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## 1. List of participants

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## 2. Report on local conference: Kosovo

Roundtable on "The Importance of Data Archiving and Open Data in Social Science"

On 15 of February 2017, the Centre for Political Courage (CPC) as one of the partners within the project "South Eastern European Data Services" (SEEDS), held a roundtable on "The Importance of Data Archiving and Open Data in Social Science" in Prishtina.

This roundtable aimed at presenting the initiative to establish a "Kosovo Social Sciences Data Centre", networking and promoting open data and data archiving initiatives. SEEDS is a Swiss-funded project aimed at helping to establish new data services in social sciences in Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

23 participants took part at the roundtable coming from diverse institutions, including representatives from the University of Prishtina, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, the National Agency of Statistics, Think-Tanks, as well as freelance researchers and civil society representatives.

Prof. Arben Hajrullahu from the Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Philosophy from the University of Prishtina opened the conference by presenting the SEEDS project, its purpose and aim, as well as what has been achieved so far within this project. Moreover, Prof. Hajrullahu highlighted the importance of open data and its importance for the academic and researcher's communities.

Ms. Marijana Glavica from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences from the University of Zagreb presented the process of establishing national data services for the social sciences, emphasising the lessons learned from previous and current projects such as [SERSCIDA](#) and [SEEDS](#), and [CESSDA SaW](#). Ms. Glavica mentioned as lessons learned from the Croatian case the importance of networking and expressing continuous interests, since the establishment of a social data archive is a very long process and it requires synergies with as much stakeholders as possible.

Mr. Georges Labreche from Open Data Kosovo presented some of the most successful projects. He shared his experience in working in this field and mentioned that in general there is a lack of knowledge and precise understanding what open data really is.

Mr. Shkumbin Brestovci from Prishtina Hackerspace focused on the role and importance of open sources, authors rights, and on the impact of data in the policy making process.

A vivid debate among all participants closed the roundtable where final remarks were drawn by several questions, comments and suggestions. At the roundtable it was concluded that in Kosovo more cooperation with other Western-Balkan and European countries is needed in

order to institutionalise a data archive in the years to come, which would definitely increase the level and quality of scientific research.

## Annex I



### Round table “The importance of data archiving and open data in social sciences”

Orion Conference Center, 15 February 2017, 9:30h – 12:00h

Centre for Political Courage (CPC) within the project South Eastern European Data Services (SEEDS), organizes the round table with the topic “The importance of data archiving and open data in social sciences”.

This roundtable aims to present the initiative for establishing Primary Data Archive in Kosovo, networking, and promoting the open data and data archiving.

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#### Agenda

Registration & coffe (9:30 - 10:00)	
Opening remarks (10:00 – 10:15)	<b>Arben Hajrullahu</b> , University of Prishtina (UP) & Centre for Political Courage(CPC)
The process of establishment of national data services for the social sciences in Croatia: Lessons learned from the SERSCIDA, SEEDS and CESSDA SaW projects (10:30 – 10:45)	<b>Marijana Glavica</b> , Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Experience and potential for open data in Kosovo (10:45 – 11:30)	- <b>Georges Labreche</b> , Chief Data Officer, Open Data Kosovo - <b>Shkumbin Brestovci</b> , Prishtina Hackerspace
Open discussion and final remarks (11:30 – 12:00)	
12:00, Lunch	