



COLLABORATION UNDERSTANDING 2020

CASD (France) **CBS** (Netherlands) **GESIS** (Germany) **IAB** (Germany) **UKDS** (UK)*

The overall objective of the collaboration is to support research by establishing transnational access to confidential microdata from all partners to all partners, thus facilitating researchers access to partners' microdata from one single site.



Partners have agreed to:

- Work with the wider data community to provide secure and legal access to microdata;
- Implement partners' access points in partners' premises via bilateral agreements taking into account partners' minimum security requirements for their safe rooms; establish effective communication and workflows between partners to best manage and share the development of the use of these facilities by researchers;
- Create, maintain and develop a webpage guiding the researchers to these facilities;
- Foster the researchers' use of these bilateral/multilateral facilities via joint presentations, user workshops/conferences and impact events;
- Further develop the cooperation, building a common knowledge among partners with regard to their respective researcher accreditation and training procedures; and a framework for a multilateral agreement that could eventually replace the bilateral agreements.

Collaboration is based on partners' resources and best efforts to achieve the objectives. Continuation of the collaboration is subject to an annual partners' agreement. An annual work plan is established each year.

CASD currently provides the coordination, preparing the partners' meetings, maintaining the webpage in cooperation with the partners and monitoring the project development.

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Modes of collaboration with UKDS may be adjusted to take into account new circumstances.