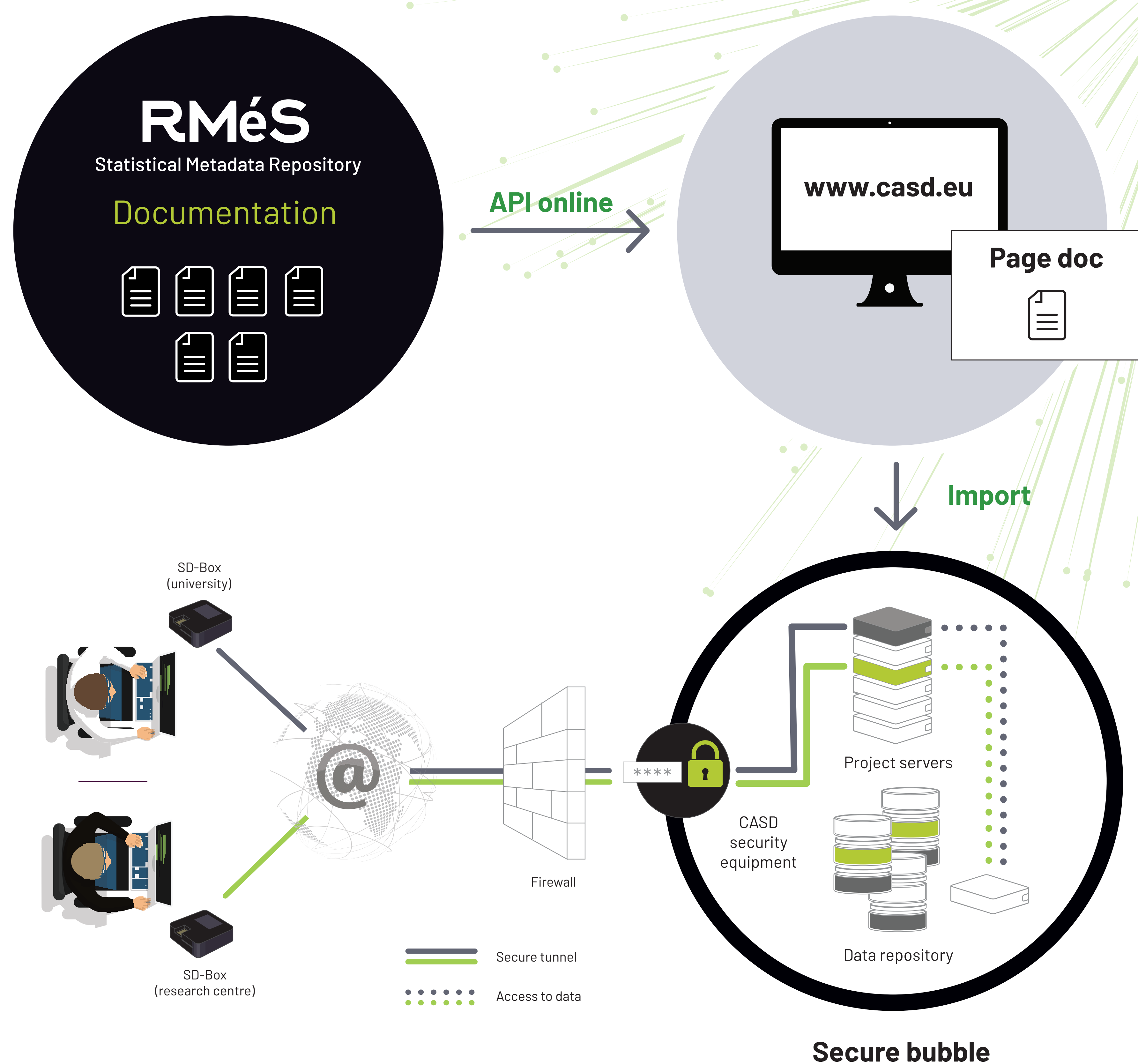


# Secure Access Data Centre (CASD)

## Researchers & data

« The RMéS provides the CASD with an API allowing it to examine the statistical metadata in INSEE's repository. The CASD then publishes this information for the researchers who use these data. This is essential to enable researchers to make the best use of the data and to ease the burden on data producers who will receive fewer questions from users as a result.

Raphaëlle Fleureux, Head of the Data Management Service



**Documentation is essential if the best use is to be made of the data. Good-quality, precise and relevant documentation makes it easier to reuse data for research and statistics. The best knowledge of the data is held by the person producing the data at the time that those data are produced.**

The principles of the reference methodologies incorporate the concept of the life cycle of data and the associated documentation. DDI (Data Documentation Initiative), an international standard for metadata, integrates the

description of metadata at a very early stage in the data production process. The RMéS project uses this DDI standard to provide the tools to streamline, store and display documentation produced directly by data producers. Data users will therefore be able to benefit from documentation produced "at source" by the data producer. For researchers, statisticians and archivists, RMéS represents a real breakthrough that will allow them to make more efficient use of data.

Today,  
the CASD has led to...

**300**

data sources being  
provided securely

**500**

projects being managed and hosted

**500**

institutions making  
use of secure data

**+200**

publications and communications  
(articles, chapters from books,  
books, theses, reports, conference  
papers, etc.), referenced and  
produced by users of the data  
provided by the CASD

**CASD**   
Secure Data HuB 

**RMéS**  
Statistical Metadata Repository