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## **OVERALL DESCRIPTION**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Data Access Forum (EDAF) was held on 24 and 25 March 2015 in Luxembourg, and hosted in the Jean Monnet building, with a scientific and logistical support from Eurostat.

The EDAF is meant to build a European platform for discussing solutions to overcome the barriers to research using government data, both national and European, across the ERA. The ambition is that the Forum will be established in the long term as a biennial European event gathering the different communities: the Data Archives, National Statistical Offices, other members of the European Statistical System and the research community, also involving in the discussions other important stakeholders such as research funding councils. Current practices, new tools and developments at national and European level are at the core of the EDAF programmes; which mix presentations, demo and panel sessions to foster common knowledge and exchanges on best practices and cooperation between the different communities.

The 1<sup>st</sup> EDAF had a stronger focus on legal issues and procedures, with some first outputs from the DwB project. For this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Forum, the programme was enlarged to cover all aspects of access to official microdata, legal issues and procedures for access with a focus on transnational access to confidential microdata, methodological issues regarding statistical disclosure control, technical solutions for allowing access while protecting confidentiality, data discovery and metadata issues that are crucial particularly for trans-border access. The focus was on changes that have occurred over the past 4 years at both national and European level; with new developments regarding access to administrative records and registers such as tax data and medico-administrative data, remote access solutions, initiatives to build cooperation between Research Data Centres to facilitate distributed access to confidential microdata, discovery tools and new portals. One important dimension of the programme was also to make the bridge with current and parallel developments in the health sector, particularly regarding access to medico-administrative data and the building of health portals.

An introductory panel session with the researchers gathered users of confidential national microdata, who were able to access the Research Data Centres facilities offered within DwB via the TNA work packages, and others who experienced access to the European integrated microdata provided by Eurostat under the new European regulation. The programme balanced national and European developments, multilateral projects such as those of the Nordic countries, and DwB outputs; with a focus on a European Service Centre for Official statistics and a European Remote Access Network proposed by the project as a vision for future European services for official microdata. Lessons learnt over the past 4 years by Research Data Centres having collaborated within the DwB project, the CIMES and MISSY tools for providing user-friendly metadata for national and European official microdata as well as a demo of the Proof-of-concept for a European remote access network were presented. Results from the specific

surveys conducted by DwB on changes over the past 4 years regarding legal frameworks, services, tools and cooperation between the different communities also contributed to the overall discussion as part of the various panel sessions. Beside its scientific and logistical support to the EDAF, Eurostat's participation in the programme was quite important; with e.g. a welcome address from Eurostat deputy director at the start of the Forum and several sessions chaired by Eurostat staff members.

At the end of the Forum, Eurostat Director of Methodology - who chaired the final panel session - expressed a strong interest from Eurostat for continuing the European Data Access Forum initiative beyond DwB with a 3<sup>rd</sup> EDAF. Preliminary discussions regarding the objectives, the content, possible partnership and governance, as well financial implications for continuing the EDAF initiative have been held during a satellite session the day before the EDAF.

The Forum gathered over 150 persons from the different communities at stake, also involving in the discussion other important stakeholders such as research funding councils and representatives from Ministries for Research & Education. Attendance included: most National Statistical Institutes and some National Statistical Administrations of the ERA, Eurostat, Archives, Researchers, European and International Organisations & Institutions, Research Data Centres, as well as Research Agencies & Authorities.

Demo sessions also took place in parallel with the EDAF, in order to present a number of related key initiatives in the field of data access. Besides, factsheets were also made available to the participants. See section "[Content of Forum](#)" below for a complete list of these side activities.

## CONTENT OF FORUM

### I. OVERALL PROGRAMME

#### **DAY 1 (Tuesday 24 March 2015)**

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<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Session 1. Introduction</b> Welcome and Introduction, <i>Mariana Kotzeva (Deputy Director-General of Eurostat)</i> European Data Access Forum within DwB project, <i>Roxane Silberman (CNRS and FP7 DwB project PI)</i>
<b>09:30 - 12:30</b>	<b>Session 2. RDCs and researchers' experience for transnational access to microdata in Europe: state of play, progress and obstacles</b> <u>Chair: Roberto Barcellan (Eurostat)</u>
09:30 - 10:30	RDCs network for transnational access - four years of experiences by seven European RDCs, <i>Karen Dennison (UKDA)</i> Data Service Centre for researchers at a National Statistical Institute: financial matters, <i>Leo Engberts (CBS)</i>
11:00 - 12:15	Panel session with researchers <u>Chair: David Schiller (IAB)</u> Mike Priddy, (DANS) and Frédérique Cornuau (Lille 1 University) will introduce the session presenting results from surveys and workshops with researchers conducted within DwB. Researchers will be invited to present their research projects and experience about transnational access and use of national and Eurostat microdata. <u>Panelists: Ivy Shiue (U. Heriot-Watt), Mirjana Pejic-Bach (U. Zagreb), Guy Van Gyes (K.U. Leuven), Anna-Leena Asikainen (LIST), Céline Goffette (CEREQ)</u>
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<b>Session 3. National and transnational access to official microdata: legal frameworks, procedures, practices. Where are we?</b> <u>Chair: Pascal Jacques (Eurostat)</u> Improvements in access over the last four years and work in progress, <i>Roxane Silberman (CNRS) &amp; Paola Tubaro (CNRS)</i> Implementation of the EU regulation on access to European microdata, <i>Aleksandra Bujnowska, (Eurostat)</i> Challenges in legal frameworks, <i>Tomaz Smrekar (SORS), Michel Isnard (INSEE) &amp; Paul Wearn (ONS)</i>

**14: 45 - 16:15**

### **Parallel sessions**

#### ***Session 3a. Changes in the legal frameworks, procedures and practices for national and transnational access to official microdata (Room: M1)***

Chair: Aleksandra Bujnowska (Eurostat)

*Short reports from countries and at European level highlighting recent changes and work in progress about national and transnational access for researchers to microdata.*

- Access to Nordic microdata for research purposes – a model of Nordic corporation, *Ivan Thaulow (Statistics Denmark)*
- Access to fiscal data in France, *Lorraine Aeberhardt (DGFiP) & Michel Isnard (INSEE)*
- Access to the medico administrative microdata: the Slovenian experience, *Metka Zaletel (NIJZ)*
- Researchers' access to data from Statistics Portugal: changes and beliefs, *Ana Dulce Pinto (Statistics Portugal)*

#### ***Session 3b. Synthetic data: future perspectives regarding privacy protection (Room: M2)***

Chair: Peter-Paul de Wolf (CBS)

*How synthetic data can address privacy protection issues and provide future solutions particularly easing the production of Scientific Use Files, Public Use Files and Campus Files*

- A short introduction to synthetic data for statistical disclosure control, *Jörg Drechsler (IAB)*
- Protecting against maximum-knowledge intruders in microdata release: analysis of masking and synthetic data using the permutation model, *Josep Domingo-Ferrer (URV, joint work with Krishnamurty Muralidhar)*
- Producing synthetic confidential data using R-Package simPop, *Bernhard Meindl (Statistics Austria)*

#### ***Session 3c. Metadata for official microdata: an outlook for the future (Room: M3)***

Chair: Marco Pellegrino (Eurostat)

*Developments and challenges regarding metadata for official microdata, with a particular focus on national statistical projects and registers as well as current developments in the area of health data*

- Metadata projects in Sweden and the Nordic Countries, *Claus-Göran Hjelm (SCB)*
- RMéS : metadata for microdata at INSEE, *Franck Cotton & Guillaume Duffes (INSEE)*
- Data discovery in Public Health, *Arofan Gregory (MT Ltd.)*
- Metadata requirements for RAIRD - Remote Analysis for Register Data, *Vigdis Kvalheim & Ørnulf Risnes (NSD)*
- Using ESMS for describing metadata of administrative registers, *Kaja Söstra (Statistics Estonia)*

**16:45 - 18:15      Session 4. Panel session: How useful is the notion of “circle of trust”? A vision for the future**

Chair: Mariarosa Lunati (OECD)

Panelists: Maurice Brandt (DESTATIS), Richard Welpton (UKDA), Ivan Thaulow (Statistics Denmark), Zoltán Vereczkei (HCSO), Michel Isnard (INSEE) and Jean Poirier (CIQSS)

*Introduction to the “circle of trust” concept proposed by the OECD expert group on confidential microdata with discussion of further developments based on lessons learned from experiences and negotiations for bilateral, multilateral agreement regarding transnational accreditation and access*

*The panel session will be introduced by a presentation by Maurice Brandt (DESTATIS) on the “circle of trust” concept and by a presentation by Richard Welpton (UKDA) on the IAB/UKDA contract under DwB project for transnational access*

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## **DAY 2 (Wednesday 25 March 2015)**

**09:00 - 09:30      Session 5. Core Elements for European Services for Official Statistics**

Chairs: David Schiller (IAB) & Christof Wolf (GESIS)

Thinking the Future: European Service Centre for Official Statistics (ESCOS) and European Remote Access Network (EuRAN)

**09:30 - 11:00      Session 5a. National and European tools and services for access**

Chair: David Schiller (IAB)

- Introduction to the UK Administrative Data Research Network, Tanvi Desai (UKDA)
- Demo of the DwB Proof of concept for a European Remote Access Network facilitating transnational access to confidential microdata, K. Gadouche (GENES-CASD), P. Donnay (GENES-CASD), J. Kampmann (GESIS), R. Silberman (CNRS) & M. Brandt (DESTATIS)

**11:30 - 12:30      Session 5b. National and European tools and services for metadata**

Chair: Christof Wolf (GESIS)

- Epidemiology France portal - Health databases, Marie Lhosmot & Simon Saint-Georges (AVIESAN-INSERM)
- Metadata for European official microdata CIMES and MISSY, Arnaud Szulek (GENES-CASD) & Jeanette Bohr (GESIS)

**12:30 - 13: 00      Discussion: The future of European Services for Official Statistics**

Chairs: Christof Wolf (GESIS) & David Schiller (IAB)

**14:00 - 15:30**

**Session 6. Cooperation: an outlook for the future**

Chair: *Roberto Barcellan (Eurostat)*

- Cooperation between data archives and national statistical offices: recent change and future perspectives, *Paola Tubaro (CNRS) & Tomaz Smrekar (SORS)*
- CESSDA - a permanent infrastructure for delivering better access to data, *Paul Jackson (CESSDA-AS)*

***Panel Session: Process for improvements in legal frameworks, practices and services - How to best develop services, cooperation and face future challenges?***

Chair: *Roberto Barcellan (Eurostat)*

Panelists: *Roberto Barcellan (Eurostat), Paul Jackson (CESSDA-AS), Roxane Silberman (CNRS,) Bill Block (U. Cornell) & Aleksandra Bujnowska (Eurostat)*

## **II. SATELLITE ACTIVITIES**

Factsheets:

- CIMES - Centralising & Integrating Metadata from European Statistics
- The DwB Proposal for a Resource Discovery Portal Prototype (RDP)
- The DwB Proposal for a European Remote Access Network (Eu-RAN)
- State of the Art of Remote Access Systems & Solutions in the ERA
- Access to Official Statistics Microdata: What Do Researchers Want?

Demo Sessions:

- CIMES (Centralising & Integrating Metadata from Europea Statistics)
- MISSY (Microdata Information System)
- DwB Online Visualisation Tool: Exploring Legal Gateways for Transnational Access
- DwB Proposal for a Resource Discovery Portal Prototype (RDP)
- The French Epidemiology Portal - Health Databases
- The Integrated European Census Microdata Project

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## **DISSEMINATION & EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

Upon participants and speakers' agreement, the slideshows which have been presented during the European Data Access Forum have been made publicly available on DwB website in both PDF and PPT/PPTX formats, along with the corresponding audio recordings in MP3 format (<http://dwbproject.org/events/edaf2.html>).

The latter are meant to notably allow the visitors to get a complete knowledge of the discussions (Q&A) that followed each presentation.

Besides, upon request of a number of participants - and attendees' agreement - the full attendance list will be circulated along with the participants' contact details in order to facilitate future networking and cross-fertilisation activities amongst participating institutions.

## **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The last panel session was the opportunity to wrap up the whole event. It notably allowed discussing the interest and possibilities for the continuation of such an international event beyond DwB, which was positively welcomed insofar as the EDAF seems to be regarded as an efficient platform for exchanges of good practices, knowledge and viewpoints when it comes to microdata access.

Participants will be distributed a Feedback Questionnaire under the form of an anonymous online survey in order (1) to measure their satisfaction regarding the EDAF 2 in terms of logistics and scientific content and (2) to collect their interest and suggestions for a third EDAF.

A number of institutions have already expressed their formal interest in continuing this activity.

