

European databases for research output in the social sciences and humanities

How far are we?

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So far

Survey #1: identification of databases, brief descriptions [see report*]

Scope 41 countries; responses from 39 countries

Survey #2: comprehensiveness, data processing, basic indicators

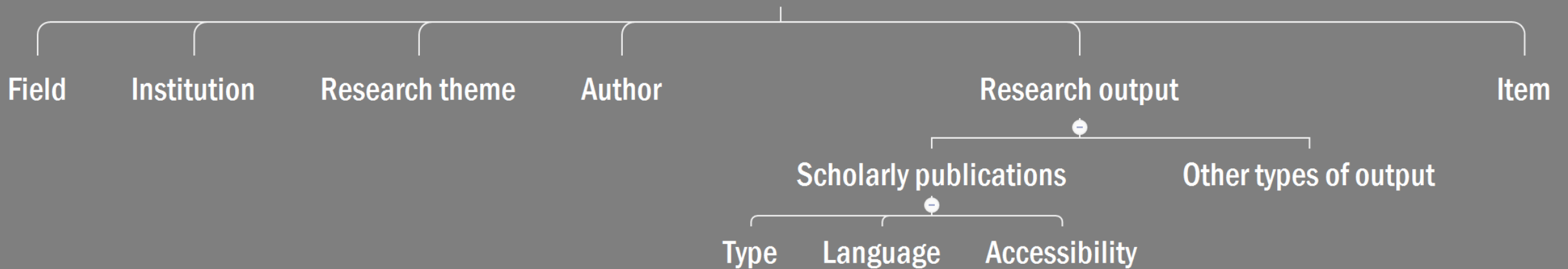
Scope 17 countries; responses from 13 countries

Workshop on work practices with national bibliographic databases

*Sile, L., Guns, R., Sivertsen, G., & Engels, T. C. E. (2017). *European Databases and Repositories for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Output* (p. 25). Antwerp: ECOOM & ENRESSH. <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5172322.v2>.

In the survey #1

(differences in the) comprehensiveness of national databases



Comprehensive database for research output?

Database for research output

structured set of bibliographic metadata on research output

Comprehensive

captures **the total volume** of research output

Comprehensive database for research output?

For example,

type

Articles in journals
by authors with full-time academic positions
In public universities

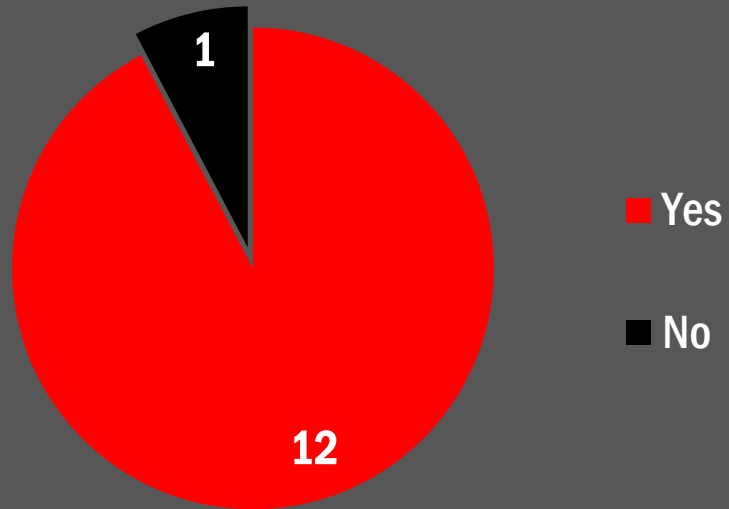
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All articles (by)
All authors (in)
All universities

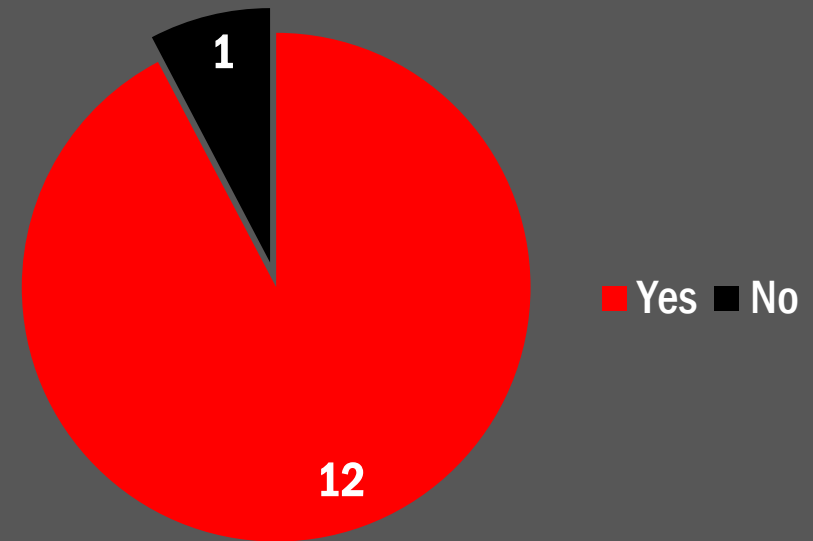
How comprehensive are the European databases?

Academic disciplines and language

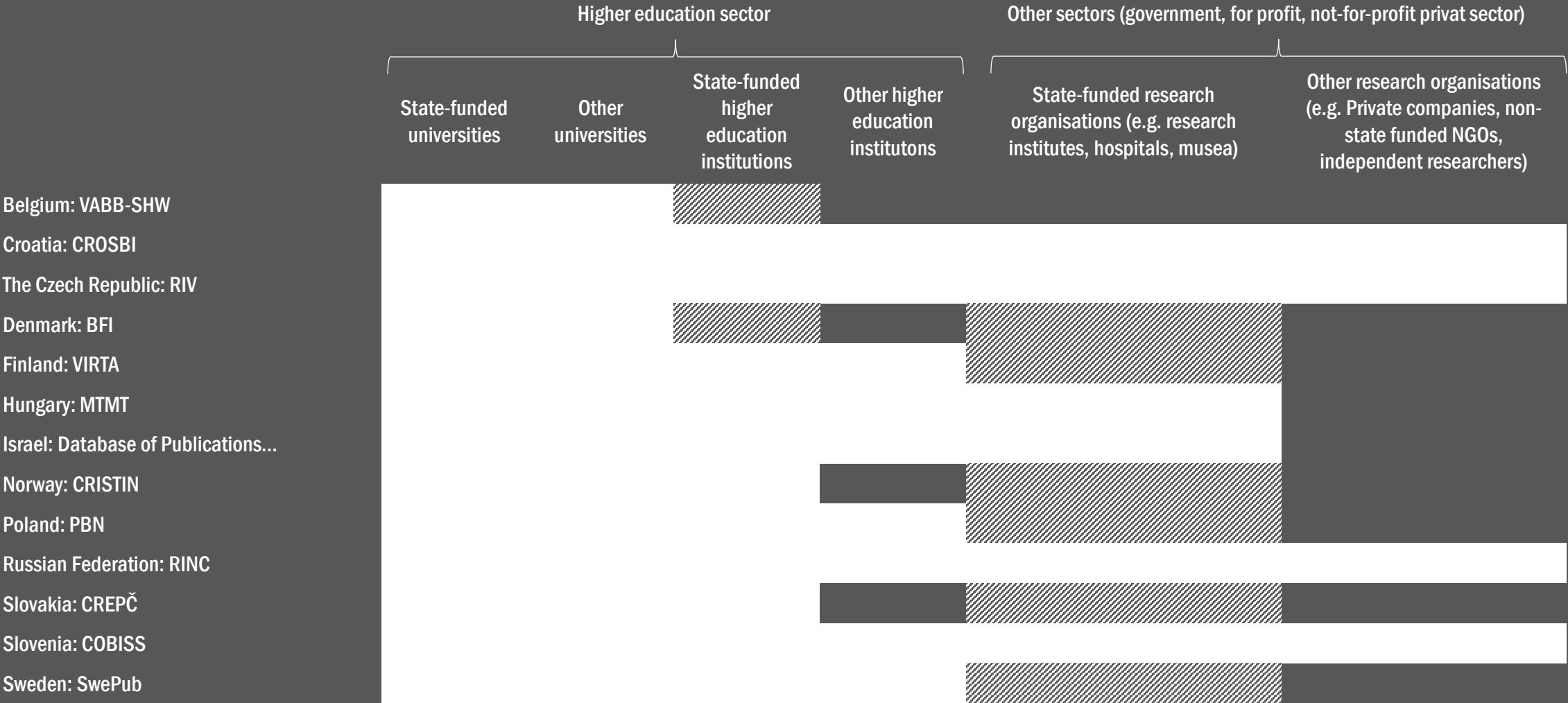
All disciplines within the social sciences and the humanities



Research output in any language

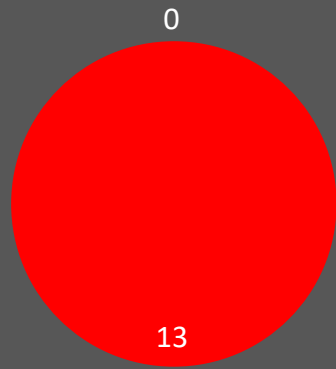


Range of research organisations represented in national databases



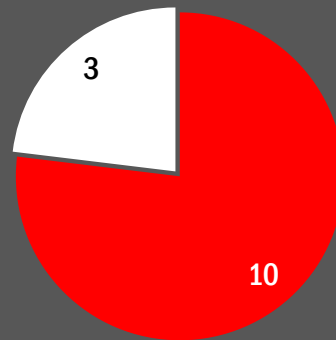
Seniority and job positions of authors

Academic staff and doctoral students



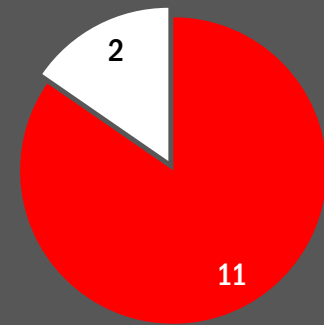
■ Yes ■ No

Other students



■ Yes ■ No

Administrative and technical staff



■ Yes ■ No

Internationally mobile authors

50%

6 of 12** databases include research output from periods when
an author has been affiliated to a foreign institution

** Information was not available for 1 database.

In other words,

**All (13*) databases collect data on research output
from (state-funded) universities
by academic staff and doctoral students
in a form of journal articles
from (nearly) all SSH disciplines
in (nearly) all languages
...**

* In the second survey data were collected on 13 databases

Seeing like a survey*: challenges

Questionnaire 39 questions with multiple categories for answers (+open category)
+ a manual on how to complete the questionnaire

Result ambiguous

Solution narrative descriptions of 13 databases

For which purpose(s) has the database been set up?

Which criteria are used to decide upon the inclusion of data on publications within a database?

Which (implicit and explicit) exclusion criteria can be identified?

Who decides upon the inclusion criteria?

*Law, J. (2009). Seeing like a survey. *Cultural sociology*, 3(2), 239–256

Spreading the word

A manuscript submitted to 'Research Evaluation' (January 25):

Comprehensiveness of national bibliographic databases for social sciences and humanities: findings from a European survey.

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Findings presented in STI 2017, NWB 2017, Science Online 2018

Mapping work practices with national bibliographic databases for research output

Workshop by and for practitioners

Organised by ECOOM-Antwerp

When?

September 10-11 in Antwerp, Belgium

How?

Presentations & experience exchange sessions

Focus?

(challenges in /solutions for) data collection and processing

Further information will follow later in March!
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