



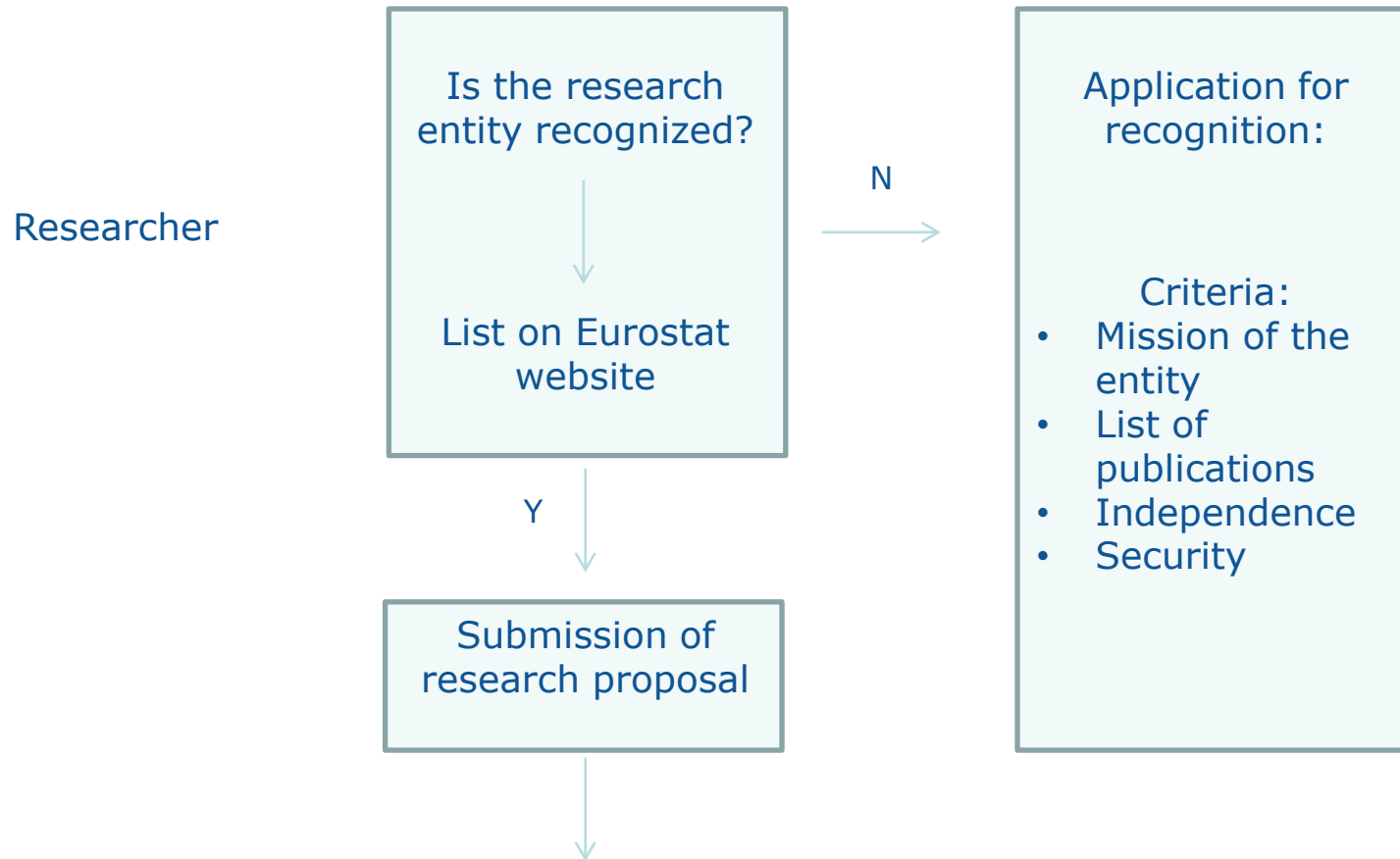
Access to EU microdata for research purposes

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Objectives of the presentation

- *To show how the access to EU microdata is organized*
- *To see if the objectives of the new legal framework introduced in 2013 have been met*

Organisation of access (1/2)





OVERVIEW



What are microdata?

Microdata are the units of data that aggregate statistics are compiled from. Microdata consist of sets of records containing information on individual respondents or business entities. To protect the anonymity of respondents (persons, organisations), the access to microdata is restricted.

Access to microdata

We grant access to our microdata **for scientific purposes only**.

To apply for access to Eurostat's microdata, your organisation must first be recognised by us as a research entity - a university, research institution or research department in public administration, bank, statistical institute etc.

Contracts and contract amendments on access to microdata signed before 8th of July 2013 will remain valid until they expire.

Applying for access

- **Step 1 – Apply to have your research organisation recognised as a research entity.** You only need to do this once, no matter how many access requests you make subsequently (the procedure takes around 4 weeks)
- **Step 2 – Apply for access to microdata.** Once we have recognised your organisation as a research entity, you can apply for access by submitting a research proposal (the procedure takes around 8-10 weeks)

How are data provided?

Depending on the access type(s) of your choice, we will:

- send your principal researcher files containing anonymised data (scientific-use files) on electronic devices (CD Rom, DVD, etc.) and/or

European Community Household Panel

European Union Labour Force Survey

Community Innovation Survey

European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions

Structure of Earnings Survey

Adult Education Survey

European Road Freight Transport Survey

European Health Interview Survey

Continuing Vocational Training Survey

Community Statistics on information Society

Micro-Moments Dataset

[How to apply for microdata access?](#)

[List of recognised research entities](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 557/2013 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes](#)

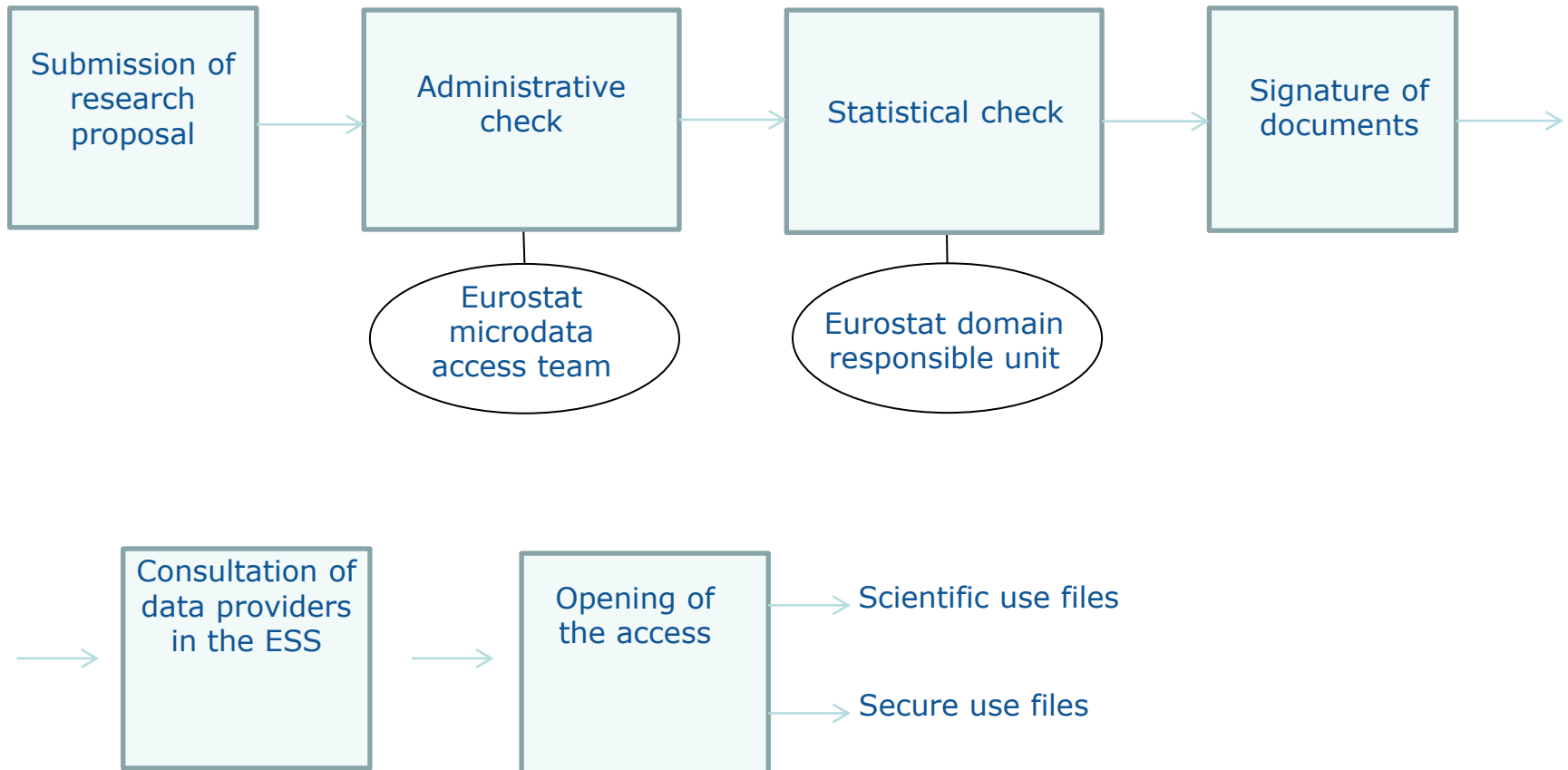
[Regulation \(EC\) 223/2009 on European Statistics](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) 45/2001 on Personal Data Protection](#)

[Guidelines for the assessment of research entities and research proposals](#)

[Datasets availability table](#)

Organisation of access (2/2)



Improvement actions

- *Workflow system*
- *Self-study material*
- *Public use files*
- *Collaboration with data archives*

Collaboration with data archives

- *Metadata*
- *Trainings*
- *Conferences*
- *Impact and benefits realisation*

Objectives of the new Regulation has been met

- *To adapt it better to the Regulation on European statistics*
- *To allow for new modes of access*
- *To offer more datasets*
- *To improve access procedures*
- *To avoid admissibility procedure (procedures for entities that are not defined as research entities by the regulation 831/2002)*
- *To increase flexibility and sustainability of the microdata access system*



Thank you for your attention!

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