Guidance on Sharing of Economic Data – Tentative structure and main contents

UNECE Task Force
Tentative structure of the guidance

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Executive summary

- Vision
  - What if we had all the data needed at hand?
  - How to get there?
  - Time for a cultural change?

- Main recommendations
  - For national statistical offices
    - Legal and statistical frameworks, interpretation, resources, engagement
  - For international organizations
    - Global network, register of the largest MNEs, counter country databases, Guide to Data Reconciliation
Introduction

- Why data sharing? – Purpose
- Why is this guidance needed? - Benefits
- The Task Force and its work process
- Scope of guidance (collection, sharing, exchange/transmission, reconciliation)
- Describes the structure of the report
Current landscape – Status of data sharing in statistics

- Legal frameworks
  - national, international
- National data sharing
  - NSO – NCB data exchange
- Examples of data sharing
  - Regular and one-off data sharing
  - Other administrative areas
  - Summary analysis of studied data sharing cases
- What needs to be improved from now?
Enabling increased data sharing – Obstacles and enablers of data sharing

- Analysis of different aspects of data sharing – a table including:
  - Obstacles
  - Enablers
  - Resources/tools
  - Benefits
- How to strengthen enablers of data sharing?
- Developing tools and ways forward
- Links to concrete examples and resources
Prerequisites for better reconciliation of MNEs’ data

- Identification of MNEs for data sharing
  - Selection criteria, information sources, organization/tools, reconciliation
- Key data items to be exchanged
- Specific issues related to SPEs
- Organizational setups to support data sharing
- Global network of LCUs / experts
Communication and engagement with MNEs

- Basic principles for the first contact
  - Establishing trust at a senior level
  - Building the future cooperation
  - Ensuring MNE’s clear understanding of data requirements
- Follow-up meetings
  - Experts discussing more technical aspects
  - Speaking the same language statistics vs. business accounting
- Arguments to motivate MNEs to engage with an NSO
- Benefits of data sharing for MNEs
- Close coordination with statistical domains and the statistical business register > single interface towards MNEs?
Principles and practices of secure data exchange

- Nature of data to be exchanged
- Legislation and decision making procedure
- Data exchange between ESS and ESCB authorities
- Data exchange among statistical authorities beyond EU
- Documentation and agreements of data exchange
- Data exchange and technology
- How to manage risks?
Way forward

- How to make the vision for statistical data sharing a reality?
- Alternative paths of engaging in data sharing for statistical purposes
- Proposals for future work in data sharing

Discussion: What is missing from the guidance? What should be the way forward? How could statistical offices promote data sharing?
Next steps

- The Guidance is expected to be finalised by September 2019
- Consultation with the CES member countries in early 2020
- For the adoption of the CES plenary session in 2020