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Participants of WG3

At the moment, there are 42 participants involved in WG3 from 23 different countries. For 24 participants, WG3 is their main work group, meaning that they intend to focus the majority of their efforts in the COST action there.

Since the first intermediary report, nine new participants have joined the working group.

Achievements and work in progress

A first survey of databases for SSH research output across Europe was completed and resulted in the publication of the following report:

Sile, L., Guns, R., Sivertsen, G., & Engels, T. C. E. (2017). *European Databases and Repositories for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Output*. Antwerp: ECOOM & ENRESSH. Retrieved July 9, 2017, from <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5172322.v2>

Following the presentation of the report during the ENRESSH-WG3 meeting in Antwerp, results of this survey were also presented at the Science and Technology Indicators (STI) conference in Paris, September 2017.

A second survey focusing on the comprehensiveness of 13 of the databases for SSH research output was completed and resulted in the submission of the following manuscript:

Linda Sile, Janne Pölönen, Gunnar Sivertsen, Raf Guns, Tim C.E. Engels, Pavel Arefiev, Marta Dušková, Lotte Faurbæk, András Holl, Emanuel Kulczycki, Gustaf Nelhans, Michal Petr, Marjeta Pisk, Sándor Soós, Jadranka Stojanovski, Ari Stone, Jaroslav Šušol, Ruth Teitelbaum (2018). Comprehensiveness of national bibliographic databases for social sciences and humanities: Findings from a European Survey. *Research Evaluation*, submitted 22 January 2018.

Work on this paper was facilitated through an STSM to Linda Šile, allowing her to spend two months with Gunnar Sivertsen at NIFU, Oslo, Norway. On 30 January 2018 the main findings will be presented by Linda Šile during her keynote lecture "National bibliographic databases for research output in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Implications for research evaluation" (Conference: "Science Online XXI. Electronic sources of information for science and education [elektronnyye informacionnyye resursy dlja nauki i obrazovanija]"). January 27 – February 3, 2018. Bad Gastein, Austria. Organiser: Scientific Electronic Library - eLIBRARY.RU (Moscow, Russia)). In 2018, further dissemination of the results is envisioned, among others in the form of an interactive website.

An extension of the article 'Taking scholarly books into account' (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11192-016-1886-5>) to 19 European countries was facilitated through a survey conducted within WG3. First results were presented and discussed during the Antwerp meeting in July 2017. Beginning of 2018, the following paper will be submitted:

Giménez-Toledo, E., Mañana-Rodríguez, J., Engels, T. C. E., Guns, R., Kulczycki, E., Ochsner, M., Pölönen, J., Sivertsen, G., & Zuccala, A. A. (2018). Taking scholarly books into account (II): A comparison of the role of scholarly books in evaluation in 19 European countries. *To be submitted*.

In parallel research on scholarly book publishers also resulted in a presentation during the ISSI conference in Wuhan (China, October 2017) and, by the same authors, the following journal article:

Giménez-Toledo, E., Manana-Rodriguez, J., Sivertsen, G. (2017). Scholarly book publishing: Its information sources for evaluation in the social sciences and humanities. *Research Evaluation*, 26, p91-101, <https://doi.org/10.1093/reseval/rvx007>

In order to further the understanding of SSH publication patterns several bilateral and multilateral comparisons of data contained in national comprehensive coverage databases were initiated. A comparison of Poland and Flanders resulted in the following conference presentation by Emanuel Kulczycki:

Kulczycki, Emanuel; Engels, Tim C.E.; Nowotniak, Robert (2017). Publication patterns in the social sciences and humanities in Flanders and Poland. 16th International Society of Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference, 16-20 October, 2017, Wuhan, China, p. 1-10.

A further extension of the paper with data from six more countries resulted in the following submission:

Emanuel Kulczycki, Tim C.E. Engels, Janne Pölönen, Kasper Bruun, Marta Dušková, Raf Guns, Robert Nowotniak, Michal Petr, Gunnar Sivertsen, Andreja Istenič Starčič, Alesia A. Zuccala (2018). Publication patterns in the social sciences and humanities: Evidence from eight European countries. *Scientometrics*, submitted 14 January 2018.

Work for these papers was initiated through an STSM granted to Emanuel Kulczycki at the Centre for R&D Monitoring (ECOOM), University of Antwerp, Belgium, during the first Grant Period. Follow-up work is being facilitated through an STSM to Andreja Istenič Starčič at the Scholarly Communication research group, Faculty of Social Sciences, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.

Similarly, work initiated through an STSM granted to Janne Pölönen in Antwerp during GP1 resulted in the presentation of findings at the STI conference in Paris in September 2017. A second presentation on grey zones in peer review will take place at the occasion of the closing conference of the COST-action PeerE, 7-9 March 2018. Furthermore, the following submission is planned in 2018:

Janne Pölönen & Tim Engels (2018), Ambiguity in the identification of publication channels that apply peer review, to be submitted to *Science and Public Policy*

In view of the objective to prepare a roadmap for a European database of outputs of SSH research, the proposal for the VIRTAs-ENRESSH pilot was launched during the ENRESSH MC meeting in Sofia, March 2017. During the ENRESSH meeting in Antwerp, July 2017, the proposal was discussed and finalized. Data collection from seven institutions in Belgium, Finland, Norway and Spain took place August-September 2017. The results and outline of the report were discussed during a focused meeting in Helsinki, 7 November 2017. The report of this proof of concept of a European database for SSH publications is currently being finalized and will be presented during the ENRESSH MC meeting in Lisbon, March 2018. Further analysis of the data in terms of internationalization of journals will be facilitated through an STSM to Joshua Eykens at the CSC – IT Centre for Science in Espoo, Finland.

On the topic of journal data policies and data citation, work initiated by Andreja Istenič Starčič, Marc Vanholsbeeck and Tim Engels was presented during the Nordic workshop on bibliometrics and research policy, 8-9 November 2017, Helsinki.