

# CESSDA Data Catalogue (CDC)

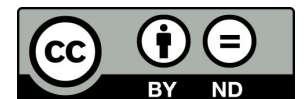
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# CESSDA Data Catalogue as a service

- Descriptions of research data created for social (and health) sciences – metadata on data
- Provided by 15 national social science data archives functioning as service providers for CESSDA ERIC
- Over 31,000 datasets described, in various languages, most frequently in English.
- Target users: Researchers, research communities, students, businesses
- Access to actual data through a link to the national repository web page of the data
- REST API provided

The screenshot shows the CESSDA Data Catalogue interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'CESSDA Data Catalogue' and includes a description: 'The CESSDA Data Catalogue is a one-stop-shop for search and discovery of social science and humanities research data.' Below this, there are links for 'Access the resource' and 'FULLY OPEN ACCESS'. The page is organized into several sections: 'Classification' (Target Users, Access Types, Access Modes, Tags), 'Availability' (Geographical Availabilities, Languages), 'Marketing' (Multimedia, Use case), 'Public Contacts' (CESSDA Main Office support@cessda.eu), 'Maturity Information' (TRL, Life Cycle Status, Standards, Version, Last Update), and 'Management' (Manual, Terms of use, Privacy policy, Access policies, Training information). A 'Change log' section on the right provides details about recent improvements to the search engine and user interface.



# Motivation for registering in EOSC

- Add visibility: CESSDA Data Catalogue is a valuable resource, few users
- Hoping to spread the word, in addition to promotion at national level
- EOSC: Access to scientific resources in Europe as a whole
  - One stop discovery also for researchers from outside of Europe
- Facilitates
  - data sharing, reusing data created with public funding
  - cross-national and longitudinal research



# CDC onboarding process and update

- Onboarding process requires a bit effort and understanding
- Management commitment essential
  - Service Owner commitment
  - Ensure resource technology remains up-to-date
  - Ensure there is a Roadmap for the service for future work
  - Provide adequate service documentation
    - User Guide
    - Privacy Use Policy
    - Acceptable Use Policy
- Recommended procedure: Download Profiles (Provider and Resource) first
  - Fill e.g. in Excel, will serve as a guide to answering questions in the online profile
  - Collaborate with all stakeholders to get answers
  - No need to answer all optional questions before onboarding
- Then fill in the online form
  - It can be updated anytime

# Benefits and challenges

- Benefits:

- EOSC Basic Monitoring Service
- Integration into the EOSC Helpdesk Service
  - Working with Partners for implementation

- Challenges:

- Too many questions in profiles
- Provider portal navigation not user-friendly
- Understanding vocabulary values in profiles
  - E.g. what does 'Aggregator' mean?
  - If a provider does not understand the values, they may get stuck

