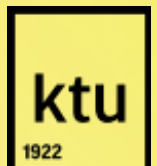**LiDA**

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LiDA from Historical Perspective: Establishment and Development, Data Curation, Collections, and Integrations

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History: early beginnings and establishment

□ **2002 February** – idea surfaced at the Workshop on East European Social Science Data Archives in Berlin organized by the GESIS (ZA) and supported by UNESCO Programme on the Management of Social Transformations (MOST)

□ **2004 June** – the need of having a national social science data archive identified in the Lithuanian social sciences and humanities development strategy (*Algis Krupavicius and Audronė Glosienė first "idea promoters"*)

□ **2010 April** – LiDA (*acronym proposed by Giedrius Viliunas*) was included into the Guidelines for the Development of Lithuanian Scientific Research Infrastructures

□ **2011** – LiDA was included into the first Roadmap for Research Infrastructures of Lithuania

History: first project

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　☐　Project implemented by **Kaunas University of Technology** (librarians (*Antanas Streimikis*), software developers, political scientists, sociologists) in collaboration with **Vilnius University** and **Institute for Social Research** (quantitative sociologists, *Vladas Gaidys*)
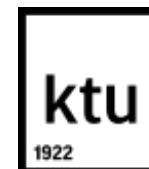
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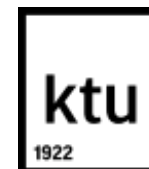
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- □ **Metadata** standards adopted (**DDI**), thesauri (**HASSET/ELSST**)
- □ **Survey** data published (documented in **EN/LT**)
- □ A lot know-how collected (follow **international standards**)
- □ European Social Survey (**ESS**) started in Lithuania
- □ National membership in the **ICPSR**
- □ **Methodological** trainings

History: first project

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History: second project

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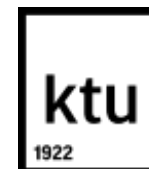- **2009 July** – second project funded by the EU structural funds began for further development of LiDA (leader prof. Algis Krupavicius)

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History: second project

□ **2009 July** – second project funded by the EU structural funds began for further development of LiDA

- □ Technical infrastructure updated (**Nesstar/Fedora** based)
- □ **Survey** data further published
- □ **Historical statistics** datasets started being published
- □ **Prototypes** for political system and qualitative data curation developed
- □ International Social Survey Programme (**ISSP**) started in Lithuania (**ESS** continued)
- □ National membership in the **ICPSR** continued
- □ **Methodological** trainings

History: second project

History: further development

☐ **From 2012** – LiDA operates funded by the KTU FSSAH and is hosted by the Centre for Data Analysis and Archiving (DAtA Centre)

   ☐ Mostly **subsistence**

   ☐ Many projects and applications written for **national** funding

     • Most of them were **successful**, but **no national funding** received

   ☐ Some **international** funding received

     • CESSDA SaW

History: further development

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  ☐ IT infrastructure started becoming unusable (outdated)

- Move to **Dataverse Repository** funded by KTU FSSAH started in 2020

- **2021 September** – first dataset published in the new infrastructure

History: further development

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☐ **LiDA Dataverse Repository**
- 177 survey data datasets
- 257 aggregated data (including Baltic historical statistics) datasets
- 12 other datasets (encoded data, textual data)
- Some datasets still not transferred from the old infrastructure (overall, more than 600)
- Documentation in EN/LT
- CESSDA ERIC controlled vocabularies/ELSST

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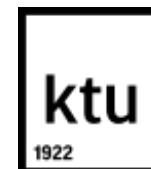
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☐ **LiDA Dataverse Repository** for other institutions
- Higher education
  - **Projects** (from KTU and other universities) can deposit their data
  - **Agreements** with other institutions that want to use LiDA Dataverse Repository as their own institutional repository
    - The first – General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (agreement in 2024, trainings on data curation)

History: further development

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☐ **LiDA Dataverse Repository** for other institutions

- Governmental
  - **Collaboration** with governmental institutions was always present
  - Moreover, **in 2021** LiDA was designated as the **repository for primary data from surveys** (quantitative research) commissioned by institutions of the Lithuanian strategic management system

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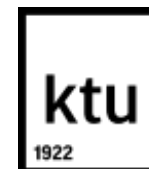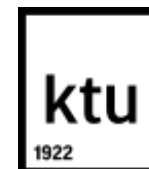
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   ☐ **LiDA Dataverse Repository** for other institutions

- NGOs and public opinion companies
  - Already depositors
  - But more cooperation could be sought

History: further development

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- Additional international **seed funding**
  - Allowed to develop important improvements to the Dataverse Repository
    - Integration with eLABa

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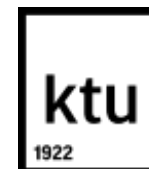
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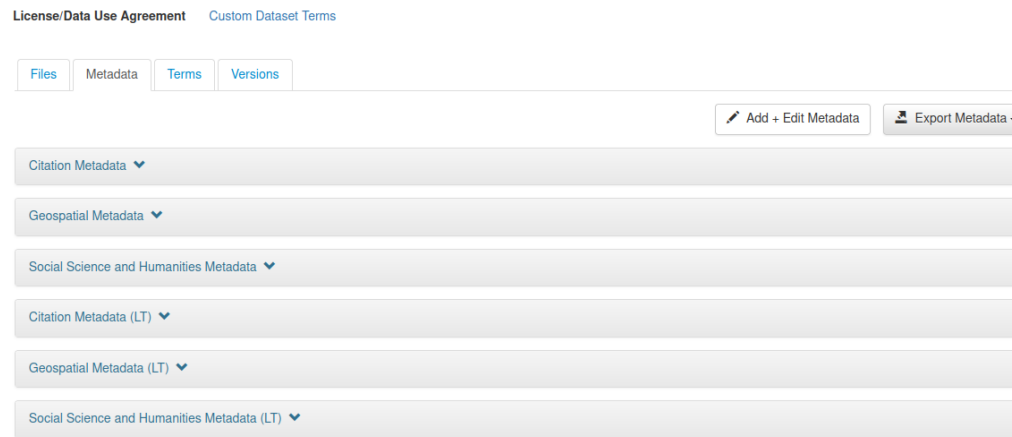
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  - Integration into OpenAIRE (and EOSC)

OpenAIRE EXPLORE

Search   Deposit   Link   Data sources   Funders

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Lithuanian Data Archive for Social Sciences and Humanities (LiDA)

📄 **Data Source** » *Data Repository* · Compatibility: OpenAIRE Data (funded, referenced datasets) · Thematic

Web page: https://lida.dataverse.lt →
DOI: 10.25504/fairsharing.c5e881   re3data: r3d100010492

Research data (443)   Related Data sources

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History: collaboration with CESSDA

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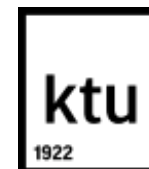
- **2008 July** – more intensive collaboration with CESSDA started when LiDA representative (*Egle Vaidelyte*) participated in a seminar organized by RODA "Extending the CESSDA Research Infrastructure: Potentials and Possibilities" (21 European archives represented) and presented LiDA

- **2009 March** – CESSDA leaders prof. Kevin Schürer (UKDA) and dr. Brigitte Hausstein (GESIS) visited Lithuania

- **2011 January** – LiDA nominated as a service provider in Lithuania in the statutes of CESSDA

- **2012 April** – LiDA became member of CESSDA

History: towards CESSDA ERIC

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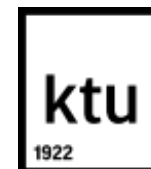
- **2013 June** – predecessor of the CESSDA ERIC was established including 13 countries (Lithuania among them)

  - However, Lithuanian Government then retracted its interest and Lithuania has not become founding member of the CESSDA ERIC

- **2013 October** – first application of KTU/LiDA for funding of the national CESSDA ERIC membership plan was successful (positively evaluated but the Research Council)

  - However, the Government did not allocate funds for implementation

- **2019-2020** – second application of KTU/LIDA for funding of the national CESSDA ERIC membership plan was again successful (again, no actual funding)

History: towards CESSDA ERIC

□ **2023-2024** – last application for funding of the national CESSDA ERIC membership plan was successful and the Government on **October 16, 2024** decided to apply for Lithuanian membership in CESSDA ERIC

□ **LiDA** was designated as a national **service provider**

□ **Success story!** (After 18 years?)

Look ahead

□**Main challenges**

□ Becoming **developed and trusted** repository

• Implementation of FAIR, TRUST Principles

• CoreTrustSeal certification

• Promote open science and secondary data analysis

□ Becoming **fully integrated member** of the CESSDA ERIC

• Data Catalogue

• Controlled vocabularies

• ELSST

• Developing policies (weakest aspect to date) and services

• Not just receiver, but also contributor

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