

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

High-level Seminar on Harmonisation of Poverty Statistics in CIS Countries

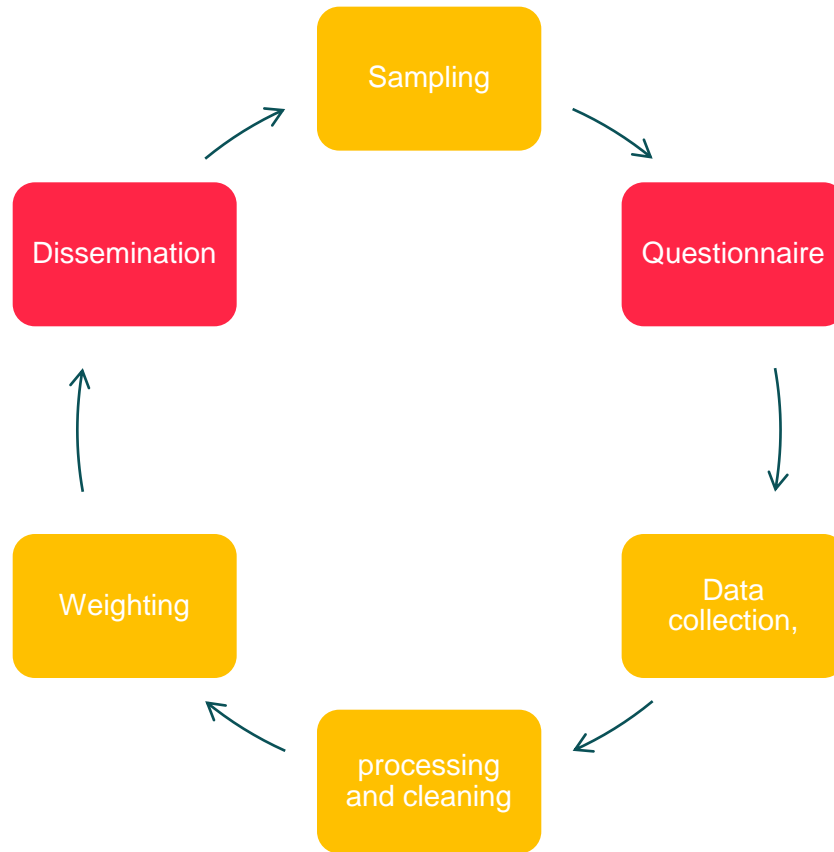
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# **IMPROVING THE COMPARABILITY OF HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS FROM CIS COUNTRIES**

## **HOW AN EX ANTE APPROACH CAN BENEFIT FROM THE EX POST EXPERIENCE**

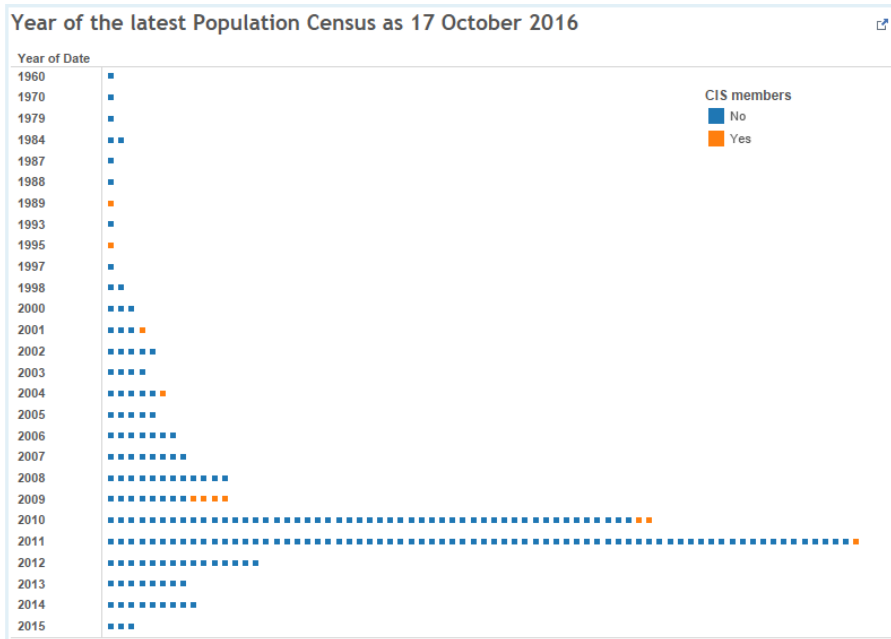
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# Sampling

CIS members have reasonably up to date population census...



Source: UNSD Population and Vital Statistics Report as of October 17th 2016 (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/vitstats/>)

However, a few countries are still not using the latest census for their sample frame, and the selection and replacement of household is not adequate.

A fixed household panel is often utilized, with unclear rules on how households should be replaced, and in some cases we have observed the practice of the replacement of household IDs.

# Questionnaire

## Income

Labor and Non Labor Income

## Consumption

Food

Diary vs Recall

Reference period

Number of items

Health

Durables

Stock vs Flow

Rent and Imputed Rent

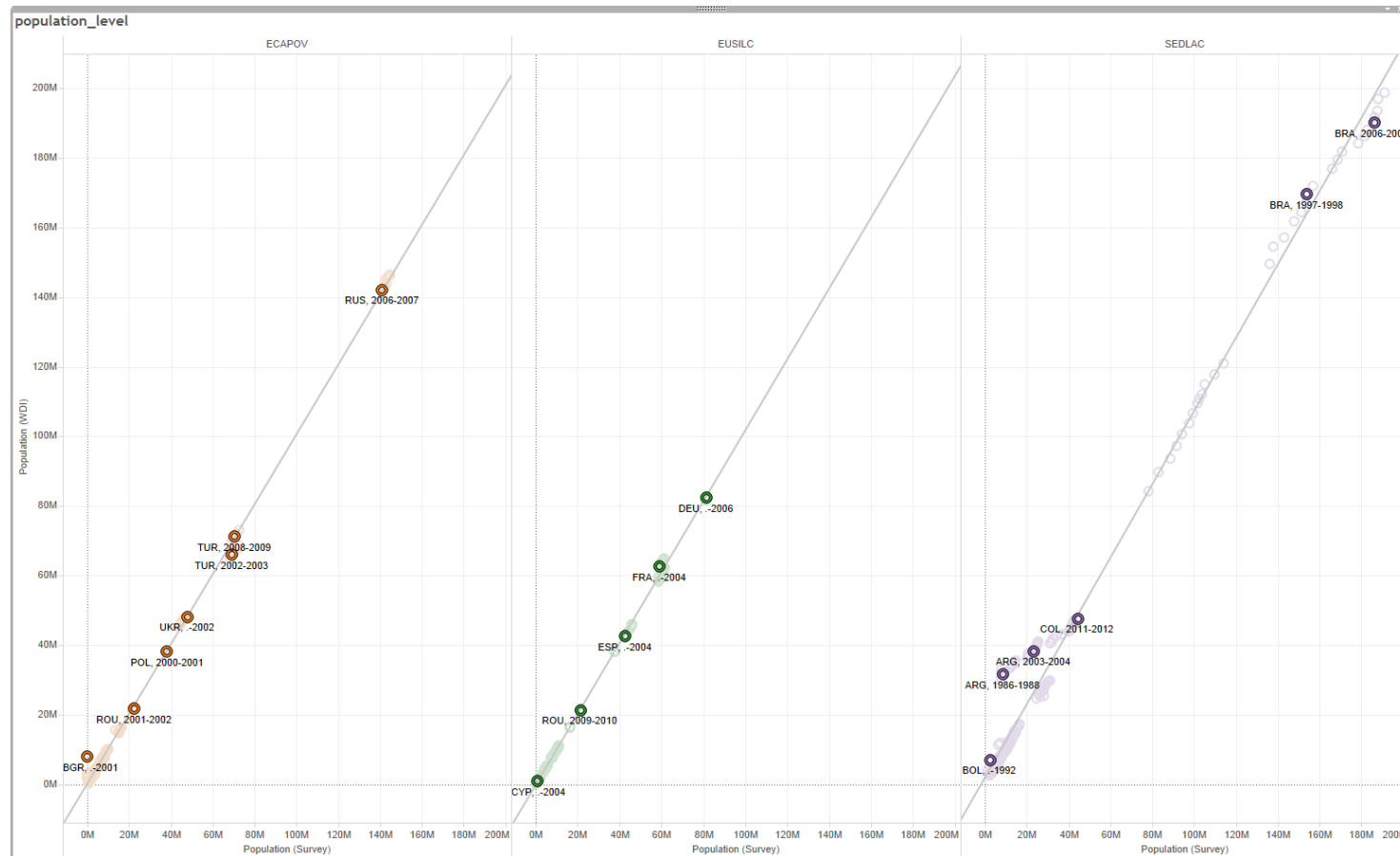
# Data collection, processing and cleaning

Different approaches and methods. Some countries are moving into tablets while other still using paper.

We also observe very different standards to field work supervision and quality control mechanism.

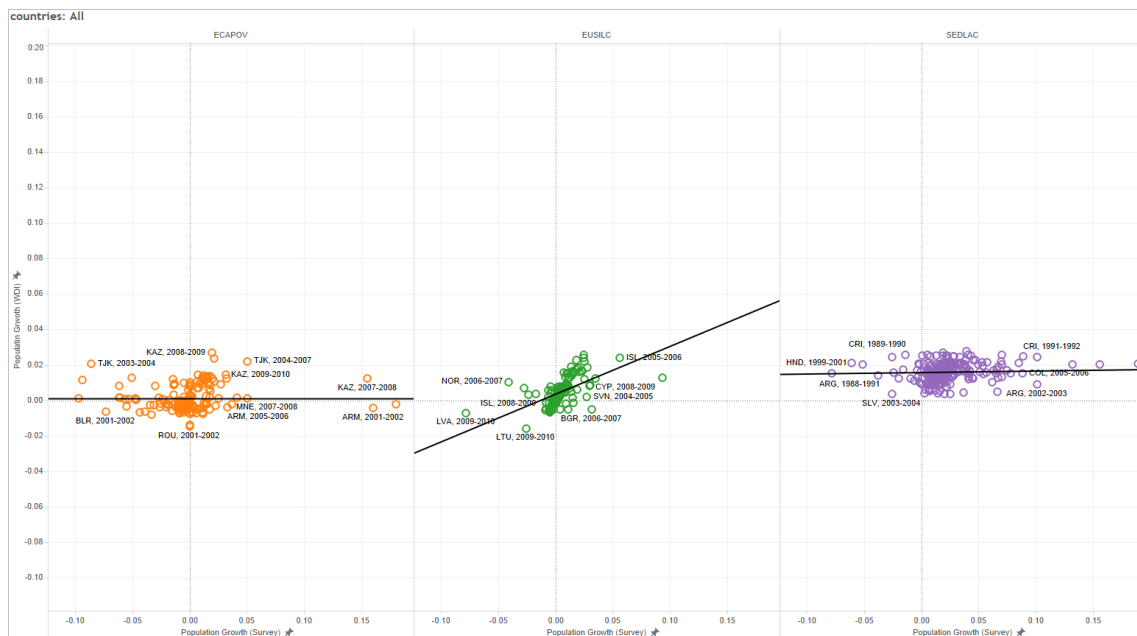
# Weighting

For many countries, results are encouraging on the level of the population....



# Weighting

However, does same does not hold for the growth rate of the population.



This can be an area of future work and coordination across CIS members countries.

# Dissemination

Sound dissemination practices are critical for better survey comparability across countries as it enable the full understanding of differences and similarities across statistical operations by produces and user

Two aspects are critical:

- **Metadata:** A few CIS countries are using the DDI standard to disseminate their microdata.
  - » <http://ihsn.org/home/maintenance-of-survey-catalog>
- **Data access:** Microdata access and terms of use are often unclear or extremely limited.