

Access to official statistical micro data at the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia and cooperation with the Slovenian Social Science Data Archives

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Enabling researchers to reuse statistical micro data is one of the most important elements of Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SURS)'s strategy to provide a variety of products and services to different user groups. The poster presents the cooperation SURS has established with the Slovenian Social Science Data Archives (ADP) and researchers, which has been intensified in the last two years as a consequence of being part of the European Commission Framework 7 Programme »Data without Boundaries (DwB)«. Different elements of the access process at SURS are presented, such as data availability, application, internal procedures and modes of transmission, as well as cooperation with the ADP, such as shared preparation of public use files, preparation of metadata in compliance with the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) standard and promotional activities. Cooperation provides better products and services for researchers, builds new expertise at SURS and the ADP, and increases the use of statistical micro data. Our practice is seen by many statisticians, researchers and archivists as a good practice. DwB project provides a unique opportunity to pass our experience to international statistical and research community.

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