

Joining CESSDA ERIC: Lessons from Slovakia



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2004 Slovak Archive of Social Data (SASD) established within a national project

2013 April 12

together with Portugal, Slovakia became the last „old“ CESSDA member at the last meeting of CESSDA in Budapest

December 16

The Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic signed a letter indicating the willingness of Slovakia to join CESSDA as an observer

2014 June 12

Slovakia became observer in CESSDA AS

2017 March 24

Request for the setting-up of CESSDA ERIC from Slovakia

Conditions in Slovakia: Not ideal

- No officially approved national ESFRI Roadmap in place
- Only 11 SK participations in the 29 ESFRI Landmarks, almost exclusively as observers
- 5 ministers of Education, Science, Research and Sport in charge between December 2013 and October 2017

Development: Positive

- **November 2016:**

Establishment of *Committee for the assessment of activities of Slovak participation in the ESFRI research infrastructures in social sciences and humanities* by the Ministry (chaired by representative of SASD)

- **February 2017:**

International independent evaluation of Slovak Academy of Sciences – recommendation towards the ministries: Prepare a national strategy for Slovakia's involvement in ESFRI research infrastructures

Lessons for SaW

- The national archive is a crucial player in rising awareness of CESSDA at the national level
- If a country is currently not interested in joining:
Support / keep alive its archive
- Keep inviting non-CESSDA member archives to the SPF and allow them to participate in project based cooperation with CESSDA ERIC (e.g. CESSDA SaW)
- Aid the credibility of aspiring archives in non member countries e.g. by creating a “*CESSDA certified partner*” designation.



Thank you CESSDA!

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