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Benefits Summary for the Finnish Social Science Data Archive

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Direct Benefits

- + Time and resource savings for researchers, teachers and students
- + Speed of access to data
- Increased visibility and merit, and verification of research through increased data citation
- + Enabling multidisciplinary research, comparative research, and diverse study designs
- + Re-purposing and re-use of data maximises the value of data holdings
- + Avoidance of overlapping data collection
- + New research and collaboration opportunities
- + Guidance for data management
- Reseachers, teachers and students benefit from individual customer service by FSD staff

Indirect Benefits (Costs Avoided)

- + No re-collection of data needed
- + Reduces potential duplication of effort
- No loss of future research opportunities due to lost data (FSD is a Trusted Digital Repository)
- + Avoiding "survey fatigue" amongst respondents
- + Secures value to future researchers and students
- + Planned data management from an early stage in the research is more cost-effective than late intervention
- + Data management at scale can lead to cost efficiencies

Near Term Benefits

- + More equal access to metadata and data
- + Ease of access for researchers and students
- + Resources for teaching
- Availability of data underpinning published findings
- + Motivating new research
- Use of data by new audiences
- + Short-term use of well curated data
- Quality of documentation of data

Long-Term Benefits

- + Data preserved for the long term
- Secures value of data for future researchers, teachers and students
- + Value added over time as collection grows and develops
- + Input for future research and teaching
- + Enables comparative research
- + Verification of research/research integrity
- Impact on wider profession as a centre of excellence

Private Benefits

- + Increased visibility/citation (scientific merit)
- Fulfil grant obligations
- + Stimulating collaboration
- + Removes user burden from data depositors
- Higher usage and profile of their data for depositors

Public Benefits

- Openness of science and research
- Verification of research, research integrity
- Source of high-quality and unique data
- + Knowledge transfer for other sectors
- + Motivating new research

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