

Welcome on behalf of SSHOC

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SSHOC – The SSH Open (Science) Cluster

Governing Board members

CESSDA ERIC - Consortium of Social Sciences Data Archives

CLARIN ERIC - Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure

DARIAH ERIC - Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities

ESS ERIC - European Social Survey

E-RIHS - European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science

EHRI - European Holocaust Research Infrastructure

GUIDE Growing Up In Digital Europe: EuroCohort

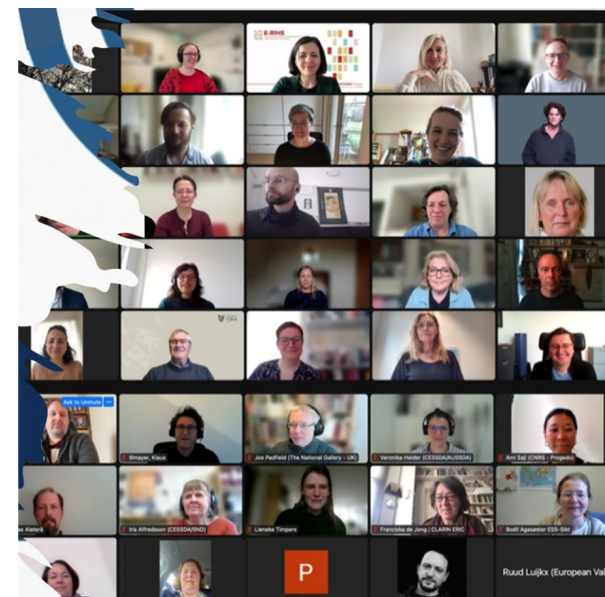
GGP Generations and Gender Programme

RESILIENCE Religious Studies Research Infrastructure

OPERAS Open Access in the European Area Through Scholarly Communication

SHARE ERIC - European Research Infrastructure Consortium for the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement

The SSHOC 20 members



Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the SSH Open Cluster

PREAMBLE

The Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) ESFRI Landmarks and Projects, as well as relevant international SSH data infrastructures and other stakeholders gathered in the Horizon 2020 project Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud (SSHOC) want to preserve SSHOC project's numerous outputs, make them sustainable, and exploitable.

The aim of the SSHOC project was to create a European open cloud ecosystem for social sciences and humanities, consisting of technical and social components, to maximise re-use of SSH data through Open Science and FAIR principles, to interconnect existing and new SSH infrastructures, and to establish the governance for the SSH part of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

The undersigned European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs):

- Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA),
- Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure (CLARIN),
- Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (DARIAH),
- European Social Survey (ESS), and
- Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).

hereinafter referred to as the Parties and acting as the founding members, have hereby agreed as follows:

Article 1. Scope and Objectives of the MoU

The overall objective of this MoU is to prepare the establishment of the SSH Open Cluster to further intensify collaboration between different SSH community stakeholders and to take an active role in promoting quality and impact of SSH within the European Research Area and beyond. It will enhance mutual interaction, further explore synergies and expertise, and support sharing of know-how in all areas of common interest.

In particular, it will:

- Maximise support to the SSH research communities and optimise the use of resources by sharing relevant developments and results,
- Identify common challenges affecting the SSH domain and collectively develop responses to these challenges,
- Support joint visibility and branding in the area of SSH.

¹ The European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) is a specific legal form that facilitates the establishment and operation of Research Infrastructures with European interest. ERICs carry out research programmes and projects and represent added value in the development of the European Research Area (ERA) and significant improvements in the SSH field with effective access granted to the European research community in accordance with the rules established in the statutes. ERICs actively contribute to the mobility of knowledge and/or researchers within the ERA, as well as to the dissemination and optimisation of the scientific results.

MoU among existing ESFRI RI

SSHOC's Raison d'être

- **Exchange knowledge, share and facilitate access to resources** to members of the SSH Research Infrastructure community and other stakeholders in the SSH domain or beyond.
- Support **open science** and **cross-disciplinary** research in SSH to leverage a much bigger potential for impact on a wider audience, than working in silos.
- Maintain SSHOC results (e.g, training, tools and resources) and their interoperability
 - through the **SSHOC marketplace** - the domain-specific discovery platform for SSH disciplines and
 - towards the European Open Science Cloud (**EOSC**).
- Strengthen the **representation** of the SSH domain in the European Research Infrastructure landscape.



CESSDA ERIC in a Nutshell

Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives

- Is a virtual, distributed pan-European research infrastructure with seat in Bergen, Norway.
- 1 ERIC of 5 RI in the SSH
- Connects 22 countries and their data archiving infrastructures = Service Providers;
- Support 12 partner countries across Europe (with Ukraine).
- Provides data service to Social Scientists (and other communities e.g. translators) - across the whole Research Data Lifecycle with focus on data collection, curation, metadata description and long-term data preservation.

Reaching out beyond the CESSDA community:

- MoU with other European research infrastructures in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (SSHOC).
- As a member of the EOSC (European Open Science Cloud).
- Through EC projects.



UKRAINE (CESSDA partner)

The Ukraine National Data Bank of Sociological Data “Kyiv archive”



- The Ukraine National Data Bank of Sociological Data “Kyiv archive” (Data Bank) was created in 2015 to preserve data from social surveys conducted in Ukraine and to make such data easily and freely accessible to all interested persons or entities both in Ukraine and abroad.
- Currently it is the only archive in Ukraine which collects, preserves and provides open access to sociological data for a wide range of users. The Data Bank already has a host institution and funding institution: Kyiv International Institute of Sociology.