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## Report on local conference: Serbia

The local conference “Perspective of the development of the Data Center in Social Sciences in Serbia” (the Conference) took place on March 15 in the Institute of Economic Sciences Belgrade (IES), Serbia, in the frame of the SEEDS project. The Conference was attended by 31 participants. The majority of participants were Serbian researchers included in RRPP Data Rescue project and representatives in the OpenAire project.

The Conference was opened by Dr. Vladimir Popović, State secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technical Development of the Republic of Serbia. In his opening speech, Mr. Popovic expressed his positive impression of the efforts invested in the development of research infrastructure in the social sciences in Serbia. He pointed out that other scientific fields in Serbia still do not have that high awareness of the importance of archiving and data management. IES Director Dr. Jovan Zubović also welcomed the guests and pointed out that the development of the data centre is one of the strategic goals of the Institute.

Aleksandra Bradić-Martinović (IES), in the first official part, presented the infrastructure development for the storage of data in the social sciences in Serbia from 2012 until today. She briefly informed the participants about completed and current projects in which IES is involved: FP7 - SERSCIDA project (2012-2014), SEEDS and RRPP Data Rescue projects (2015-2017) and H2020 - CESSDA SaW project (2015-2017). Aleksandar Zdravković (IES) presented the RRPP Data Rescue project in details and shared with researchers IEN's first experience with “live” data sets in the preservation process. He stressed out challenges in both types of data, quantitative and qualitative.

Biljana Kosanović (RCUB – IT Centre of University of Belgrade) is a representative of Serbia in the OpenAire initiative and informed the participants about what H2020 expects from researchers regarding research data. Jelena Ćeriman (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade) was directly involved in the RRPP Data Rescue project and she shared her experience in cooperation with IES team regarding data preservation.

The last part of the Conference was dedicated to two very important topics. Larisa Malić (IES) had a presentation about quality standards of digital archives in the social sciences where she explained in details two main standards: Data Seal of Approval (DSA) and World Data System (WDS) and the plan for their future merger. The last presentation was about Data Management Plans (DMP) where Jelena Banović (IES) showed two perspectives: the benefits that a DMP can have for researchers and the consequences of increasingly frequent obligation imposed by funders of research projects in social sciences.

The last part of the conference was dedicated to discussion. Based on it several conclusions and recommendations were made:

- There is a substantial lack of knowledge about data, data documentation and preservation by social science researchers and as a first step each institution should put an effort in the process of educating their researchers with the support of the Serbian Data Centre (IES). Researchers

should learn about basic topics such as the type of data, the metadata schemes, the legal issues regarding data (copyrights), data citation, the roles and obligations within OAIS for data producers, digital archive (data centre) and data users; technical requirements, etc.

- The domestic founders and above all the Ministry of Education, Science and Technical Development of the Republic of Serbia should consider the budget for data management as a part of the overall budget as an incentive for all steps in the process of data preservation;
- The IES team, with the support of the representative of the Ministry (IES Chairman of the Board) and Biljana Kosanović (OpenAire) should intensify pressure to the Ministry to consider the pilot project in a new project call, which would face the initiative of data preservation;
- Serbia should make the best use of the support received from foreign partners (FORS, ADP, CESSDA and others), but also to show the commitment to Open Data movement by launching new local initiatives.



## Local Conference

### *Perspective of the development of the Data Center in Social Sciences in Serbia*

## Agenda

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09.00 - 09.30	<b>Registration</b>
09.30 - 11.00	<b>Introduction</b>  Dr. Jovan Zubović, Director IEN Dr. Vladimir Popović, State secretary Ministry of education, science and technological development of Republic of Serbia  <b>Development of infrastructure for the storage of data in the social sciences in Serbia from 2012 until today</b> (Aleksandra Bradić-Martinović)  <b>Presentation of results of the RRPP Data Rescue project</b> (Aleksandar Zdravković)
11.00 - 11.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.15 - 12.15	<b>What H2020 expected from researchers regarding research data - Proposals for researchers in Serbia</b> (Biljana Kosanović, RCUB)  <b>Archiving data from the researchers perspective</b> (Jelena Čeriman)  <b>Quality standards of digital archives in the social sciences: Security and trust in the first place</b> (Larisa Malić)  <b>Data Management Plan: benefit or requirement?</b> (Jelena Banović)
12.15 - 13.00	<b>Discussion</b>
13.00 - 14.00	<b>Cocktail</b>

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