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**PROJECT PERIODIC REPORT**

**Grant Agreement number:** 288985

**Project acronym:** SERSCIDA

**Project title:** Support for Establishment of National/Regional Social Sciences Data Archives

**Funding Scheme:** FP7-CSA-SA

**Date of latest version of Annex I against which the assessment will be made:**

**Periodic report: 1st □ 2nd 🗹 3rd □ 4th □**

**Period covered: from** 01/07/2013 **to** 30/06/2014

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**Declaration by the scientific representative of the project coordinator**

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| I, as scientific representative of the coordinator of this project and in line with the obligations as stated in Article II.2.3 of the Grant Agreement declare that:   * The attached periodic report represents an accurate description of the work carried out in this project for this reporting period; * The project (tick as appropriate) [[3]](#footnote-3):   🗹 has fully achieved its objectives and technical goals for the period;   * + has achieved most of its objectives and technical goals for the period with relatively minor deviations.   + has failed to achieve critical objectives and/or is not at all on schedule. * The public website, if applicable   🗹is up to date   * + is not up to date * To my best knowledge, the financial statements which are being submitted as part of this report are in line with the actual work carried out and are consistent with the report on the resources used for the project (section 3.4) and if applicable with the certificate on financial statement. * All beneficiaries, in particular non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs, have declared to have verified their legal status. Any changes have been reported under section 3.2.3 (Project Management) in accordance with Article II.3.f of the Grant Agreement. |

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| Name of scientific representative of the Coordinator: ...Lejla Somun-Krupalija.....  Date: 24/08/2014.  For most of the projects, the signature of this declaration could be done directly via the IT reporting tool through an adapted IT mechanism and in that case, no signed paper form needs to be sent |

***3.1 Publishable summary***

This section must be of suitable quality to enable **direct publication** by the Commission and should

preferably not exceed four pages.

The publishable summary has to include all the distinct parts described below:

A summary description of project context and objectives,

A description of the work performed since the beginning of the project and the main results

achieved so far ,

The expected final results and their potential impact and use (including the socio-economic

impact and the wider societal implications of the project so far),

The address of the project public website, if applicable

In line with this, diagrams or photographs illustrating and promoting the work of the project, as well

as relevant contact details or list of partners can be provided without restriction.

**The publishable summary should be updated for each periodic report.**

**3.1.1 Summary description of project context and objectives**

SERSCIDA is designed as a strategic project for supporting the cooperation and exchange of

knowledge between the EU countries associated within the Council of European Social Sciences

Data Archives (CESSDA) and the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) in the field of social science

data archiving. The project addresses the issues of potentials of usage of information-communication technologies for the benefits of scientific research and exchange of knowledge as laid down in the call for proposals topic. The project aims to produce tangible results and improve the capacities for exchange of knowledge and data collected through research in social sciences between the European countries and WBC involved.

The four main objectives of SERSCIDA are:

• to support the establishment of social science data archives in order to increase the level of sharing and preserving data collected through research in WB countries

• to identify potentials and infrastructures for establishment of social science data archives in WB

countries involved

• to enhance the exchange of knowledge and sharing of data collected through research in social

sciences in the WB countries and EU – CESSDA countries.

• to increase the level of understanding and support for open access policies through involvement of policy and decision makers in WB countries.

Currently, primary data collected through research in social sciences in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Serbia, and Croatia, remains mainly in possession of researchers or research institutions that have

conducted specific research projects. Research conducted in the post conflict period in these

countries, especially in social science, are valuable for the European scientific community for it

addresses the issues of transitions in societies, historical legacies, post-communist struggles for societal transformations etc. Data collected through such research, although of high value for social scientists (both in these countries and internationally) for any further exploration, remain unavailable. There are no existing or sustainable social science data archives in these countries that would deal with issues of preservation and archiving of those primary data. Research institutions in WB countries are currently faced with the problem of possible loss of valuable research data forever due to the lack of infrastructure and capacities for archiving such data in an adequate manner in line with existing European standards. Today, in Bosnia and Herzegovina for example, there is no institution in charge of archiving data collected through the empirical research in social sciences or providing access to those data to other researchers/research institutions within a similar field of interest. At the same time, many European countries do have specialized institutions – data archives in social sciences – dealing with archiving and preserving data collected through research, as well as providing easier access to data for research and research institutions as needed. Member institutions of CESSDA provide access to more than 25,000 data collections for more than 30,000 researchers in social sciences and humanities within the European Research Area.

**3.1.2 Description of work performed and main results**

REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS

**3.1.3 Expected final results and potential impacts**

REFLECT ON IMPACT OF PROJECT

***3.2 Core of the report for the period: Project objectives, work progress and achievements, project management***

**3.2.1** **Project objectives for the period**

**For each work package,** except project management, which will be reported in section 3.2.3,

please provide the following information:

A summary of progress towards objectives and details for each task;

Highlight clearly significant results;

If applicable, explain the reasons for deviations from Annex I and their impact on other tasks

as well as on available resources and planning;

If applicable, explain the reasons for failing to achieve critical objectives and/or not being on

schedule and explain the impact on other tasks as well as on available resources and planning (the explanations should be coherent with the declaration by the project coordinator);

a statement on the use of resources, in particular highlighting and explaining deviations between actual and planned person-months per work package and per beneficiary in Annex 1 (Description of Work);

If applicable, propose corrective actions.

All Project objectives for the reporting period were met:

* 1. Work Package 4
  2. Work Package 5
  3. Work Package 6
     1. **Work progress and achievements during the period**

**3.2.2.1 Work package 4**

*Summary:*

**TASK...**

*Significant results:*

*Deviations to Annex I:*

*Failure to achieve to critical objectives*

*Use of resources*

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*Proposed corrective actions*

**3.2.2.2 Work package 5**

*Summary:*

**TASK...**

*Significant results:*

*Deviations to Annex I:*

*Failure to achieve to critical objectives*

*Use of resources*

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*Proposed corrective actions*

**3.2.2.1 Work package 4**

*Summary:*

**TASK...**

*Significant results:*

*Deviations to Annex I:*

*Failure to achieve to critical objectives*

*Use of resources*

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*Proposed corrective actions*

* + 1. **Project management during the period**

**3.3 Deliverables and milestones tables**

**3.4** **Explanation of the use of the resources and financial statements**

1. Usually the contact person of the coordinator as specified in Art. 8.1. of the Grant Agreement. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The home page of the website should contain the generic European flag and the FP7 logo which are available in electronic format at the Europa website (logo of the European flag: <http://europa.eu/abc/symbols/emblem/index_en.htm> logo of the 7th FP: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm?pg=logos>). The area of activity of the project should also be mentioned. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. If either of these boxes below is ticked, the report should reflect these and any remedial actions taken. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)