Access to fiscal data for scientific uses in France

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Fiscal data in Official Statistics

Used to

1. Produce statistics alone (national accounts, building register…)
2. Complement surveys and therefore decrease the burden on respondents.
   - Tax data are more and more used because they include the whole population
   - The law has to be modified so as to widen fiscal data access

In France :

1. Households surveys : SILC …
2. Business surveys : SBS, ….

Access to fiscal data

Before 2013,

Access allowed to National Statistical Authorities to produce official statistics

Access allowed to a restricted number of governmental services

Since July 22th, 2013

Access to micro data for scientific research can be accepted

A secured procedure has been implemented

Researchers are bound to respect fiscal confidentiality

Procedure

Accreditation to the research project and the researchers
   Opinion of the French Statistical Confidentiality Committee (FSC),
   If favourable, decision by the Minister in charge of finance

Equivalent to the access to confidential statistical data
   Same procedure before the FSC committee
   Same criteria used by the committee

Ensuring therefore access to the whole survey, including fiscal data

Conditions

Available data permit no direct identification

Access is limited on time (3 years) and for a specific purpose (a research project)

Access is allowed only through Secure Centre (CASD) with output checking

European researchers can access those data from their own Universities

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First year results

60 projects accepted, mainly as a complement of of statistical surveys

Problem of building "ready to use" files for researchers:
    tax data come from several management applications.
    Not directly available for statistical or scientific uses.

Thank you for your attention

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