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Summary from afternoon workshop sessions (Group 1)
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Q1: Barriers and enablers

Barriers:	Enablers:
No culture of data sharing.	A culture is developing little by little.
A methodological obstacle is often put forward – to understand and be able to analyse data you have to be part of the data gathering (be the interviewer).	However often the interviews are carried out by other people than the researcher herself.
Confidentiality	
Intellectual properties	Growing awareness that it gives credit to make data available for re-use
	Articles with data available get more citations
	Introduction to data re-use/secondary analysis in social science method courses and where appropriate
	Initiating a discussion of what kind of research questions it is appropriate to put forward to secondary data (compared to research questions for primary data).

Q2: Effectiveness of existing models

Although working with qualitative data for 10 years it's still a struggle. Researchers are contacted several times a year with information letters. It's still hard to reach researcher.

A good idea is to provide taxonomies e.g. smoking habits for relevant data sets. It should be possible to perform both thematic and free text searches in the data. Possibility for storing the analysis procedures (codes) employed.

Q3: Range of archives vs. centralised archive

A centralised archive is regarded the best solution.

Similar problems exist for QN and QL archives, benefits from being together.

More and more studies use mixed methods. One centralised archive will facilitate the use of mixed methods.

Q4: Infrastructure

Much of the technical infrastructure may be shared.

Resources for data analysis are popular. Training material enforce re-use of data. A very good idea.

Q5: Getting started

It might take a long time as for e.g. FSD.

Advise paper will be written by representatives from Finland, Ireland and UK.