and the Director of Institute for sociological, political and juridical research, who opened the conference.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Nikola Jankulovski, Rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University stressed the significance of the project for the University and appreciated our efforts for establishing such an important national infrastructure institution. The Swiss ambassador in Macedonia, Her Excellency Mrs. Sybil Suter Tejada, shared her view that social science research archives strengthen open society and open research, providing the possibilities to researchers to challenge their ideas and to further advance science. The Director of ISPJR, Prof. Dr. Mirjana Borota-Popovska acknowledged that through the SEEDS project the capacities of the Institute are significantly improved. She said that documentation and archiving of research data fit very well in the activities of the Institute as one of the oldest research institutions in the social sciences in Macedonia. She also asked for support from the Ministry of education and science, especially when it comes to the technical aspect of data archiving (resources for equipment and appropriate staff that ISPJR is lacking).

In the first working section of the conference Aneta Cekikj presented the SEEDS project and its deliverables, specifically focusing on the findings of the evaluation report on the needs for establishing a social science data archive in [Macedonia](#). Her presentation was followed by a speech/presentation by Mrs. Violeta Atanasovska, National Horizon 2020 coordinator, who stressed the significance of the SEEDS project, relating its efforts to other social science infrastructure and open data initiatives in Europe. Dr. Aleksandra Bradic-Martinovic from the Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade (IES), presented the case of Serbia and their efforts towards establishing a social science data archive. The discussion that followed concluded that the countries in the region face similar challenges for establishing data archives in the social sciences.

In the next part of the event, a discussion on a Macedonian social science data archive was opened. The invited representatives shared their views on the activities within the SEEDS project, all of which pointing out that this type of research infrastructure, in addition to the general improvement of the research conditions in Macedonia, is needed. Some participants shared also their experiences and current efforts in the implementation of scientific infrastructure projects. A vivid discussion took place involving participants from the audience.

The last part of the conference was a practical session specifically designed for researchers at which Klime Babunski, Vesna Zabijakin- Chatleska and Eleonora Serafimovska presented the organizational and

procedural aspects of the data archive and the archiving process using the website prototype of the Macedonian social science data archive ([MK DASS](#)) created within the project, and the platform [SEEDSbase](#) where the RRPP financed projects in the region are archived. This session also received high attention from researchers. Almost all participants stayed until the end of the conference, expressing their support for our current efforts, as well as discussing about many problems that we face while performing scientific research in Macedonia.

The event was covered by the national information agency MIA, and was additionally reported in 8 national media (web portals national TV stations and news portals).

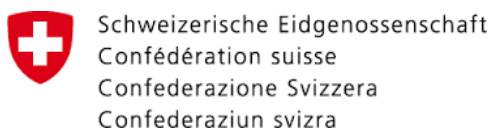
ANNEX 1. Conference programme



Final conference of *South East European Data Services* project in
Macedonia

4th April 2017, Hotel Continental, Skopje

<http://seedsproject.ch/>



AGENDA

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30- 10:00 Opening and welcome speeches

Prof. Dr. Nikola Jankulovski, Rector of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

H.E. Ms. Sybille Suter Tejada, Ambassador of Switzerland in Macedonia

Prof. Dr. Mirjana Borota- Popovska, Director of Institute for sociological, political and juridical research, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

10:00- 11:30 Presentation of the project and discussion

Assoc. Prof. Aneta Cekikj- presentation of SEEDS project and achieved results/outputs

Ms. Violeta Atanasovska, National Horizon 2020 coordinator, **Ministry of education and science**

Dr. Aleksandra Bradic- Martinovic, Institute of Economic sciences, Belgrade, Serbia- Challenges to the establishment of social science data archive: The experience of Serbia

Discussion: **Macedonian social science data archive**

Moderator: **Dr. Klime Babunski**;

Participants:

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Petrushevski, Vice-rector for science, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

Prof. Dr. Kiril Barbareev, Vice-rector for teaching, University "Goce Delchev" - Shtip

Mr. Milka Dimitrovska, University St. Klement of Ohrid, Bitola

Prof. Dr. Tatjana Petkovska- Mirchevska, Director, Economic institute, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

Prof. Dr. Ganka Cvetanova, Head of Department for science, ISPJR, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

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Mr. Bojan Maricikj, Executive director, Centre for European strategies- Eurothink, Skopje

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00- 13:00 Practical session- Procedures for depositing and archiving research data

Dr. Klime Babunski and Ass. Prof. Vesna Zabijakin- Chatleska- Procedures: what will be archived and how. Presentation of the web site prototype

Assoc. Prof. Eleonora Serafimovska- Archived projects in SEEDS base (RRPP data rescue project)

Questions and answers

13:00 Lunch