

Acquisition experiences in Denmark

- the easy way and the hard way



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Our datacollection

- 2700 datasets
- 2100 from the social sciences
- 600 from the health sciences



The easy way

- Legislation
- Demand from researchs councils
- Contracts for data processing



Legislation

- Danish Archives Act
- The Act on Processing Personal Data



Demand from researchs councils

- Twice a year the Danish Research Councils donate money to research projects
- If research projects include data, they demand depositing at DDA



Contracts for data processing

- DDA Health
- Datasets of great importance to society
- Important datasets at risk of destruction
- Datasets with a large potential for reuse



Other initiatives to relieve acquisition

- Presentations
- Network groups
- Consultants



The hard way

- Try to persuade a single researcher to deposit and share his/her data voluntarily
 - The researcher is not aware of depositing and archiving data.
 - Depositing of data has no priority
 - It has never occurred to him or her that anyone else should benefit from his/her data



Conclusion

- It is preferable to lean on legislation or other formal agreements in acquisition of data
- But of course we are grateful when researchers volunteer to deposit their data



Any questions?



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