



Webinar on producing CPI under lockdown

Data collection

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Key issues

- **Principle:** Whenever possible, uncollected price observations should be replaced by price quotes obtained from other sources (telephone, outlet websites, ...),
- **Transparency:** Provide as much information as possible to users on the quality of collected information (e.g. flagging aggregates in which the share of uncollected prices is high),
- **Contingency production plans:** Covid-19 has emphasized the need for these plans.

Points to raise

- To what extent data taken from new price data sources can produce comparable information to the one that was obtained from previously used data sources?
 - Data from different sources are to compare well in quality despite, for instance, differences in response rates?
 - Is there the need to collect additional product characteristics to ensure comparability over time? (e.g. delivery fees, reservation costs, changes in the conditions the product is provided.) Any theoretical reference to guide this?
- Use of new data sources: temporary or permanent? (Prices may be once again available from previously used data sources.)