



Implementation of the EU regulation on access to European microdata

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Outline of the presentation

- 1. Microdata access facts and figures*
- 2. Overview of research proposals submitted to Eurostat in 2014*
- 3. Outlook for the future*



Microdata access facts and figures

Microdata access at the EU level

- *Commission Regulation (EU) No 557/2013 on access to confidential data for scientific purposes*
- *Entry into force: 8 July 2013*
- *New procedures composed of two steps:*
 - 1. recognition of the entity and**
 - 2. assessment of the project**



Step 1

Recognition of research entities

Recognition of research entities – procedures

1. *Submission of the application*
2. *Evaluation by Eurostat*
3. *Signature of the documents (application form, confidentiality undertaking and terms of use)*
4. *Recognition by Eurostat and publication of the name of the RE on the Eurostat website*

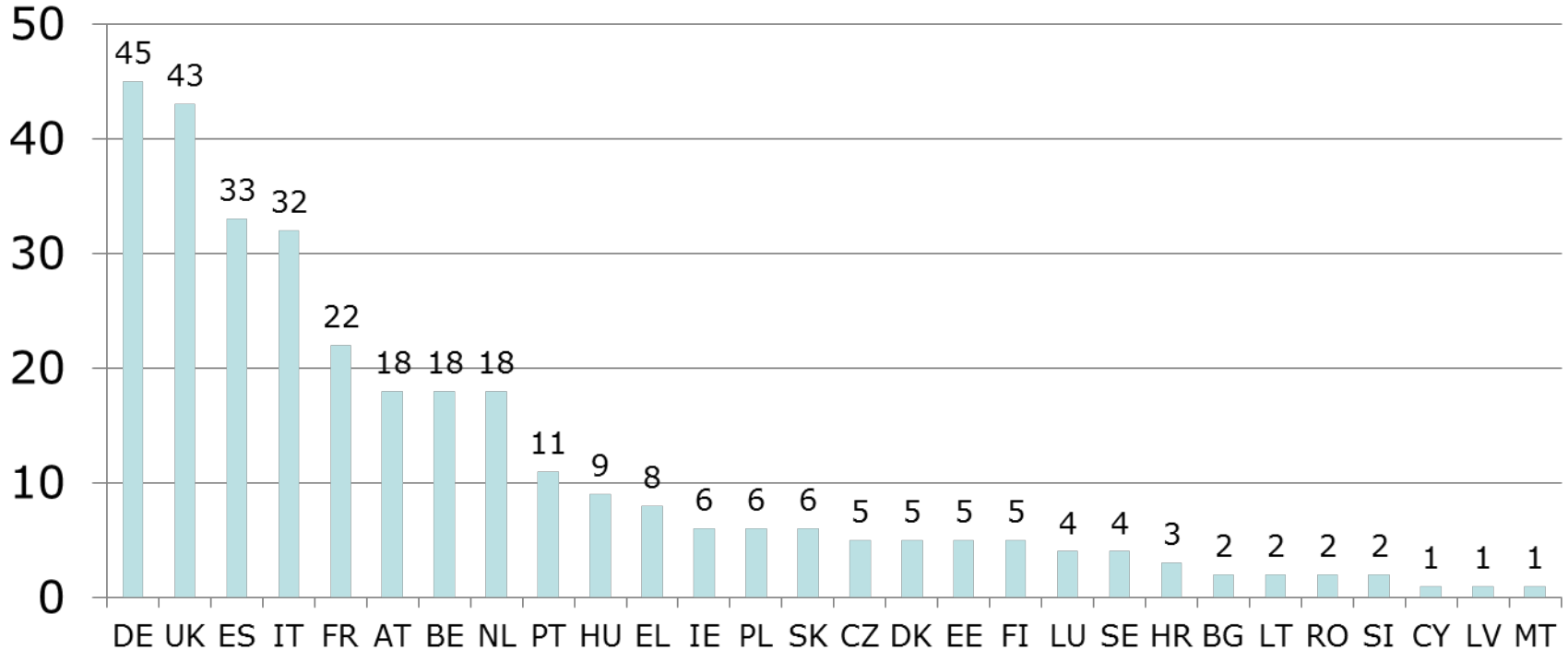


Recognition of research entities – statistics

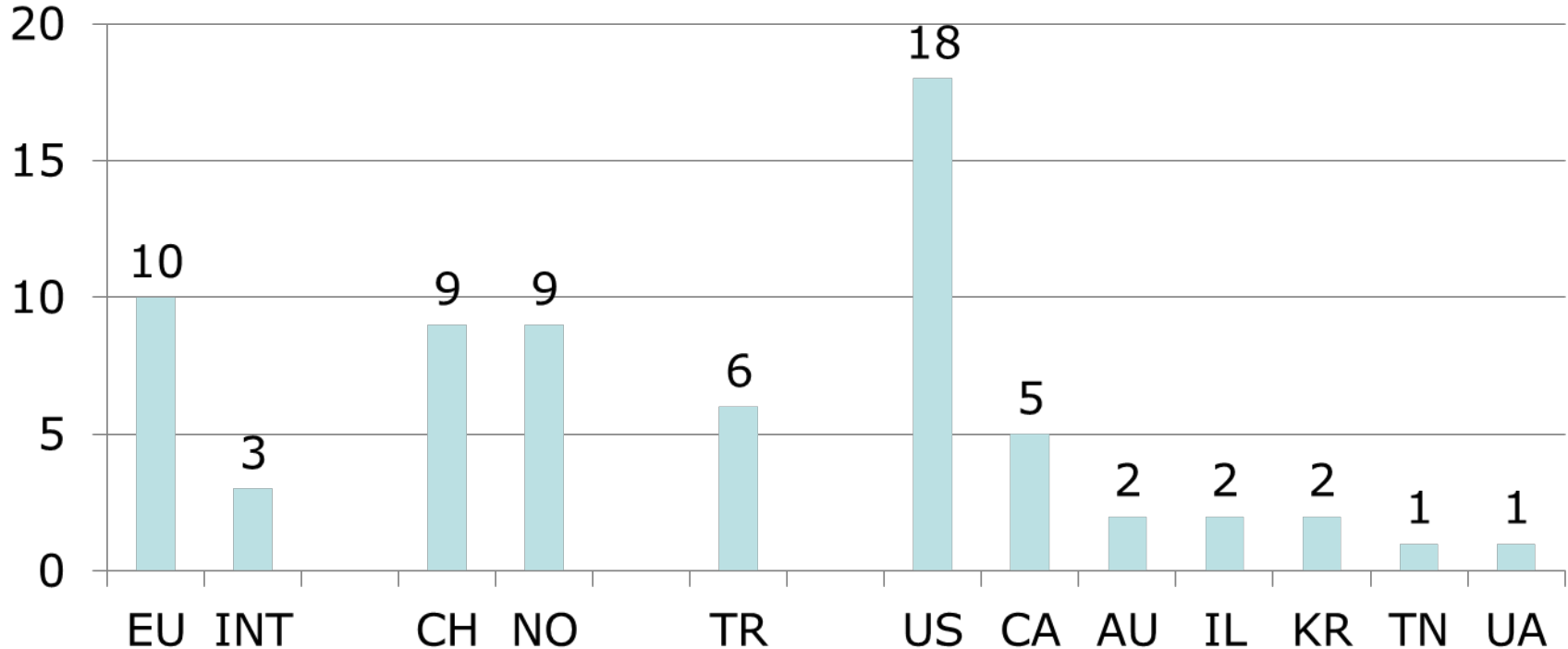
385 research entities recognized

- 126 in 2013*
- 227 in 2014*
- 32 in 2015*

Recognized research entities in the EU countries



Recognized research entities in other countries/organisations





Step 2

Assessment of research proposals



Assessment of research proposals – procedures

1. *Word version of the research proposal application form sent to Eurostat*
2. *Initial assessment by microdata access team*
3. *Technical assessment (domain specific unit: LFS, SILC...)*
4. *Signature of the application form and confidentiality declaration*
5. *Consultation of data providers (national statistical offices): 4 weeks*
6. *Data and password sending*

Roles of the persons involved

Step 1: recognition

- *Duly designated representative of the entity*
- *Contact person – for the entity*

Step 2: application for microdata

- *Contact person- for the entity*
- *Principal researcher*
- *Individual researchers*
- *Data manager*

Requests for microdata in 2013/2014

	ECHP	LFS	SILC	AES	CIS	SES	EHIS	ERFT	CVTS	CSIS	
2013	7	38	45	6	13	7	3	1			120
2014	41	134	164	21	31	32	13	1	9	2	448

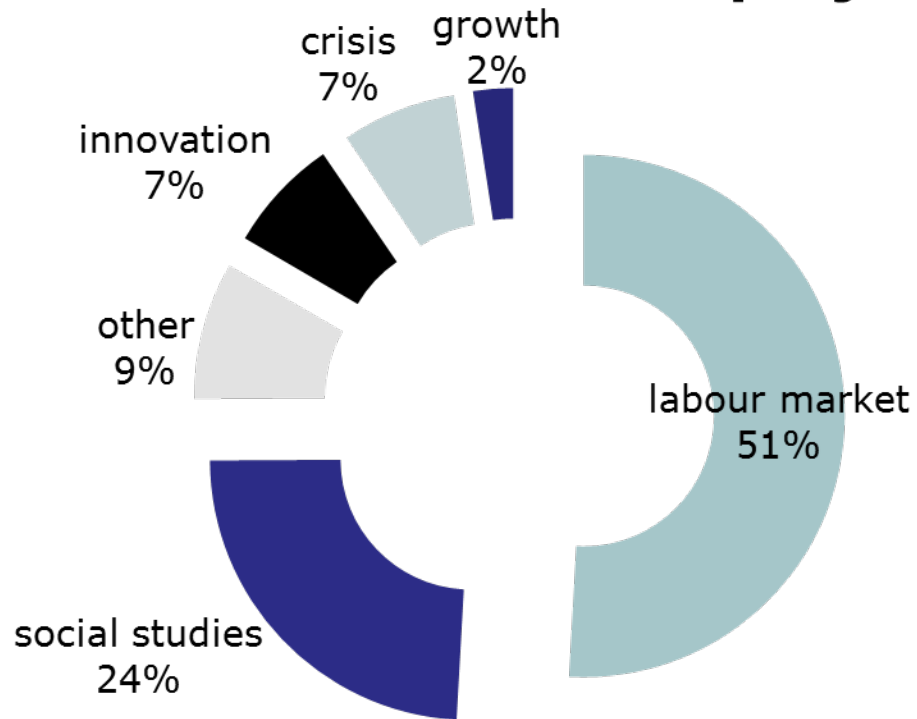
Scientific/secure use files

	2013	2014
Scientific use files	85	298
Secure use files	8	10

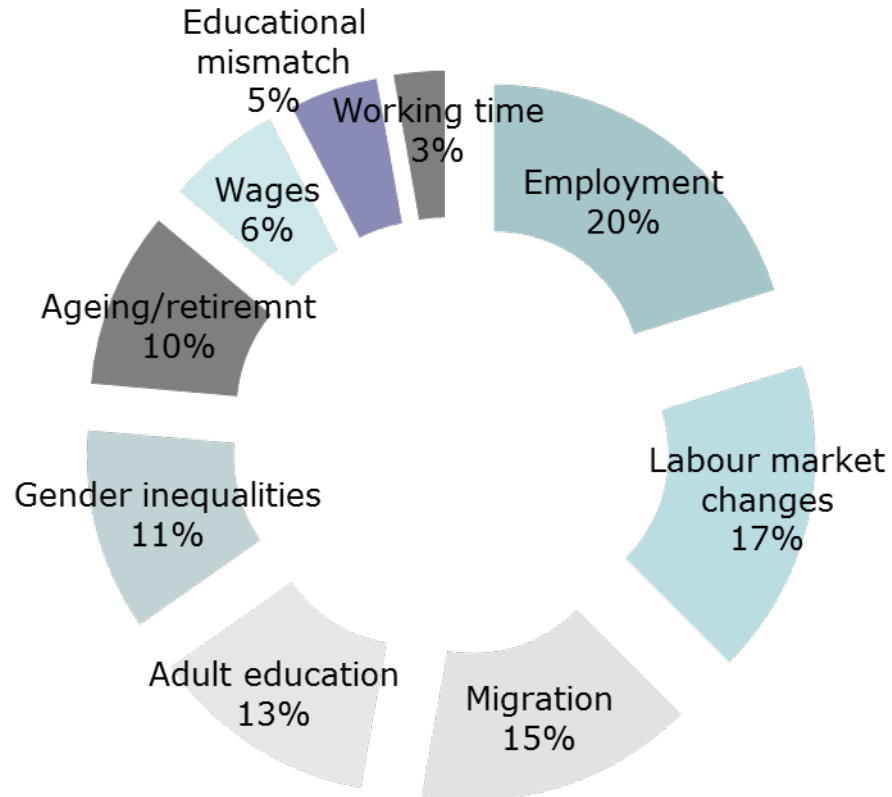


Overview of research proposals submitted to Eurostat

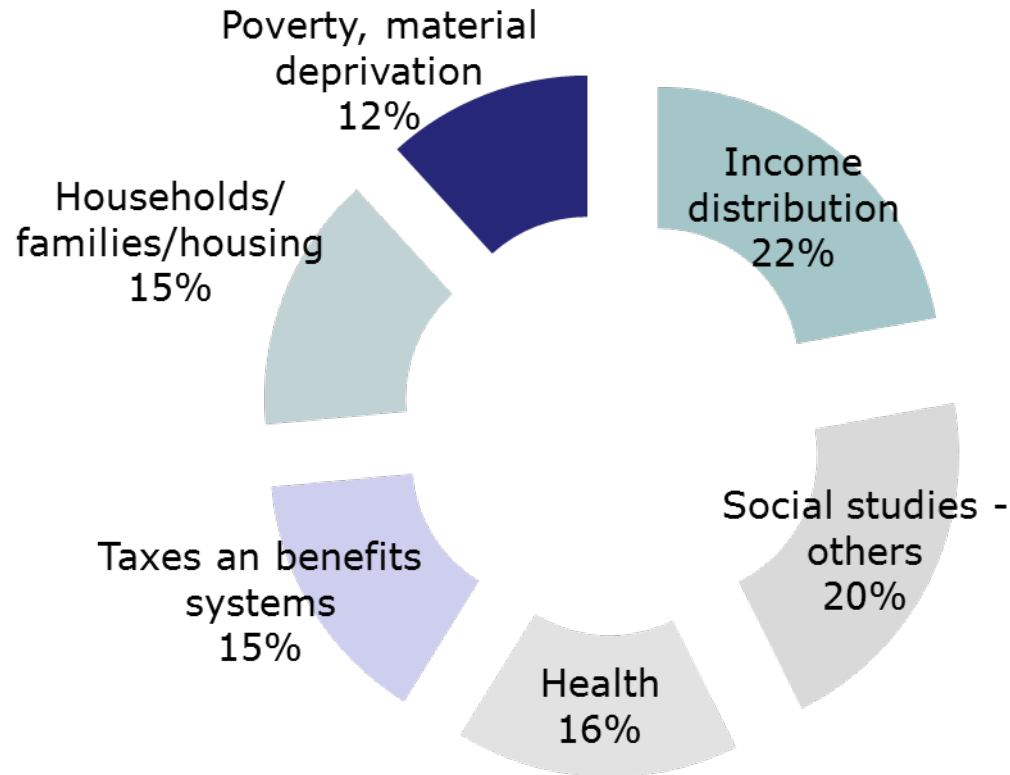
Domains of research projects



Labour market projects



Social studies





Outlook for the future

Plans for 2015

- *E-learning material on data confidentiality*
- *New datasets: Household Budget Survey and linked business data on ICT impact*
- *Public use files for EU-SILC and EU-LFS*
- *Workflow system for automatic processing of requests*

Workflow system

- *ECAS registration*
- *Web-forms instead of word files*
- *Possibility to check the status of the request*
- *Easier revisions and updates*
- *Single address for application, management and closure of the project*



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Workflow System for handling Microdata

User Login

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Challenges for the future

- *Improve metadata*
- *Improve microdata transmission*
- *Improve (add) new access modes (decentralized access)*
- *Improve communication between researchers and with Eurostat*
- *Manage closure of all projects (data destruction, publications, feedback form)*
- *More collaboration with data archives*



Thank you for your attention!

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