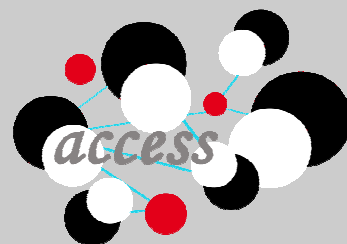


# HARMONISATION AND IMPROVEMENTS IN EUROPEAN DATA ACCESS



## Workshop on Decentralised Access to European Microdata

Wiesbaden, June, 17th to 18th 2010

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# Europe without Boundaries

- Scientific Community: increasing demand to access to European and National microdata
- Requires improvement of recent access ways

## Barriers to overcome

- Reduction of budget decrease resources
- Workload on top: hardly possible

# Director General of Statistics Norway



**Director General of Statistics Norway  
Øystein Olsen**

*strategic opportunity: no economic  
competition, but cooperation!*

## Open Access Initiative: Ministerial Declaration on eGovernment, Joint Vision and Policy Priorities for 2015

### **European Governments are recognised to be**

- open, flexible and collaborative in their relations with citizens and businesses
- use eGovernment to increase their efficiency and effectiveness
- constantly improve public services
- supporting the transition of Europe to a leading knowledge-based economy

# Communication on the production methods of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade KOM(2009)404

## Paradigm change through the vision of Eurostat

- More efficient production processes ⇒ replacing the stovepipe model
- Approach of an integrated production based on a division of labour

# ESDS Network: Providing user support on EU statistics



- 13 years of cooperation in providing user support on EU statistics
- European Statistical Data Support [ESDS]: Since October 2004
- Before: Eurostat Data Shop Network [1997-2004]
- 20 states have a contract with Eurostat
- Service centres receive grants and are required to send regular progress reports to Eurostat
- Annual meeting in Luxembourg [exchange of best practices, training]

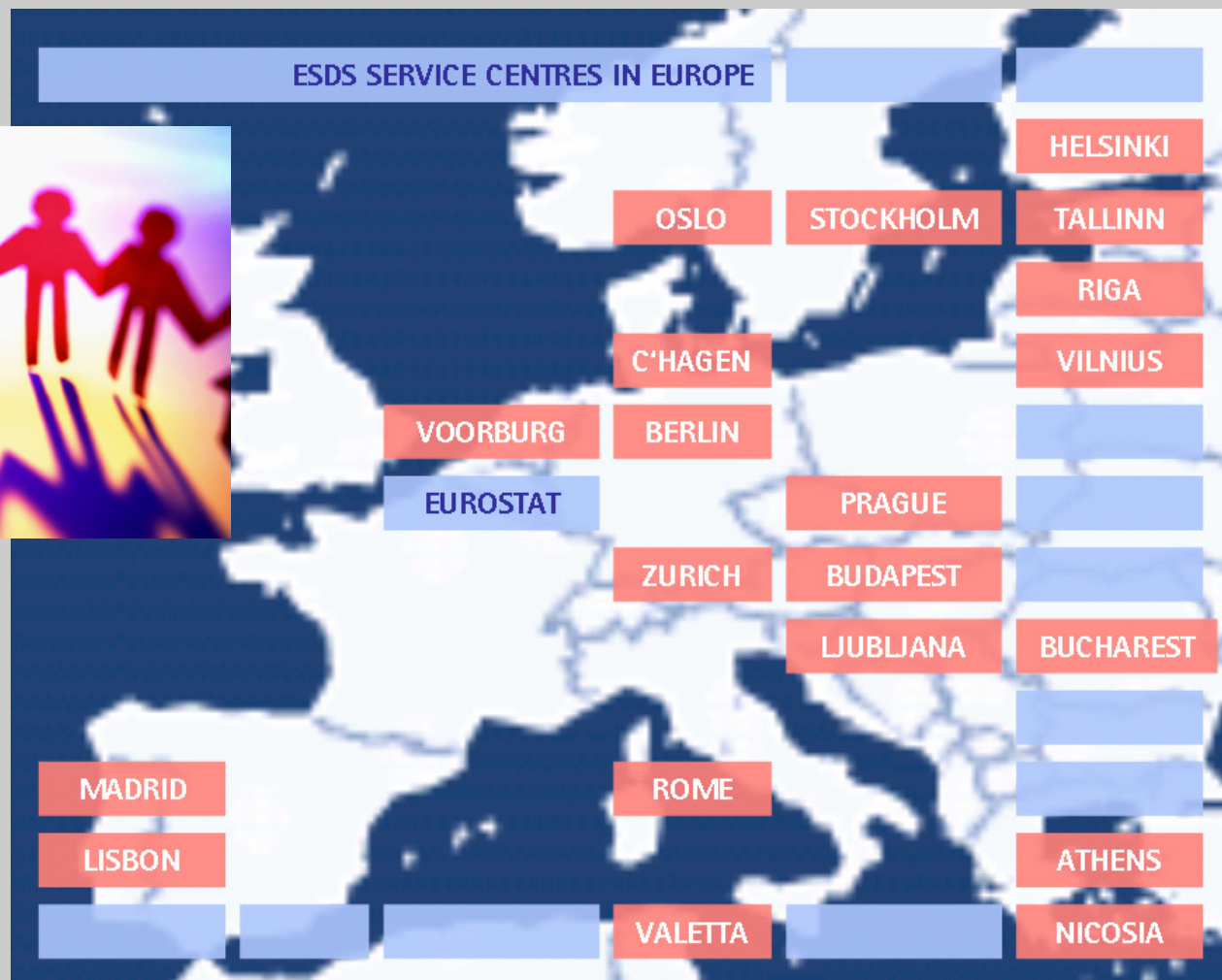
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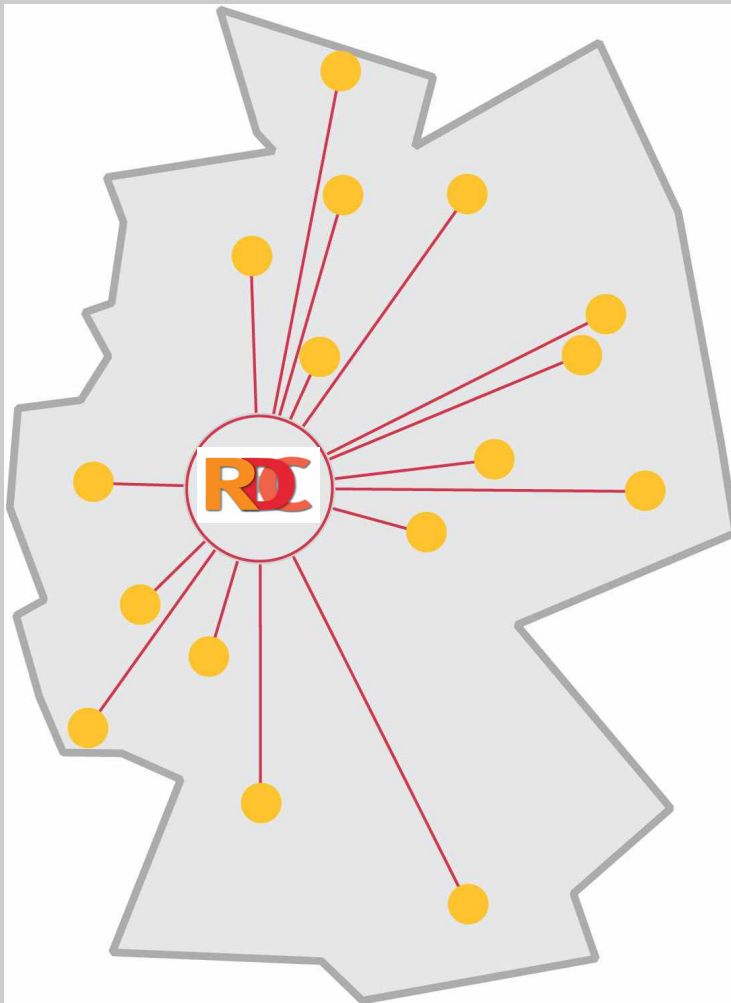
- **Closer to the users:** Requests are treated in English and in national language
- **Added bonus:** National and European data from one contact point
- **Common standards** when treating user requests
- **Single web portal** for requests in all languages on Eurostat website
- **Requests are then sent directly** to responsible NSI
- **Quality is monitored** by means of regular anonymous user tests



# ESDS Network: Service centres



## RDCs in Germany



- 19 locations
- 100 Statistics
- 1 Service

## ESS-net

- Achieve innovations
- Cost-efficiency
- Partnership – value added through cooperation and shared expertise;
- Although several partners are involved, results will be given to all Member States.
- Issues dealt with are of European interest
- Call for tenders: Complex proceeding raises bureaucracy costs

## ESSnet: Decentralised Access to EU-Microdatasets

- Feasibility Study, 12 month duration
- Budget: 240.000,- €
- 5 European partners
- Possible network schemes of Safe-Centres



## Decentralised Access to EU-Microdatasets: Recommendations

- of both a short term applicable and long term solution
- of Remote Access from the Member States to European Community Data
- Standardisation requirements regarding
  - IT
  - Legal Framework
  - Administrative Burden

# Good Success for the Workshop!

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