

Access to Data from Statistics Norway

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The Norwegian Experience = Collaboration



Research Council of Norway

- Funding of existing archives containing data on individuals, regions, and political and administrative systems
- Long term commitment



Data Protection Agency

- NSD as a broker between the Agency and the scientific community. Today NSD function as Data Protection Official for research in 150 institutions



Statistics Norway

- Since 1976, a formal agreement on dissemination of data for research purposes. Allowing for extensive use of aggregated and individual data; for instance surveys and register data



Research Community

- Close contact with researchers in different scientific fields

Cooperation between Statistics Norway and Norwegian Social Science Data Services

- Statistics Norway (SN) uses NSD as the main tool for dissemination of data to the research community.
- SN is NSD`s most important data provider of surveys. SN also provide other data
- The comparative advantages:
- Statistics Norway has the main responsibility to meet the need for statistics in the Norwegian society.
- NSD specializes in data curation and not in research.

The Agreement

- Purpose: “to give researchers and students easiest possible access to as many SNs data as possible to use in research project without conflicting the current regulations”.
- Researchers: affiliated with a university or university college in Norway or abroad and the institute sector in Norway
- Students: matriculated at a Norwegian university or university college
- Research projects: projects which have research as main purpose and where the results are documented and available

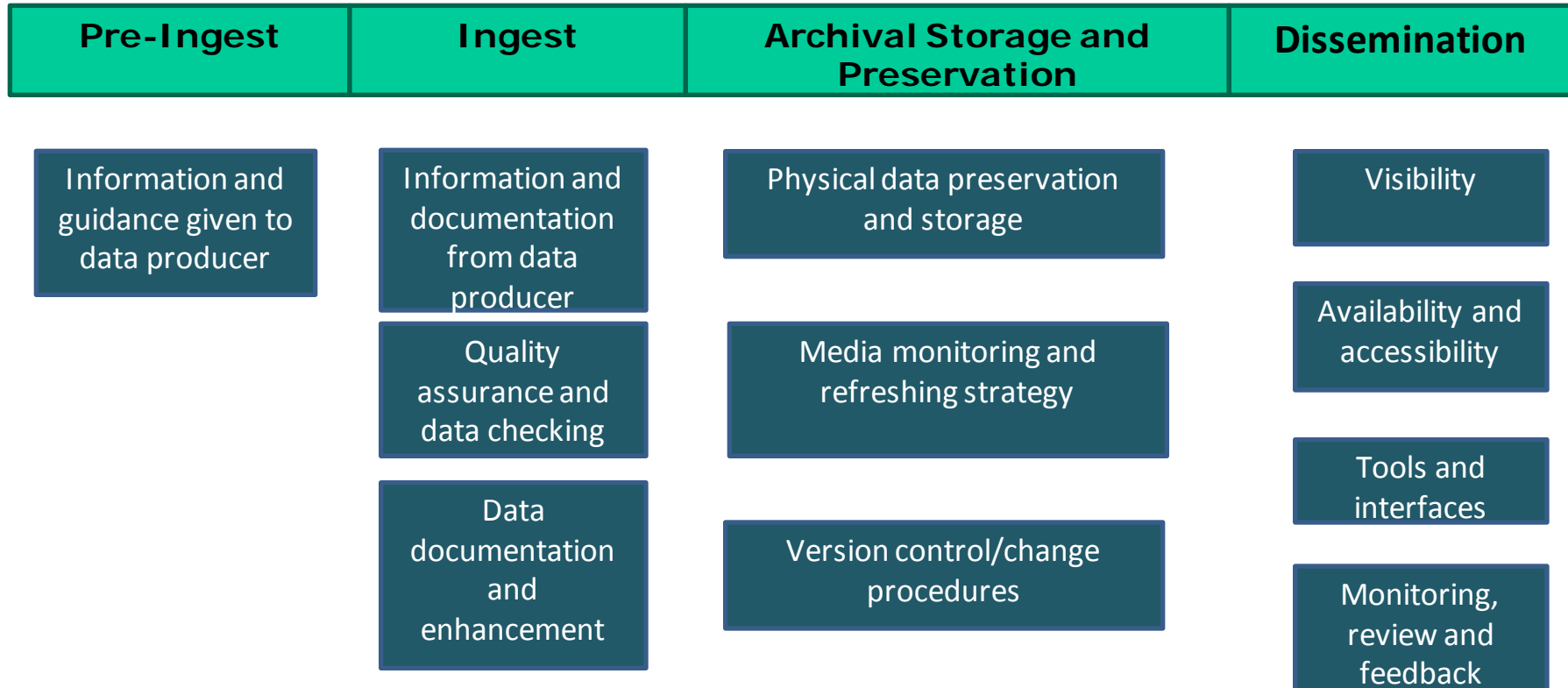
Rights and Obligations

- SN: Keep NSD informed about new statistics and surveys
- SN: Inform about the content and changes in SN`s databases.
- SN: may deliver data to other users without laying it before NSD.
- NSD: ensure that data are disseminated in accordance to the agreement
- NSD: refer to SN as the source of the data
- NSD: prepare instructions for processing and storage of data from SN
- NSD: report of errors in the data or the documentation

Cooperation in Action

- Ex. of surveys in series: Labour Force Studies, Level of living and national travel surveys etc.
- NSD asks SN for some studies. Either because users asks for them or we see them in SNs newsletter
- Ftp-server
- We use Nesstar publisher to document the data and publish them online. We use DDI2.
- Studyadmin: our system to keep track of the changes in studies and to know which formats are available
- Register all the orders in a database

Data Curation



Remote Access Infrastructure for Register data (RAIRD)

- Extending the cooperation: RAIRD
- SN and NSD next project is to develop a project to give researchers a better, easier and more effective access to Norwegian register data.
- Aim is to build a national infrastructure which will provide improved access to and promote the use of micro data in the national as well as the international research community
- Advantage that data earlier considered as to sensitive or confidential data now can be made available for research purposes