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Topic (iii): Metadata, conceptual models and standards

**METADATA, CONCEPTUAL MODELS AND STANDARDS:
Questions for discussion**

1. What are EDR-metadata? For what purpose?
2. Do we need EDR-metadata standards? Or could we live without them?
3. Current standardisation activities for EDR-metadata? Driven by whom?
4. User requirements? Who are the users in this context?
5. Automated extraction of statistical data from the respondents' IT systems: Requirements? Experiences? Expectations? Problems? Risks? Plans? Impact on data quality? Impact on burden or respondents?
6. Mapping enterprise information with statistical concepts: How to do the mapping, how to keep the mapping up-to-date, and who does the mapping?
7. Should we try to influence administrative concepts (e.g. accounting standards), and how?
8. How to deal with differences between administrative units (e.g. tax reporting units) and statistical units (e.g. statistical enterprises)?
9. Does one size fit all? Can SMEs and large enterprises be dealt with in the same way?