



Measuring sex and gender

Discussant

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Some selected highlights

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- Italy
 - non-standard sampling techniques to achieve representativeness of the various groups
 - involvement of LGBT+ people who do not belong to the world of activism/associations
- USA
 - request to add SOGI content to the ACS came from the Department of Justice
 - need to adapt terminology not only for gender identity and sexual orientation categories, but also for non-gendered relationship categories



Some selected highlights

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- UNECE
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- issues to consider before making changes to the census (e.g. policy, public opinion, legal context, disclosure control and quality assurance)
 - education required on the difference between sex and gender
- All
- expertise and experience sharing with all interested parties to proceed the appropriate way and stay up to date with the current trends
 - results of pilots and tests are valuable for all countries



Switzerland: situation and recent developments 1/2

Legal premises

- only two legal categories, but
- 1.1.2022 → facilitated change to the sex recorded in the civil register

Exchange

- 20.1.2022: FSO ↔ lesbian & gay associations

Data and stats

- Swiss Health Survey (2007 → sexual behaviour, 2007 → sexual orientation, 2022 gender identity)
- new results of register data published 20.3.2023 (1.1.2022 → changes in sex, 1.7.2022 → marriages same-sex couples)



Switzerland: situation and recent developments 2/2

2022 Report on collecting data on discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity
→ quantitative research not suitable, qualitative first
→ however measures to improve the data situation

2024 New unit within the Federal Administration in charge of LGBTI issues



Discussion

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Questions





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- Italy ➤ How were the questions on sexual orientation and gender identity perceived by the respondents? Did they react well or did you have any negative feedback? If yes, how did you deal with it?
- USA ➤ Do the LGBT+ communities have suggestions on how to deal with the terminology constantly changing?
- UNECE ➤ What does going beyond exclusively binary statistics concretely mean? Should NSO produce statistics disaggregated by 3 or more options of gender?
- TF