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# Large Cases Unit

**LCU study visits:  
reflections from the organiser**



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**STUDY VISITS ARE VERY  
TIME-CONSUMING!**



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# 1: Preparation

# Preparation

- Have detailed questions submitted in advance
  - Ensure questions are properly understood
  - Identify common themes
  - Prepare suitable thematic material
    - 34 questions submitted in advance = 9 topics



# Preparation

- Understand participant profile in advance
  - Make material relevant to attendees
    - Mix of issues relevant to National Accounts, SBS, Business Register, BOP, etc., where possible
- Co-ordinate attendance from multiple countries





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## 2: Delivery



# Manage Expectations

- We are practitioners, not professional trainers
- Our practices will be different to yours
- We cannot show you live examples in our system
- We don't provide data directly to National Accounts



# Overcoming challenges

- Make sessions as interactive as possible, encouraging and leaving enough time for all attendees to contribute
- Address all questions provided in advance
- Anonymised screenshots to illustrate worked examples
- Bear language and cultural differences in mind
- Ensure routine work of the LCU is not impacted





# Be sociable

- Many of the best questions are asked over coffee, and many of the most interesting and relevant experiences shared over dinner.
- Connections made at LCU study visits will help develop LCU network.





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# 3: Follow up: learn from each study visit

# Feedback survey: 1) material covered

- Were you satisfied that all questions submitted in advance were answered to a satisfactory level?
- Should topics be covered in more or less detail?
- Was enough time given to each topic?
- Were sufficient practical examples provided?
- Which topic(s) would you have liked more time on?
- What additional topics would have been useful to have covered?



## Feedback survey: 2) future work

- What practices do you plan to implement in your own organisation based on what you have seen from the operation of the Irish LCU?
- An LCU seminar is being planned by the UNECE for next April. What topics would you like to see covered?

