### **BREAL- Big Data REference Architecture and Layers**

### Making Big Data Real in Statistical Processes

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### GENERAL OBJECTIVE

- ESSnet Big Data Pilots II:
  - Project funded by Eurostat
  - Dates: 2018-2020
  - 22 EU partners
  - Following ESSnet Big Data Pilots I (2016-2018)
- Workpackage "Process and Architecture" for the definition of reference architectures necessary to carry out Big Data-based production of Official Statistics at National and European levels
  - Participants: IT(coordinator), BG, DE, DK, EE, FR, NL, PT



#### WHY ARCHITECTURAL WORK?



NSIs have recently start building their Big Data management information systems



#### WHY ARCHITECTURAL WORK?



Building 'similar' information systems by reuse





#### WHY ARCHITECTURAL WORK?



Having common infrastructures at EU level





- Definition of BREAL (Big data REference Architecture and Layers)
- BREAL Scope
  - Within ESSnet Big Data II project: standardize and orient implementation WPs' work
  - Beyond the project: serve as a reference for National and European investments on Big Data-based Official Statistics



#### **BREAL** at a Glance





# BREAL Business Layer (BL)

- List of principles
- Business and Support functions model
  Relying onto GSBPM and GAMSO
- Life Cycle model
- Stakeholder model

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### BL: Business and Support Functions Models







# **BL: BREAL Life Cycle**





## **BREAL Application/Information Layer**

- Generic Application Architecture, with a set of generic application services, proposed to show how the identified business functions can be implemented
- Operational Model, describing how data and services can be deployed in a Big Data solution
- Generic Information Architecture
  Relying onto GSIM



### Generic Information Architecture for Big Data - 1









Generic Information Architecture for Big Data - 2

- The BREAL Generic Information Architecture for Big data consists of three layers:
  - Raw Data Layer, including data that are acquired and stored
  - Convergence Layer, containing data represented as units of interest for the analyses.
  - Statistical Layer, including those concepts that are the targets of the analysis.



## Conclusions

- BREAL is a reference architecture for Big Databased statistical production
- It relies on ModernStats standards (GSIM, GSBPM, GAMSO)
- Main users of BREAL are:
  - NSIs that aim to introduce the use of Big Data in their production processes
  - Public and private organizations that would like to follow a defined and controlled way of producing Big Data-based statistics guided by the Official Statistics expertise

