The Hague, February 19th 2016

To the Board of Directors CESSDA,

Thank you for confirming the existence and status of the CESSDA Trust Support Group. Enclosed, we are submitting the report on the CESSDA Expert Seminar 2015 on issues of trust within CESSDA (DANS, The Hague, November 30th – December 1st 2015). Additionally we would like to clarify a number of points.

The activities of the CESSDA Trust Support Group (Hervé L’Hours UK Data Service, Mari Kleemola FSD, Natascha Schumann GESIS, Janez Štebe ADP and Heiko Tjalsma DANS) will be carried out under SAW Work Package 4 (Lead: Marion Wittenburg DANS, Task Lead: Heiko Tjalsma DANS) for the duration of Task 4.3.

Activities will include the recreation of the Trust Working Group to consist of representatives from each SP.

The 4.3 SaW Task on Trust will coordinate arrangements for seeking DSA compliance of all SP’s and for a detailed commentary on the CESSDA Annex 2 obligations. Details on these issues can be found in the report.

To move towards the above, we would like to ask:

1. Can we arrange to have the CESSDA Workplan deadline for meeting CESSDA obligations revised? It is currently "before the end of 2015".

2. How can we best cooperate with the other CESSDA groups and communicate with them and the Board. Is there a body responsible for coordinating groups including communications channels for exchanging ideas, information and documents between the groups?

3. Is additional funding available for meetings of the Trust Working Group? In particular are there special provisions for funding aspiring CESSDA SP’s?

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Trust Support Group,

Heiko Tjalsma DANS