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How can a social science repository in a (small) Central European country become more visible?

Research materials stored in Hungarian social science data archives are typically not integrated into the international ecosystem, even though Hungary is a member of the CESSDA and an aspirant to the EOSC. The limited visibility can be attributed to several factors. What are these, and how can we make our national data assets more visible on the international stage?

On the technical side, DDI is one of the most important tools. While the use of DDI is becoming increasingly widespread, few institutions in Hungary are currently taking advantage of what it offers.

In 2025, RDC CSS had the opportunity to familiarize itself with the infrastructure of two European institutions – FSD (Finland) and Sciences Po (France). The aim was to learn about the methods and processes and to implement the best practices. Thanks to the lessons learned, the initiatives, the professional consultations, and the partnerships launched, significant progress has been made in our repository system throughout 2026.

Where do we stand in terms of DDI compliance and what can we expect from the development? The presentation explores how historical, financial, technical, and other factors have shaped the Hungarian situation, and also outlines the measures RDC CSS is taking to increase its visibility.