

“Harmonisation and Improvements in European Data Access”

Workshop on Decentralised Access to European Microdata

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Overview

1. Microdata Access in Europe
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1. Microdata Access in Europe

- Member States: Heterogeneity in
 - Range of available data
 - Degrees of informational content/anonymity
 - Ways of access
 - Costs
 - Target groups

- Eurostat: Central access to Community Statistics
 - European Household Panel, EU-SILC, Labour Force Survey, etc.
 - Regulation (EG) 831/2002
 - Access via Scientific-Use-Files to anonymised data
 - Access via Safe-Centre at Luxembourg to confidential data

2. Microdata Access in Germany

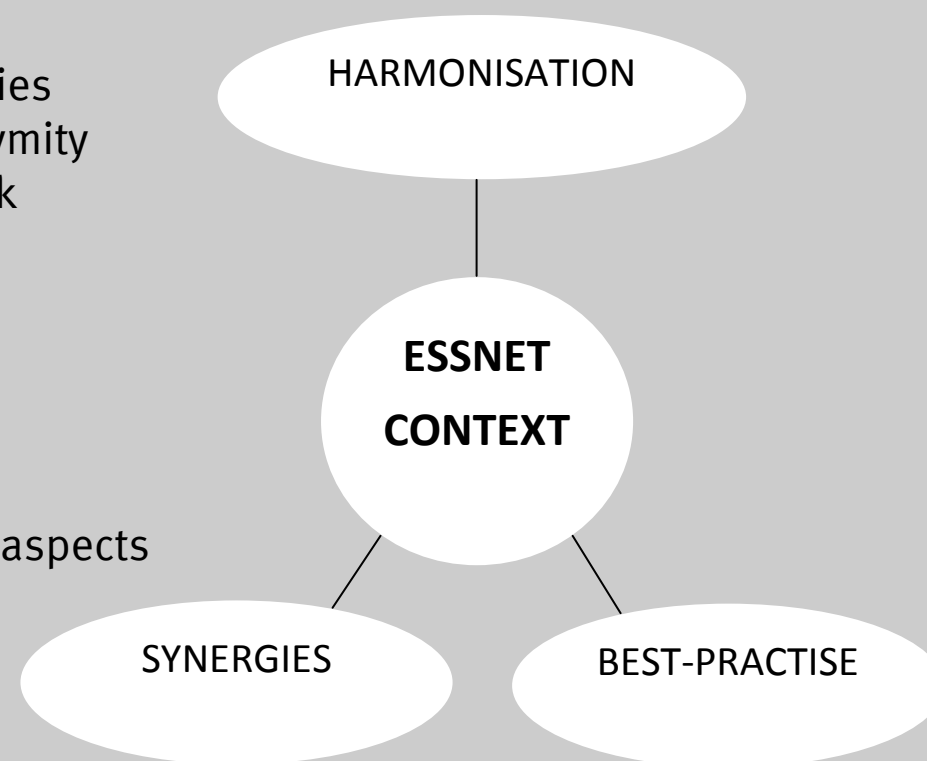
- “Federal Statistical Surveys”
 - Cooperation between Federal Statistical Office (FSO) and Statistical Offices of the 16 Federal States
 - German Law on Statistics for Federal Purposes (FSL)
 - Common RDC

- RDC of the Federal Statistical Office and Statistical Offices of the Federal States
 - microdata from almost all official statistic surveys
 - harmonised Guidelines
 - common definitions of levels of anonymity

3. Improving Access in the ESS

- **Community Data**
 - Widen the access possibilities
 - Advance the levels of anonymity
 - Develop the legal framework
 - Simplify the administration
 - Technical standards

- **National Data**
 - Common agreements
 - Harmonised confidentiality aspects



4. Project: Decentralised Access to EU-Microdatasets

- Feasibility Study
 - Examination of possible network schemes of Safe-Centres
 - Goal: access to confidential community data directly from the Member States
 - Evaluation of best practise models
 - Harmonisation requirements

- Questions
 - Which is the legal bases?
 - What kind of technical system do we need?
 - Who manages the requests?
 - Who pays?

Partners



Partners of the ESSnet-Project:
Decentralised Access to EU-Microdatasets



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5. Here and now: Second steps

- Status quo of European microdata access
- Discussion of the results of the ESSnet feasibility study
- Perspective of the scientific community
- “Data without Boundaries”



Thank you for your attention

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