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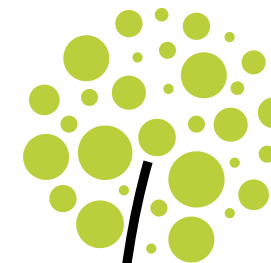
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# seeds

South-Eastern European Data Services

## What is SEEDS?

SEEDS – South-Eastern European Data Services – is a Swiss-funded project aimed at helping to establish new data services for the social sciences in the countries of Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia.

With the guidance of the long-established Swiss and Slovenian national data services (FORS and ADP), the project will extend the capacities of selected partner institutions, and contribute to developing knowledge and tools related to data service infrastructures.

SEEDS will bring partner institutions into the fold of an international movement and network to provide long-term benefits not only to the partner institutions, but more importantly to the respective national research communities by making more data available for secondary analyses.

## What are the main objectives of SEEDS?

1.

put partner research institutions on track to serve as national data services, serving their national research communities

2.

build and expand archiving capacities, know-how, and technical infrastructure

3.

promote the ideas of data sharing and secondary analyses in the partner countries

4.

prepare the new data services in South-Eastern European countries to become members of CESSDA – the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives

## OPEN ACCESS

Open access refers to the principle of reducing barriers to obtaining research data and publications. As all research and innovation builds on earlier achievements, an efficient system for broad dissemination of and access to research data and publications can accelerate scientific progress. Following various initiatives at the European level (e.g. within Horizon 2020), the SEEDS project addresses the need for greater access to and dissemination of primary data collected in social scientific research. It aims to reinforce specific existing national strategies and structures, while at the same time contributing to the development of new ones.

## Archiving and sharing data – why is it important?

Currently, primary data collected through research in the social sciences in most Southern European countries remain mainly in the possession of researchers or their institutions. These data often remain unavailable to other researchers, despite their high potential for addressing other important research questions. Currently, there are no existing or sustainable social science data services in these countries that can deal with issues of preservation and dissemination of primary data.

### Archiving and sharing data through a data service:

- ensures safe-keeping of research data in a secure environment;
  - encourages scientific enquiry and debate;
  - increases the impact and visibility of research;
- promotes and credits the research that created the data;
  - reduces the costs of duplicating data collection;
- provides important resources for education and training; and
  - strengthens research methodologies.