



Finnish Country Report

Cooperation between data archive and
statistical office

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Statistics Finland (SF)



“ Statistics Finland combines collected data with its own expertise to produce statistics and information services.

Founded in 1865, Statistics Finland is the only Finnish public authority specifically established for statistics. It produces the vast majority of Finnish official statistics and is a significant international actor in the field of statistics.”

< http://www.stat.fi/org/index_en.html >

Cooperation

- Representative of the Statistics Finland (*later SF*) in the advisory board of FSD
- SF's research services collects ISSP data in Finland by commission from the FSD → The national survey questionnaires and the data set produced in cooperation (SF & FSD)

Cooperation



- SF collects ESS in Finland, cooperation with NSD & FSD in archiving the data
- SF collects the Finnish data integrated in the LIS data collections
- Data descriptions in the FSD catalogue (one, so far, in Finnish only):
< <http://www.fsd.uta.fi/aineistot/luettelo/FSD2230/> >
- Discussions on the possible use of DDI, not materialised in any way

Cooperation



- SF's research services deposit other surveys collected on commission from customers:
Free-time Residence Barometer 2008
<http://www.fsd.uta.fi/english/data/catalogue/FSD2503/>
- example of changing policy of SF:
Finnish Youth Surveys collected by SF during the '90s were not deposited in 2010
<http://www.fsd.uta.fi/english/data/catalogue/series.html#nuobaro>

Barriers to cooperation



- SF does not deposit any register-based data in FSD
- SF does not deposit any survey data combined with register-based information in FSD
- SF does not deposit any science use files nor public use files in FSD

Barriers to cooperation

- Until recently, SF did not allow depositions of data collected for third parties, unless this option was mentioned in the contract with SF

Barriers & reasons

- Risk avoidance policy
- maintaining the trust of general public
- Not possible to hand over the responsibility on data protection to any third party by contract

Remote use pilot

- SF's pilot project to develop a remote use system. Approved institutes & approved researchers within the institutes having access to data that was earlier possible to access only in SF's data lab → the researchers had to go there
- Project ended 2009, now knowledge of any further developments

Remote use pilot II

- Look at the ReTki presentation about another remote use project in Finland



SF's services to researchers

- More information about Statistics Finland's services to research community:

< http://www.stat.fi/tup/hallinnolliset/index_en.html >