Facilitating access to Administrative and Big Data in the UK

The Administrative Data Research Network and the Big Data Network

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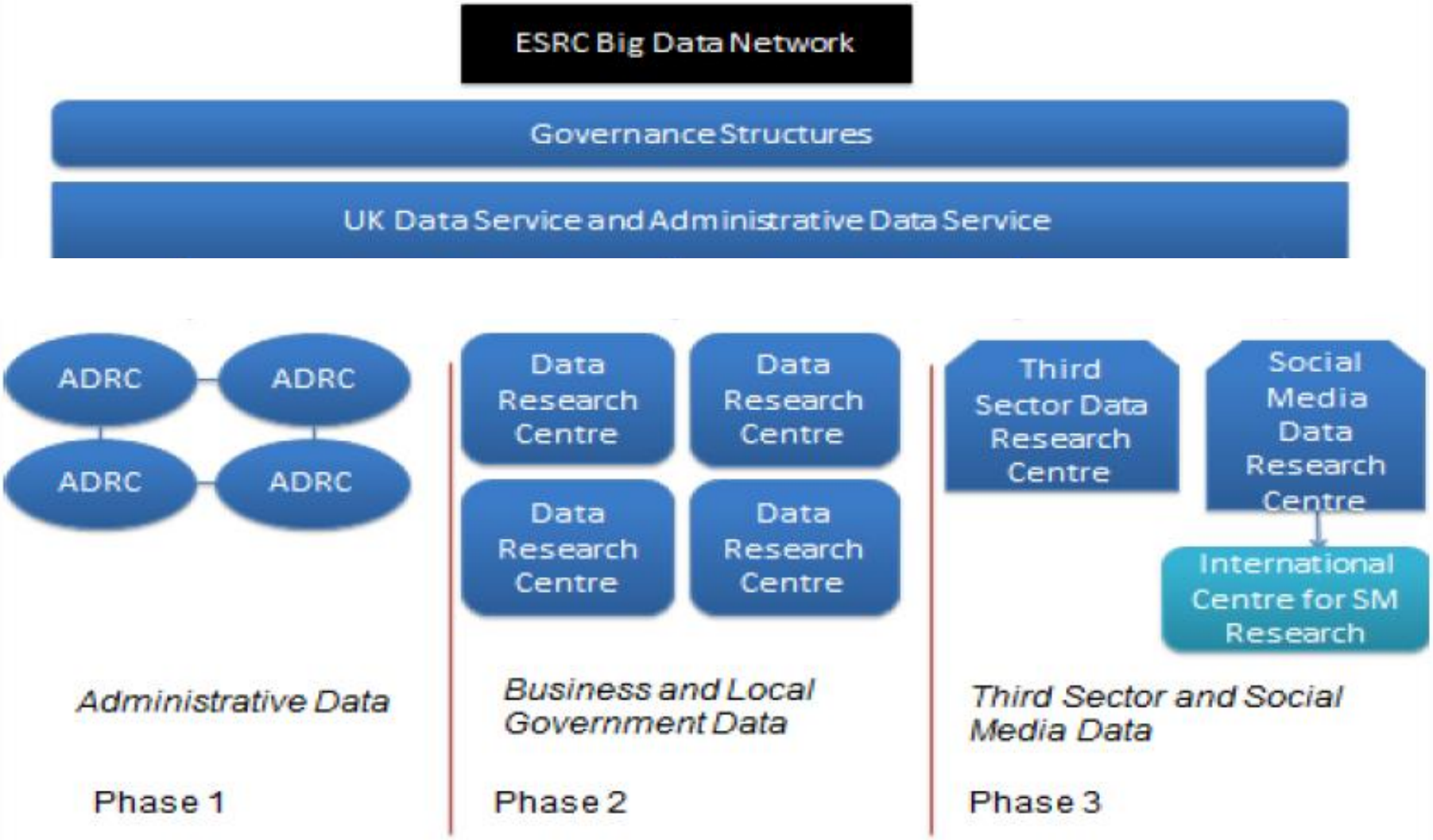
ESRC's Big Data Network



Better Knowledge
Better Society

Introducing the Administrative Data Research Network

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Administrative Data Research Network

An ESRC Data Investment

The Administrative Data Research Network

Dec 2011-2012	Administrative Data Taskforce Report
Oct 2013	Funding awarded
Nov 2013 - Nov 2014	Network process and policy development
Nov 2014	open for applications
Sept 2015	14 projects approved, 22 in progress

- a UK-wide partnership between universities, government departments and agencies, national statistics authorities, the third sector, funders and researchers
- Facilitates access to linked de-identified administrative data for researchers

Eligibility criteria

Projects:

- non-commercial research purposes
- evident potential public benefit
- demonstrable value from using unit level administrative data to answer the research question
- not be more appropriately served by other existing services
- not normal operational functions undertaken by government departments or their agencies

People:

- academic, govt researcher 3rd sector
- accredited/safe

How It Works

Challenges

- Development of procedures, new service – opened Nov 2014
- Data discovery
- Final decision on access rests with the data custodian
  - Dependent on legal gateway, resources and risk appetite of data custodian
- Time scales

Get in touch

- Learn more about us and our work with admin data at RSS/ADRN joint event 08/10/2015, London: https://adrn.ac.uk/news-events/latest-news/adrn-rssevent

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UK Data Service

ESRC Business and Local Government Data Research Centre

Consumer Data Research Centre

BDN2 Goal

‘The overarching aim of the ESRC Big Data Network is to build infrastructure which enables researchers to exploit the richness of the big data landscape in the UK to advance research in the social sciences and economics and to enhance its societal impact’

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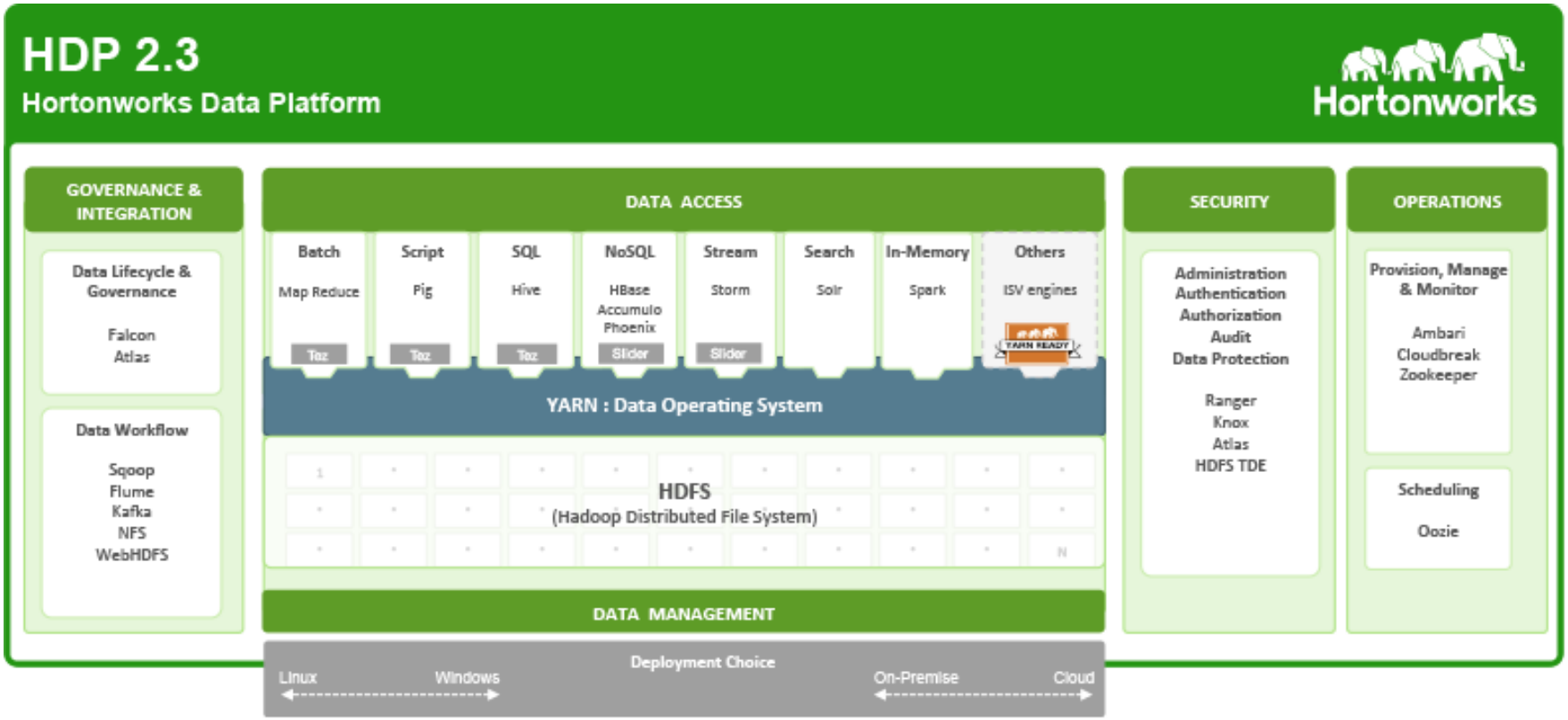
Process Harmonisation

Data storage, discovery and access, analysis and visualisation, user training

Open Source Data Platform



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