

# INNOVATIVE DATA COLLECTION USING BIG DATA SOURCES FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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# Background

Improvement of timeliness, accuracy and relevance

Reduction of response burden

→ Use of new digital data for official statistics

→ Diverse data sources

- » Mobile Network Data
- » Remote Sensing Data
- » Data from the Internet of Things (IoT)



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# ESSnet Big Data II – WP L

12 partner from 11 countries: AT, BG, FI, FR, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, UK& DE

Germany (Destatis) in lead for WP L “Preparing Smart Statistics”

Duration: November 2018 – October 2019

Goals:

- » Exploration of the IoT in order to produce trusted smart statistics
- » Overview of relevant topics for official statistics
- » Recommendations for possible follow-up studies



# ESSnet Big Data II – WP L

## 4 Tasks

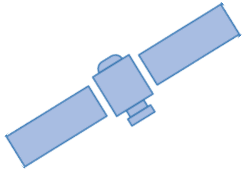
» Smart Farming

» Smart Cities

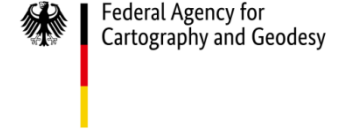
» Smart Devices

» Smart Traffic





# Remote Sensing Data



## Smart Business Cycle Statistics

- » Flash estimates of economic indicators

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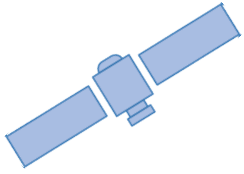
- » MAKing Sustainable development and WELL-being frameworks work for policy analysis

## Deep Solaris

- » (Semi-)automatic analysis of satellite and aerial images for energy system transformation and sustainability indicators

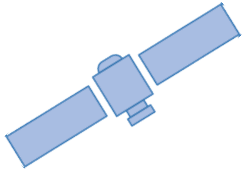
## ESSnet Big Data II – WP H “Earth Observation”

- » Linking remote sensing data to survey data



# Remote Sensing Data - Challenges

- » Frequency of images and weather-conditions
- » Radar images vs. optical satellite images
- » High resolution data only commercially available and costly
- » Low coverage of high resolution images



# Remote Sensing Data – Example: ESSnet Big Data II

## ESSnet Big Data II - WP H “Earth observation”

### → Analysis of quality of life indicators

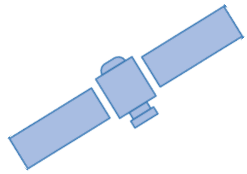
#### » Indicators with spatial dimension

» Urban heat islands, urban greens, noise pollution, air quality

#### » Linking neighbourhood characteristics derived from EO data to socio-demographic characteristics from the (micro) census

» Inhabitants, age structure, civil status, income, education



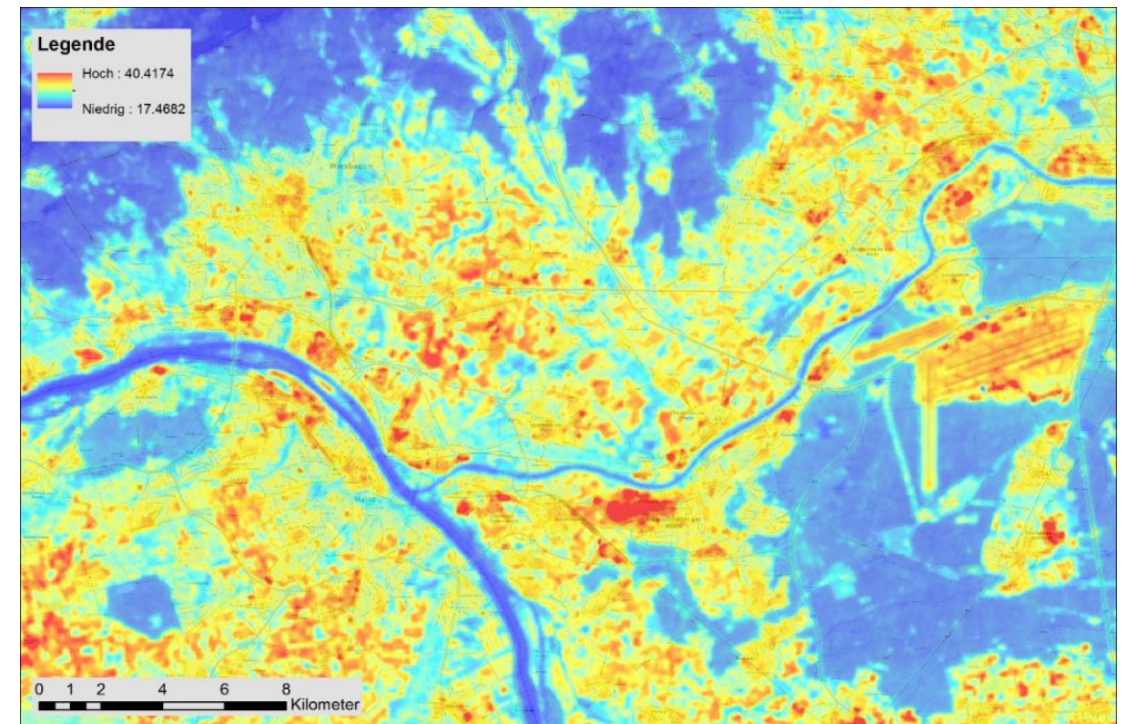


# Remote Sensing Data – Example: ESSnet Big Data II

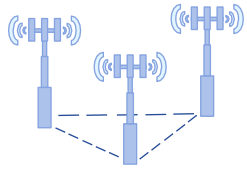
## Surface temperature – heat islands



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# Mobile Network Data



## ESSnet Big Data II: WP I “Mobile Network Data”

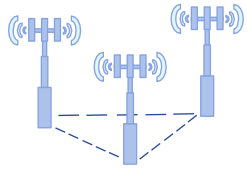
- » Dynamic representation of the population via mobile network data

## Comparison of static mobile network data with census data

- » To represent day and resident population

## Exploration of dynamic mobile network data for commuter statistics

- » To illustrate commuter flows
- » Compare data with census 2011 and existing commuter atlas

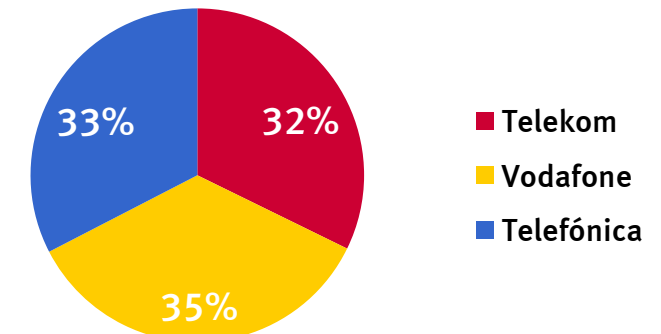


# Mobile Network Data

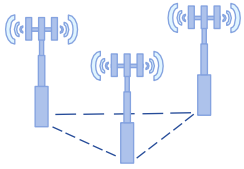
## Anonymised and aggregated mobile network data

- » Minimum activity per grid  $\geq 30$  (lately  $\geq 5$ )
- » Test data of one German federal state for a statistical week
- » Dwell time  $> 2$  hours
- » Specific geometry
- » Demographic characteristics: age group, gender, mobile country code

Market share of mobile network operators  
(Germany, 2nd quarter 2019)

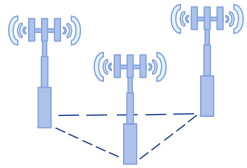


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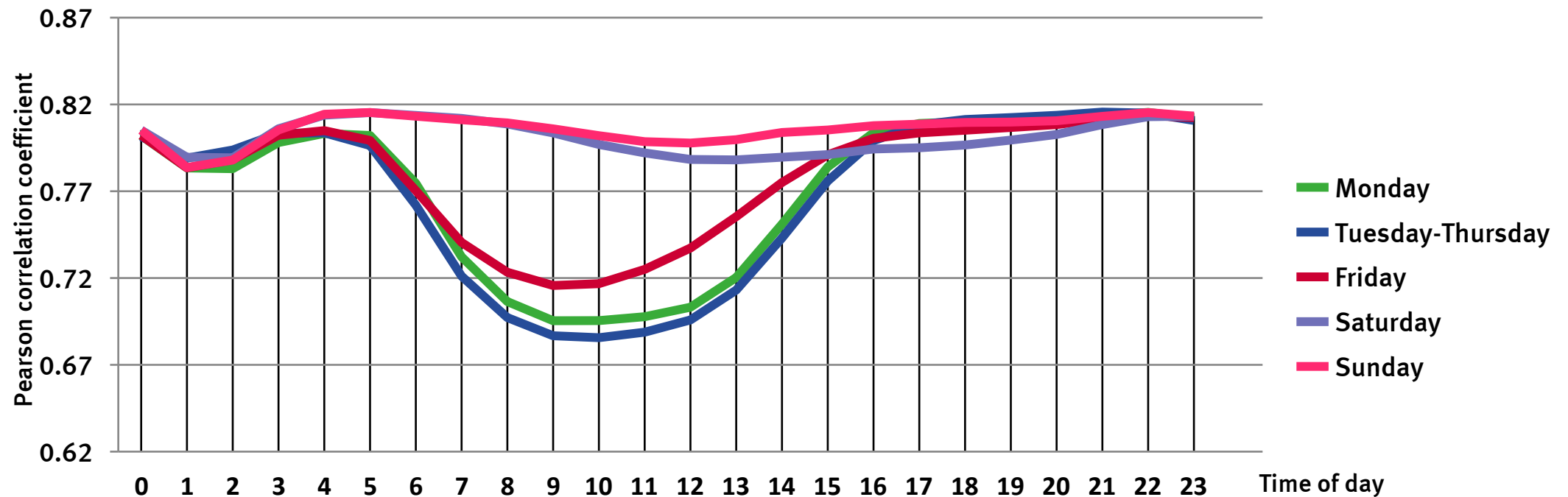
# Mobile Network Data - Challenges

- » No legally regulated permanent data access
- » No distinction between personal and device-related SIM cards
- » Socio-demographic characteristics only for contractual customers
- » Bias due to double counting of persons possessing several mobile phones and family tariffs
- » Insufficient disclosure of the extrapolation methodology used by providers
- » Available periods of mobile network data and census data do not always match well enough
- » etc.



# Mobile Network Data – Example

Illustration of the population via mobile network data



Graph: Pearson correlation coefficients for census values and mobile network data by statistical days and time periods

# Outlook

- Combination of survey, administrative and new digital data
- Very promising to enrich the available official data
  - » Improve quality of data
    - » Accuracy: Provide more detailed data for policy decisions
    - » Timeliness: Improve punctuality of official statistics
    - » Relevance: Develop new research areas and questions
  - » Reduce response burden → reduction of costs ?



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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