

Reusing Qualitative Data: Past, present and future...

Re-using the ESDS Qualidata
Pioneers of Qualitative Research Collection

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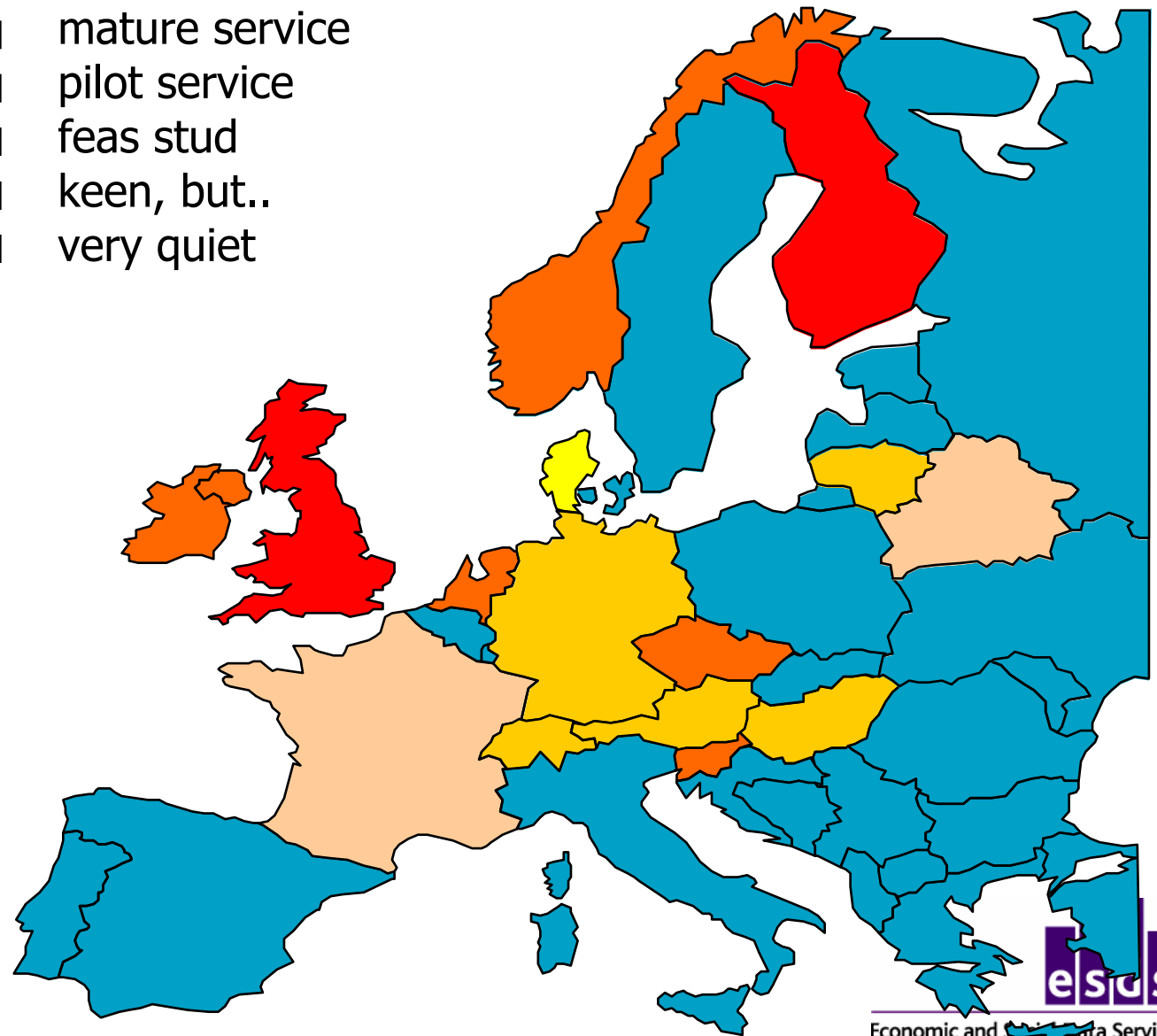


Measures of success for qual archiving

- Conflict Archive on the Internet - N. Ireland
- Irish Qualitative Data Archive
- Australian Qualitative Data Archive
- Qual archiving conf in Bremen - 14 countries
- Timescapes
- Human communication AV archive-UCL
- Lifespan Collection-Royal Holloway
- WISERD-Welsh Inst for So& Econ Res Data

European picture: national

-  mature service
-  pilot service
-  feas stud
-  keen, but..
-  very quiet



But much work remains...

... [qualitative] researchers feel a strong sense of ownership and a reluctance to share; this is compounded by what they view as extra work to prepare data for deposit (Fry, et al. 2009).

What has worked to date

- ESDS Qualidata infrastructure necessary
- More is needed beyond infrastructure
 - Pioneers to deposit
 - Pioneers to reuse
- Facing ethical complexity
 - Consent
 - Data alteration
 - Access control

Is the culture of reuse spreading?

- Mandatory policies (ESRC, NERC, MRC)
- Encouraged (BBSRC, Wellcome, BA)
- Funding flurry
 - RMP - ReStore (online methods resources)
 - Ensemble - repository of teaching materials
 - DCC, UKRDS, RDI...
- Are these success indicators or sticks and bribes? (88% share data, 18% use data centres-UKRDS)

What does the next generation want?

DEPOSITORS

- Internal confidentiality
- “Hard to anonymise” data
 - Audio
 - Video
 - Location specific
 - Longitudinal
- Researcher confidentiality
- ??

REUSERS

- Ethics advice
- Access to primary research team
- Guidance for reuse
- Teaching resources
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Reuse of Pioneers collections at Qualidata

- Qualidata holds data for nine Pioneers
- Pioneer collections have been delivered to over 250 reusers
- Collection documentation (user guides and data lists) have been seen by nearly 35,000 viewers
- And....
- For all Qualidata - over 1000 datasets delivered in just the past two years

A vision for future success

The Archive enables research conversations through time via:

- The holdings in the archive
- Indirect support from depositor
- Active support and consultation with depositor
- In the future....

Depositors queuing at the archive door