

The Kosovo Research Information System (KRIS)

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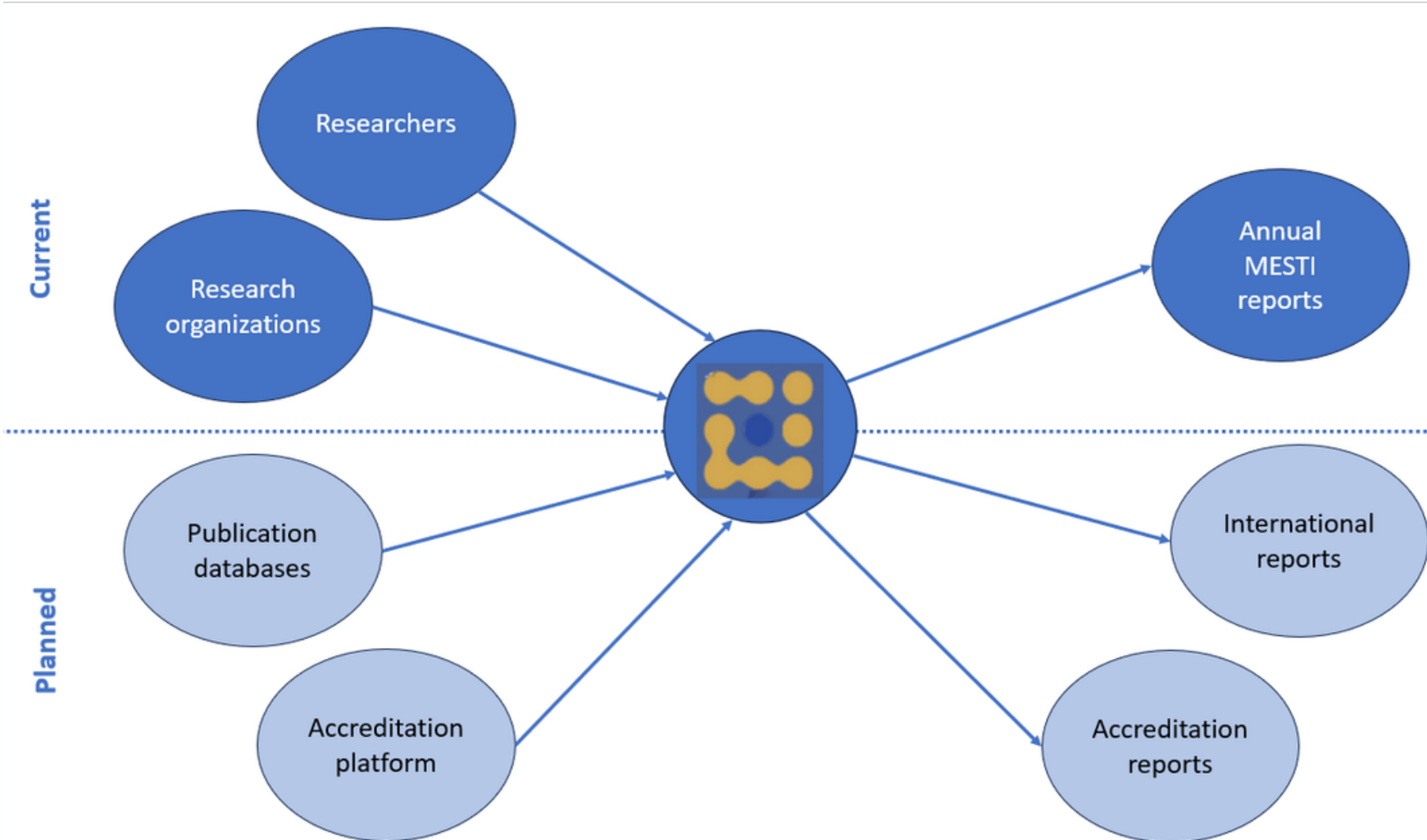
1. PURPOSE

KRIS gathers information on research activities and researchers in Kosovo. It is also used by scientific research and innovation institutions to apply for licensure with MESTI. The system shows Kosovo’s contributions to global research and tracks investments over time.

2. HISTORY

- 2008: Kosovo Independence
- 2013– 2018: MESTI establishes reporting requirements on research activities for higher education institutions and scientific organizations, including data on personnel, research activities, laboratories, equipment, and researchers’ gender and nationalities
- 2020–2023: Development and launch
- 2024: MESTI requires scientific organizations to register in KRIS
- 2026: MESTI promotes KRIS and encourages data reporting

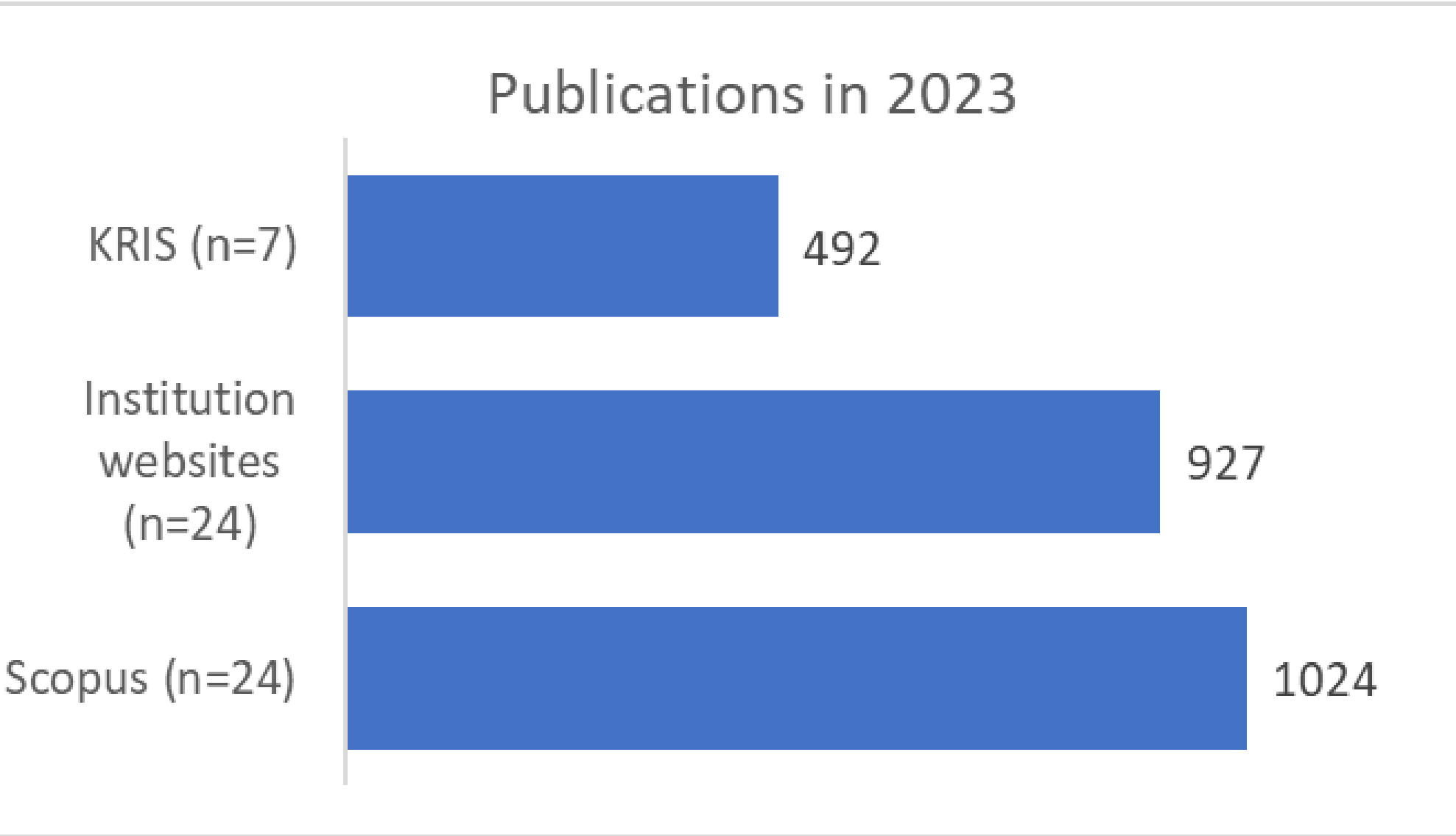
3. INPUTS AND OUTPUTS



In this diagram, the inputs to KRIS are shown on the left side and the outputs are shown on the right. KRIS currently collects data from researchers and research organizations. In the future, publication databases and the national accreditation platform will be included. KRIS currently generates reports for MESTI. In the future, KRIS data will be used for international and accreditation reporting.

4. UNDERREPORTED DATA

This chart shows that many more scientific publications are captured in Scopus and on universities’ websites than by KRIS. In 2023, the last year that KRIS was updated, just 7 of Kosovo’s 24 institutions reported publications. In that same year, all institutions listed nearly twice that number of publications on their own websites and in Scopus. The difference between publication totals across these datasets indicates the need for KRIS to expand reporting requirements and integrate with available data.



5. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Reporting requirements: MESTI needs to mandate more frequent and complete data reporting through a law or regulation in order to achieve its goals. MESTI is encouraging reporting organizations to understand their responsibilities and the benefits of KRIS via written instructions.
- Reporting capacity: Reporting organizations need training on their reporting responsibilities, as well as documentation on the KRIS platform and data definitions. MESTI is developing this training for university reporters.
- Alignment to international standards: Incorporating international R&D measurement standards from the OECD, UNESCO, the EU, and others will help KRIS demonstrate Kosovo’s research contributions globally.
- Technical and usability updates: Using APIs to connect KRIS to other data sources would minimize reporting burden and improve data quality. MESTI also needs to review access to KRIS accounts for data reporters and output users.

WEBSITE: <https://mash.rks-gov.net/alldocuments/platforma-kris-kosova-research-information-sistem/>

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