

OstData Research Data Service for Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Studies

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OstData is designed as a central service for research data in the field of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Studies in Germany and as a partner in national and international networks. *OstData* is being set up since 2019 by building the technical infrastructure for a research data repository and by providing consultation as well as information material on research data management (RDM). The collaborative project between five renowned research and infrastructure institutions (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (BSB), Collegium Carolinum – Research Institute for the History of the Czech Lands and Slovakia (CC), Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO), Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe (HI), Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)) is currently in the final phase of its first funding period and is waiting for a decision on the approval of a second funding period.

In the first three years, the *OstData*-team put a focus on presentations and consultations on RDM for the interdisciplinary community of researches (humanities, social sciences, cultural studies, etc.) in Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Studies in order to build up knowledge on the topic. Furthermore, the team worked intensively on aspects of RDM like versioning, granularity, data quality, enhancement of legacy data for publication and a DataCite based *OstData* metadata scheme. The results and additional material are or will soon be available on Zenodo (<https://zenodo.org/communities/ostdata/>). Finally, a beta version of the *OstData*-repository is already online with about 50 accessible research data sets (www.ostdata.de). Currently, extensive improvements are being developed and will be implemented during 2022: The discovery system will get a faceted search interface, improved landing pages and options for interdisciplinary knowledge organization, the backend will have improved indexation, APIs for metadata exchange and an enhanced cataloging client.



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