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# AUSSDA MISSION STATEMENT

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## Version control

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0.2	08.05.2017	Feedback Working Group	AUSSDA
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1.0	08.06.2017	approval	LK
1.1	18.09.2017	Implement corporate design	VH, LK

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## Policy Scope and Purpose

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The mission statement sets out the principles guiding all other AUSSDA documents and the development of the archive. It describes the archive's strategic goals and expected value, its vision, the scope of the data collection, as well as its main services and beneficiaries of these services.

The mission statement will be displayed on the website and guides the marketing material and strategy development of AUSSDA.

According to CESSDA ERIC recommendations, a full mission statement could include details on the following:

- The overall strategic goals
- A larger vision or philosophy
- The expected value and impact on the national scientific community *and society* (emphasized wording added by AUSSDA)
- The intended future direction of the data service
- The scope of the data collection
- The main services and activities
- The beneficiaries of the services

## Mission Statement

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### Mission statement in one sentence

"We make social science data accessible, creating opportunities for research and data reuse, benefitting science and society."

### Who we are

The Austrian Social Science Data Archive (AUSSDA) is a core social science research infrastructure in Austria. We are the Austrian member in the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA ERIC). We are located at the Vienna University (main office), Graz University and Linz University. We are funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW).

### Our principles

- We work to benefit science and society by offering research data and archiving services.
- We strive to become the leading research infrastructure for the social sciences in Austria. We offer high quality, sustainable, and easy-to-use solutions for archiving of digital data and world-wide access to data.
- We implement international standards to make our data and documentation findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable. Through national and international cooperation, we promote high archiving standards and contribute to the archive solutions of the future.
- Our collection covers all social science data. By supporting the open data movement we maximize the potential for data use. While the primary beneficiaries of our services will be

researchers, our online services can also be used by students, educational institutions as well as media representatives and the public.

- We stand for integrity in data archiving and promote ethical research principles.

## Full text version

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Our collection covers all social science data. We support the open data movement and work towards maximizing the potential for data use within our user group. The primary beneficiaries of our services are researchers, while our online services can also be used by students, educational institutions as well as media representatives and the public. We stand for integrity in data archiving and promote ethical research principles.