



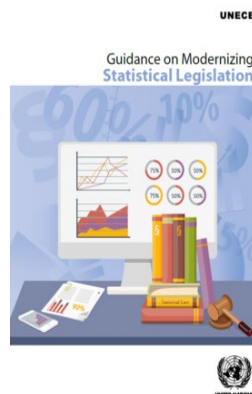
Access to administrative data –  
the perspective of Armenia

**Session 2: Data access, use and  
exchange through a legal lens**

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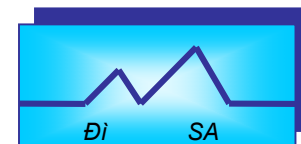
# Instrument for modernization

- The necessity to reinforce legal frameworks to guarantee the independence of statistical systems and to strengthen the mandate for wide access to existing information sources, including administrative ones
- Model Law - Generic Law on Official Statistics (GLOS)



- Armenia Law on Official Statistics, 9 April 2018



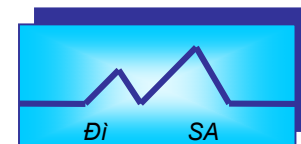


## Legal framework

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Official statistics are statistics developed, produced and disseminated in accordance with the requirements of the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, exclusively reflected in statistical programs that are the numerical expression of the essential phenomena of public life.



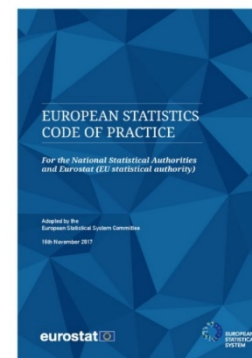


## Basic Principles

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- Guarantee independence, integrity and accountability
- Assure data quality and data confidentiality

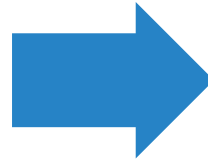
The standards for the national system of official statistics in Armenia:



## Old Law

### State Statistics

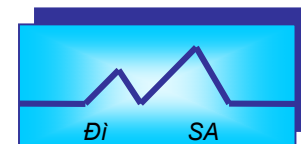
- did not define the NSS, mainly regulated the work of Armstat
- Armstat is the only producer of state statistics
- statistics produced by other public authorities - administrative statistics



## New Law

### Official Statistics

- focuses on the establishment of the NSS of producers of Official Statistics
- Armstat is the main producer
- gives administrative registers a clear status of data source for Official Statistics (respondent)

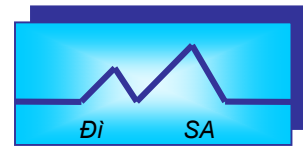


## What is administrative data?

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- Data collected by national and local authorities for administrative purposes in conformity with legal basis other than statistical legislation
- Organized in administrative registers
- Administrative registers are individual targeted datasets maintained by national and local authorities that are used for administrative purposes





## Access to administrative data

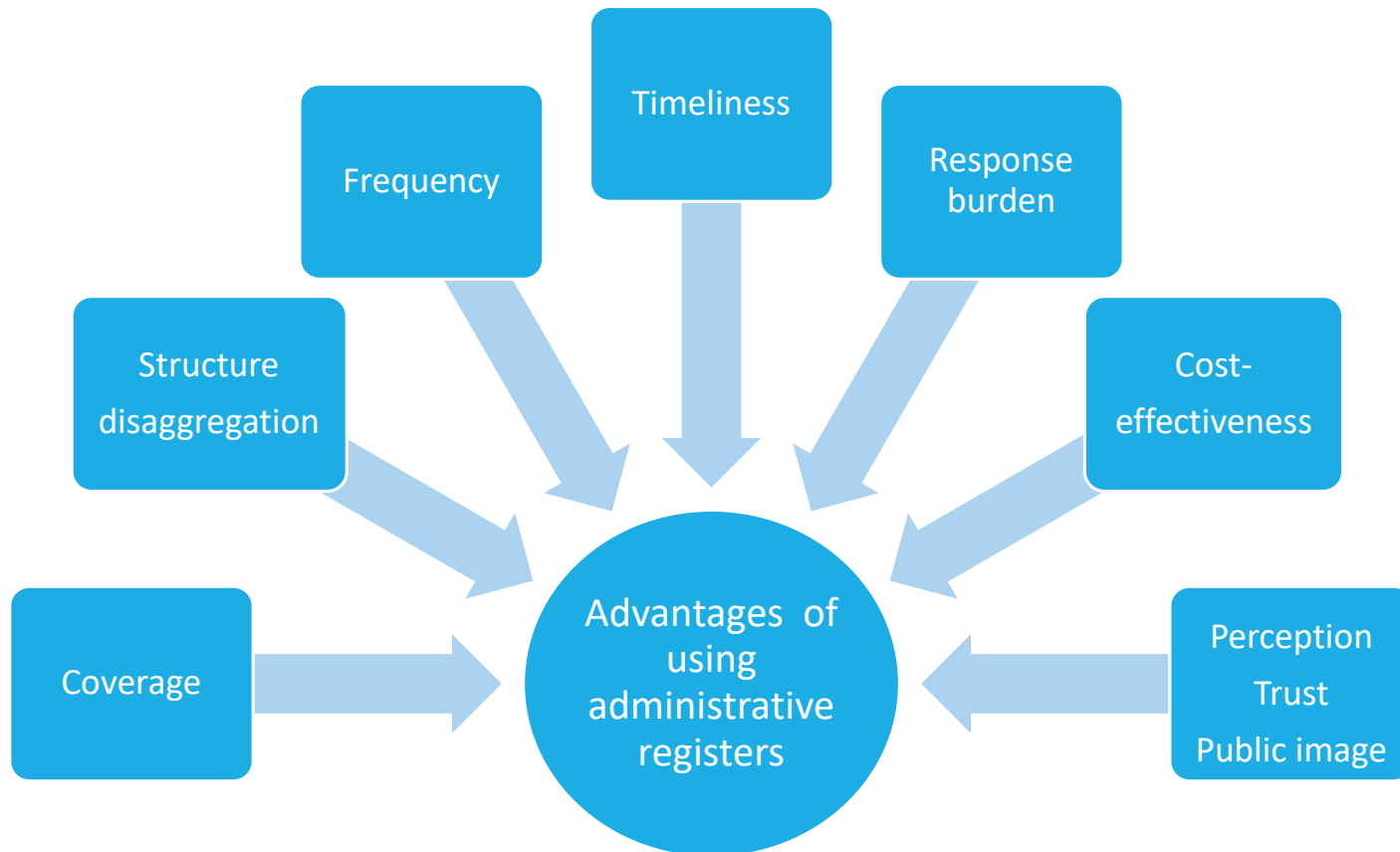
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### Rights

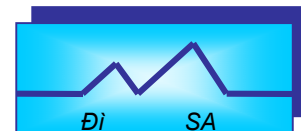
- Armstat has the mandate to access to administrative data

### Obligations

- line ministries and public institutions are obliged to grant access to their data for statistical purposes
- they shall consult Armstat a major revision or a new data collection







# Cooperation is key


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## Data exchange Agreements (MoUs)

ON DATA DELIVERY TO ARMSTAT AND  
COOPERATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE DATA  
QUALITY

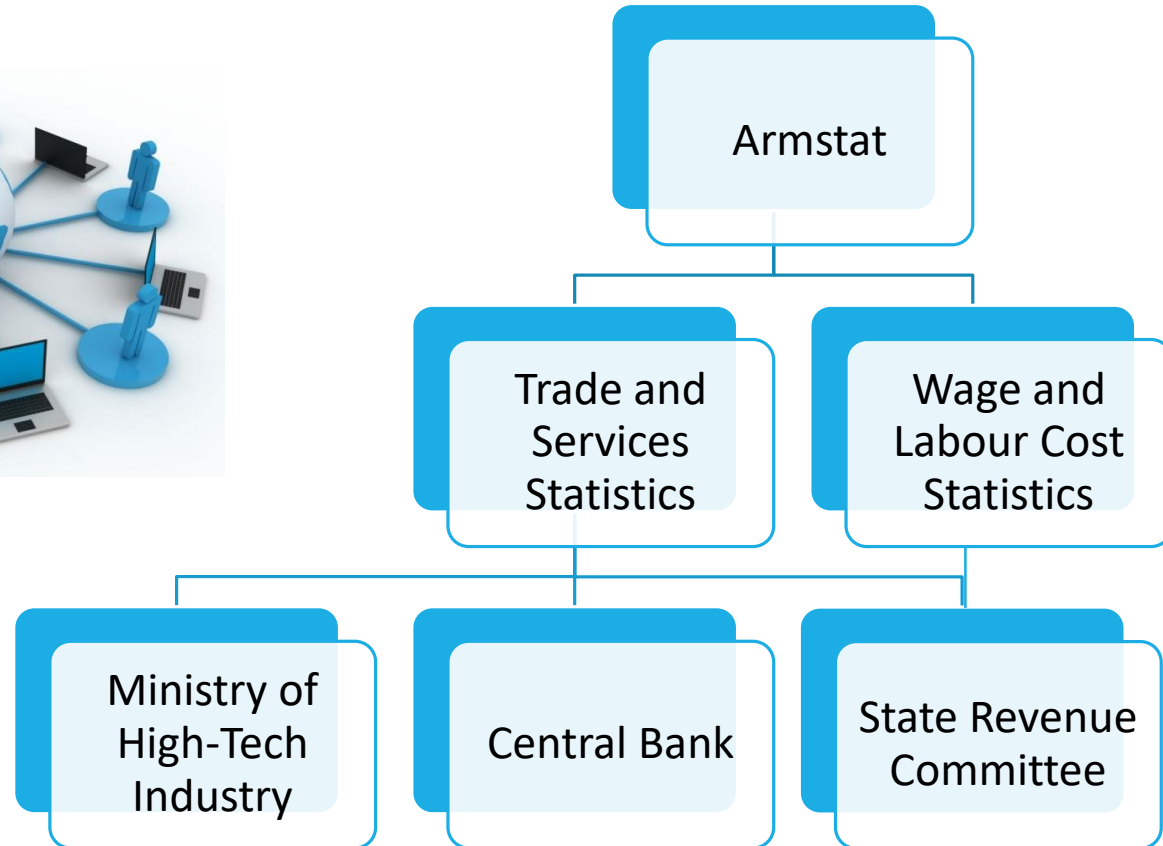


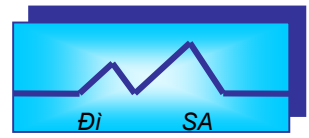
Trainings of other producers on classifications, standards and methodologies

NACE Rev. 2  Tax authority, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of High-Tech Industry and Ministry of Environment

ILO methodology  Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

# Increased use of administrative data





# Register-based Population Census



## Next Population Census in 2021

- Planned for 2020, but because of COVID-19 pandemic postponed

- First time, the combined Census, based on the Population Register and 25% sample collection of additional data by tablets
- Pilot Census, October 3-12, 2019
- Tested: Population Register data updated with the data of Border Electronic Management System Register



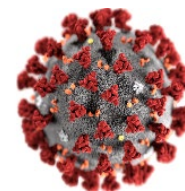
## COVID-19 as an opportunity

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- To improve the quality of administrative registers



- example, the Tax administrative register
- to promote more effective collaboration between different administrative registries (in particular, tax and social registers)



## Next steps

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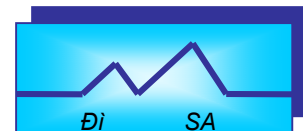


- Establishing IT infrastructure
- Using unique identifiers
- Common definitions and classifications
- Expanding statistical use of administrative data





# KEY MESSAGES



- Beneficial for both statistics and administrative authorities
- **Provides grounds for evidence-based decision making**



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# Thank you



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