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Webinar

Ukraine: Developing Transnational Access to European Research Infrastructures in the Social Sciences and Humanities

October 1, 2024, 9:00-13:00h CEST, MS Teams

A joint webinar of the ESFRI Strategy Working Group on Social Sciences and Humanities, together with SSHOC, the Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine, and the National Research Foundation of Ukraine.

There is growing potential to integrate Ukraine in European research infrastructures. The webinar focusses on research infrastructures in the social sciences and humanities (SSH).

Since 2022, Ukraine is associated to Horizon Europe and several initiatives support Ukrainian participation in European research infrastructures. Supporting research infrastructures is not only a question of supporting research and science, but of a wider effort to produce evidence for policy. Research infrastructures in SSH collect data on society and culture that can support decision making in social, economic, cultural or health policy.

What happened so far?

In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) called upon research infrastructures to establish support measures for the Ukrainian research community. Among these measures were facilitating access and providing training as described in a report by ESFRI.¹ The ESFRI SWG SSH organised a half-day webinar on Scientific Data about Society in Ukraine, which gathered important actors from the community.² Ideas for future collaborations were collected, for instance, more support for transnational access to research infrastructures through Horizon Europe. The Eurizon-Project offered grants to enable Ukrainian researchers to continue their work through projects in collaboration with European research infrastructures and institutes.³ Ukraine also invests in developing research

¹ ESFRI Report on the Support of Research Infrastructures to the Ukrainian Research Community, Nov 2023, <https://www.esfri.eu/latest-esfri-news/esfri-publishes-report-support-ris-ukrainian-research-community>

² Scientific Data about Society in Ukraine: Highlights from the webinar, May 2023 <https://eassh.eu/News/Scientific-Data-about-Society-in-Ukraine--Highlights-from-the-webinar-n1353>

³ Eurizon - European network for developing new horizons for RIs, <https://www.eurizon-project.eu>

infrastructure, for instance through a recent call of the NRFU.⁴ The European Commission launched a call in Horizon Europe on assessing the state of research infrastructures in Ukraine.⁵

Aim of the upcoming webinar

Several European research infrastructures have started specific initiatives to support research communities in Ukraine and the development of research infrastructure in their field. It is also necessary to develop broader platforms that connect these initiatives.

Participants will discuss challenges, for instance in the field of data collection, data archiving and data access for SSH disciplines. There is also a growing interest on tools and collaborations to understand the dynamics of Ukrainian diaspora across European countries. The webinar aims to establish collaborations among researchers, policy makers and funders from the field. Specific support mechanisms, through national and European actors, will be further discussed.

Programme

9:00 Welcome

- Hanna Snellman, Chair, ESFRI Strategy Working Group on Social Sciences & Humanities
- Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch, Chair, SSHOC (Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud)
- Zoia O. Petrenko, Head of the expert group on issues of development and work with research and critical infrastructure, Science Development Directorate, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
- Olga Polotska, Executive Director, National Research Foundation of Ukraine

9:30 – 11:15 Examples of current initiatives and reflection from ESFRI-RIs

Ukrainian researchers present their activities. Afterwards follows a discussion with representative from European ESFRI-research infrastructure on the kind of support Ukrainian scientists and institutions need to develop capacity.

- Olha Kanishcheva, K-centre manager, CLARIN: Presenting the K-centre for Ukrainian NLP and corpora
- Sofia Dyak, Director, Lviv Center for Urban History: Research, Networking and Public Outreach in EHRI and Open Heritage

⁴ National Research Foundation of Ukraine, Call for R&D projects "Infrastructures for advanced research", Dec 2023, <https://nrfu.org.ua/en/news-en/attention-on-12-28-2023-the-national-research-foundation-of-ukraine-decided-to-announce-a-new-call-for-rd-projects-infrastructures-for-advanced-research/>

⁵ European Commission, Work Programme 2023-2025, Research Infrastructures, Apr 2024, https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-3-research-infrastructures_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf

- Olena Kaminska, Research Fellow, University of Essex: Current challenges of building social science research infrastructures in Ukraine
- Olga Zhmurko, Kyiv Data Archive/CSDA: Saving data for society – the Data Archive of Ukraine
- Tymofii Brik, Dean, Kyiv School of Economics, National Coordinator of ESS in Ukraine: Preparing and conducting data collection for the ESS in Ukraine

Discussion

Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch, Director, CESSDA ERIC

Darja Fišer, Director, CLARIN ERIC

Reto Speck, Co-Director, EHRI

Angelika Scheuer, Deputy Director External, ESS ERIC

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 Support of Ukrainian participation in European research infrastructures

- Igor Taranov, Horizon Europe Office in Ukraine: Supporting research infrastructure in Ukraine through Horizon Europe
- Frederik Søndergaard, DG RTD, European Commission: EU support for Ukraine in research and innovation
- Greta Facile, EURIZON: Experiences from the Fellowship Program "Remote Research Grants for Ukrainian Researchers"
- Barbara Dammers-Szenasi, Dutch Research Council (NOW): Hop-On Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine
- Tetiana Stepura, Lviv Polytechnic National University: Practical experiences with starting a collaboration based on the NWO Call for Researchers Based in Ukraine

12:30-13:00 Final Discussion

Afterwards open online plenary to informally exchange and connect. Participants can informally exchange, network and share information online in the Teams-session.

