

# *The Data without Boundaries (DwB) project and the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Workshop An introduction*

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# Welcome



# 1<sup>st</sup> regional workshop within DwB project

- DwB project in short
- Regional workshops objective
- 1<sup>st</sup> Regional workshop perimeter
- Agenda

# DwB project in short

- **A FP7 Project, 2011-2015**
- **Enhance researchers' access to official microdata in Europe**
  - rich resources, costly, underused, crucial for comparative research and public policies evaluation
  - Progress, yet still uneven in some countries
  - Focus on transnational access and confidential microdata
  - Focus on national microdata (including administrative data)
- **How ?**
  - **Coordinating 2 existing infrastructures : CESSDA (Data archives European consortium) and the European Statistical System (ESS)**
    - No sense to have a data infrastructure with no link with OS : costly and inefficient
    - Improve access and share the burden
  - **Building on volunteers partners (29) from the different communities, archives and NSIs/NSAs, involving the whole communities in the discussions**

# Main DwB issues

## ➤ Front office

- Build a single point of access avoiding silos
- What data are available ? Metadata issues
- How to access and where ?

## ➤ Access

- Make easier transnational researcher accreditation (researcher passport ?)
- Promote remote access facilities and build a pilot for a European Remote Access network for access to confidential microdata

# Regional workshops within DwB

Crucial need to enlarge discussions and agreements to the whole communities in order to discuss harmonizing solutions, coordinating efforts, sharing burden

- **Involve all NSIs**

- Eastern workshop on transnational accreditation in Bucharest (January 2012)
- NTTS satellite DwB workshop on Remote access to confidential microdata (March 2013)

- **Involve the different communities, i.e. Archives, NSIs, researchers and research communities, other stakeholders at European level**

- 1<sup>st</sup> EDAF in Luxembourg March 2012 (next in 2014), Users' conferences (Mannheim, March 2013)

- **Foster cooperation between Archives and NSIs**

- **Regional Workshops**

- Why cooperate and share the burden ? How would this enhance access ?
- The concrete basis for building cooperation between CESSDA archives and the ESS
- Regional workshops at the core of DwB project



# 1st Regional workshop perimeter

- Several DwB Regional workshops planned
- 1<sup>st</sup> one involves 15 countries of which many belong to the Eastern region
- Some specific features
  - Several new accessing EU countries
  - Official microdata more in line with Eurostat
  - No much cooperation between Archives and NSIs
  - In some countries no Data archives (SERSCIDA project)

# Agenda of the workshop

## 1<sup>st</sup> day

### 1. The global picture : Set up the overall landscape

- Researchers' access
- CESSDA archives in Europe
- Some examples of activities of NSIs and Archives in the region

### 3. Forms of cooperation

- Global overview and some examples
- Working groups on possible forms of cooperation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> day Focus on some issues for NSIs and Archives

- Promoting the use of OS microdata and training
- Metadata issues
- Transnational issues and possible role of Archives: European microdata, censuses



# Thanks for Listening

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