

# DDF(csv) vs SDMX

No need for DSD. You define code lists, concept lists, schemas etc in the data itself. When starting out it's a lot easier, you can just create your dataset and that's it. No overhead needed which is only useful when sharing datasets, or having connections between datasets. Just create a dataset, that's it.

SDMX is not made for transformation. NSO's provide their data by SDMX API's to e.g. UNICEF, but internally they transform it to their internal format, do all their calculations and then transform it to SDMX again.

DDFcsv is a csv format which is a lot easier to transform.

@jasper When you compare DDF & SDMX,.. I suddenly remembered one differences which I think(hope) is large: In DDF it's easier to extend a dataset incrementally and add more metadata and more dimensionality when you are ready to do so... not from start knowing what your total final cube will look like. A similar incremental increase of complexity is probably possible in a SDMX dataset too, but for some reason I believe DDF makes it more intuitive.

CSV's are so much easier to handle than XML (or json).