# For researchers in need of data management skills: The CESSDA Online expert tour guide on RDM

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Many members of the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA ERIC) host workshops on how to manage, store, organise, document and publish data for researchers in the social sciences. The forthcoming CESSDA Research Data Management (RDM) expert tour guide is an **online tutorial** that brings together the archives' experiences when engaging with researchers in their workshops. The guide is based on the **research data life cycle** and can be used by individual researchers as self-study, but also as part of an online or face to face workshop on research data management, or as part of a university offering.

When it comes to RDM, many different skills are required from researchers. To acquire these skills many sources of information exist that scientists can make use of. However, information is often scattered and researchers need to comply with specific requirements, e.g. related to funders, national legislation and common practices within their particular domain which can be hard to find. One of the unique features or our tutorial is that it describes the **diversity** that can be found in Europe with respect to the practical implementation of the whole research data life cycle. There is another recurring element that describes what a researcher needs to do when creating and **adapting a data management plan** in the various stages of their research, taking into account discipline-specific context (e.g. privacy issues, data documentation). The guide also features practical examples and checklists which encourages the direct application of the provided material.

The new guide will be **promoted** within the CESSDA ERIC, and we aim to encourage its direct use by universities and research institutes as well using the module as a basis for more in-depth trainings. We will support the latter by organising train the trainer workshops and providing additional guidance materials for local trainers on various types of workshops.

We would like to present this project as a lightning talk and/or a poster in which we will give a sneak preview of the new online Expert Tour Guide that will be launched at the end of this year (2017).

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