

Acquisition in Practice in FSD

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Phases of data acquisition

- > Localization
- > Assessing
- > 1st contact
- > More information to depositors
- > (Ingest)

Localization

- > Sources: internet, e-mail lists, journals...
- > Basic information about the localized data into the internal database TIIPII:
 - what kind of data
 - preliminary title
 - potential depositor & e-mail address
 - description of the contents

Assessing & first contact

- > Two-women team goes through the localizations 3–4 times a year
- > Five types of contact letters: first contact, reminder, first contact with former customers, congratulation letters
- > E-mail "spamming": 50 e-mails, maybe 10 replies, or less

More information to depositors

- > Depositors get another e-mail: long instructions what to send, how and to whom
- > Some never manage to send their data, nowadays most of them do after getting the instructions
- > Additional contacts to get missing material for data descriptions



Reasons for not depositing

- > data does not exist
- > exists, but is a mess, in an ancient format etc.
- > very very confidential information
- > promises made to research subjects

Reaction to refusal

- > sometimes I just thank them and give up
- > sometimes I try to persuade: explain about anonymisation, reuse conditions, ethics...



Easy cases

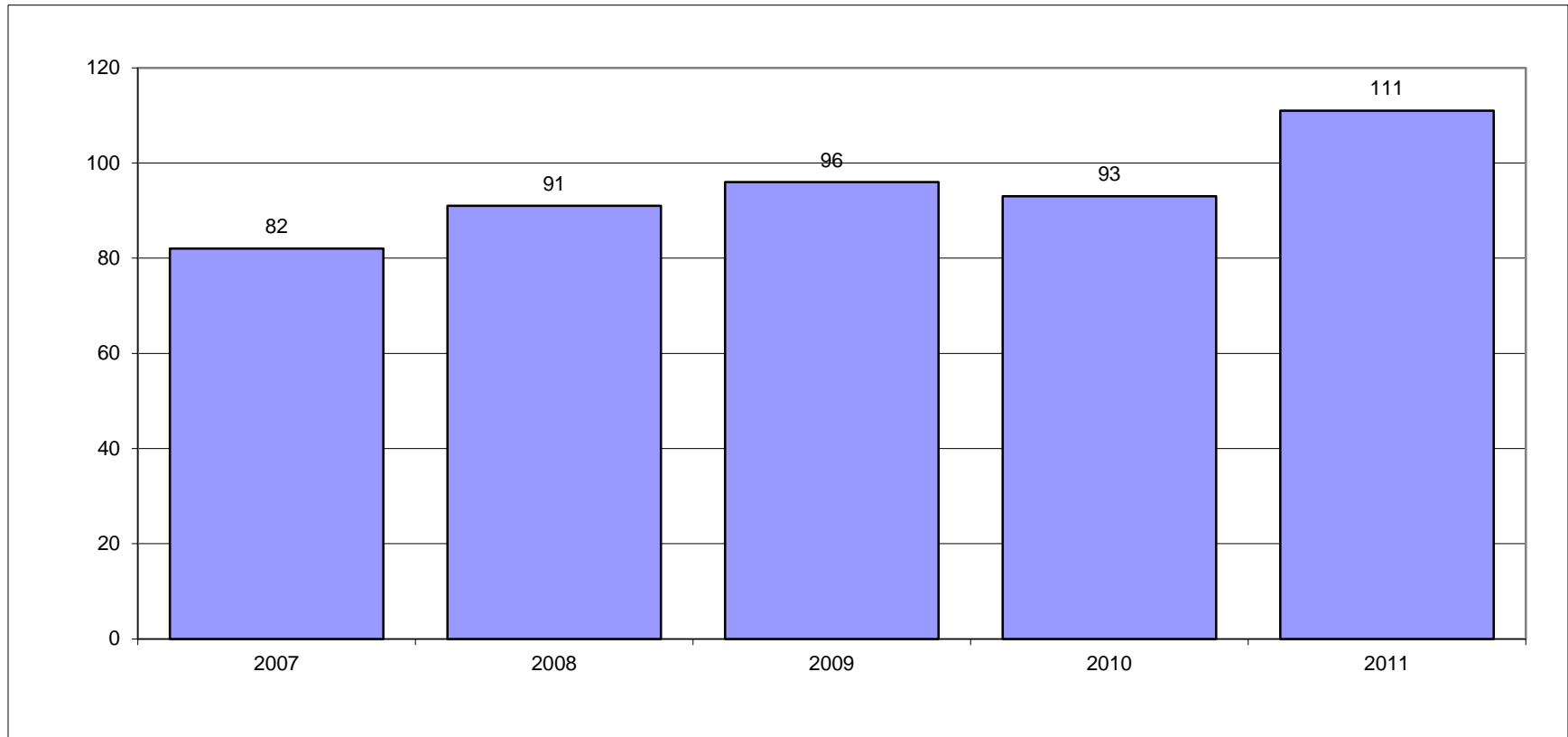
- > New data to series
- > "old friends" = networks and connections count
- > Researchers who need us for something
- > Third sector organizations



Data policy effects

- > Research funders' recommendations
- > Demands for data management plans
- > More contacts from the researchers to the archive since 2008

Depositions to FSD 2007 - 2011





Thank you for listening!

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