



Eurostat support to data exchange for cross-validation purposes

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Background

- Well-known inconsistencies of estimated migration flows between immigration data (from receiving country) and emigration data (from sending country)
- Common trust that immigration data are more reliable than emigration data
- General interest to intra-EU (+EFTA+CC) migration flows

Motivation to action

- Requested by several EU Member States
- Consideration that data providers may be dealing with common difficulties to apply EU Regulation 862/2007 on migration statistics
- Possibility to support the quality improvement of the data

Eurostat approach

- Opening of a secured web repository for data exchange (October 2012)
 - **Restricted access Interest Group in CIRCA-BC: *'Exchange of data and best practices for international migration statistics'***
 - **Availability of templates for data and methods**
- Facilitation of bi- and multi-lateral meetings
 - **Upon request of the countries**
 - **Availability of premises and overall organization**

Guiding principles on data exchange

- Only provisional migration flows to/from other EU Member States, EFTA and EU Candidate Countries (very aggregated data)
- Possibility to exchange methodologies ('best practices')
- No Eurostat moderation
- No public access (pre-release data)
- No confidential data

Experience so far (about 2 years)

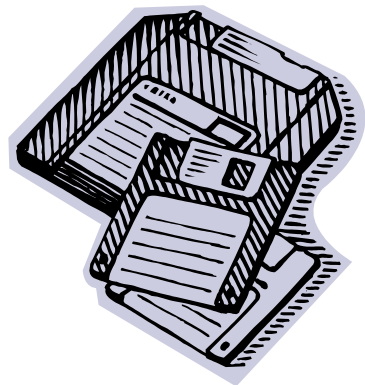
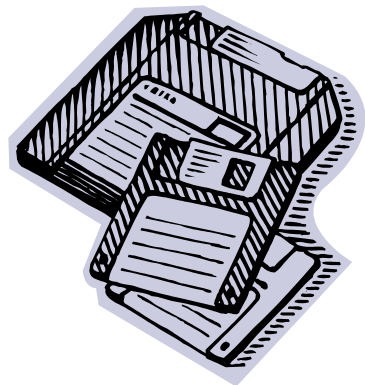
- Few countries uploaded their data and/or methodologies (7 for RY 2011, none for RY 2012)
- One trilateral meeting (Italy, Spain and Romania)



Need to identify additional supporting actions

On-going considerations

- Proposal from INE-Spain for exchange of micro-data
 - **'Spanish Law allows interchange for statistical purposes with other NSIs' (INE, 2013)**
 - **Some countries have expressed interest**
- Modelling?
 - **Data exchange as source of additional/necessary input data for the models**
 - **Additional breakdowns?**



Thanks for the attention!

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