

Data Seal of Approval

Case study GESIS Data Archive for
the Social Sciences

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GESIS

- Infrastructure institution for the Social Sciences
- GESIS provides services in the fields of
 - Data: archiving, research, social monitoring
 - Methodology: consultation, developing complex methods
 - Information: social science literature and research activities



GESIS Data Archive

- Explicit mission: archiving social science research data
- Purpose of the GESIS Data Archive is to keep social science research data available for data sharing and data re-use
- International data exchange (e.g. CESSDA, IFDO)

Why certification activities?

- Ensuring stakeholders that the data they are using, producing or funding is treated according to established standards and norms
- Revision of our workflows
- Need to prove trustworthiness is not only an issue for new players but also for established ones like the GESIS Data Archive
- Trustworthiness among European Archives (CESSDA)

Our approach

1. Data Seal of Approval within the context of CESSDA-AS: Agreement that every archive should make a self-assessment based on the DSA 
2. Data Seal of Approval 
3. nestor Seal based on DIN 31644
4. ...

Data Seal of Approval

Repositories that are committed to archiving and providing access to data in a sustainable way.

16 Guidelines reflecting different roles:

- Data producers
- Data repository
- Data users

Level of compliance

Statement of Compliance	Means	Comments and/or URLs
0	Not Applicable	Provide an explanation
1	No	Provide an explanation
2	Theoretical	Provide a URL for the initiation document
3	In Progress	Provide a URL for the supporting document
4	Implemented	Provide a URL for the supporting document

Assessment Process

1. Self-assessment
2. External peer-review of self-assessment
3. Question & response process if necessary

Once the DSA is awarded by the Board, the repository may display the DSA-Logo on its website and the assessment including review comments will be published.

Getting started

- Evaluation of existing workflows with regard to the requirements
- Detection of missing documentation und documents (internal as well as external)
- Workflows themselves are already in place (and work), but there was a lack of appropriate documentation, especially on our website

Newly created documents

- Preservation Policy
- Collection Policy
- Usage Guidelines for GESIS DBK Metadata
- Contract for on-site and off-site use (SDC)

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Study planning
Data collection
Data analysis
Archiving and registering
Data Archiving
Preparing Data for Submission
Legal Aspects
Ingest
Study description
Archiving
Access
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Digital Preservation Policy

Principles of digital preservation at the Data Archive for the Social Sciences

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Archive Agreement (88 KB)
Usage Regulations
Charges
GESIS Constitution (in German)
Preservation Policy (150 KB)
Collection Policy (in German) (42 KB)

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Documentation

- Excel sheet with all relevant documents and information:
 - General information and information on website
 - Contracts and guidelines
 - Access information
 - Technical documentation
 - Standards and policies
 - References

Experiences

- Reconsider workflows
- Update processes with regard to digital preservation
- Time intensive
- Many processes and activities at the same time depending on each other

Benefits

- Valuable effect of establishing a common understanding for the mission and goals of an institution
- Become aware of the capabilities, strengths and most important weaknesses or gaps within the institution
- Implementation of new tools (e.g. monitoring of checksums)
- Ensure fulfillment of the requirements of being a trusted digital repository and display this to the public
- Good preparation for the next step (nestor seal)





Data Management Plan? Wir helfen Ihnen weiter!



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