Eurostat support to data exchange for cross-validation purposes

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Background

- Well-known inconsistencies of estimated migration flows between immigration data (from receiving country) and emigration data (from sending country)
- Common trust that immigration data are more reliable than emigration data
- General interest to intra-EU (+EFTA+CC) migration flows
Motivation to action

- Requested by several EU Member States
- Consideration that data providers may be dealing with common difficulties to apply EU Regulation 862/2007 on migration statistics
- Possibility to support the quality improvement of the data
Eurostat approach

• Opening of a secured web repository for data exchange (October 2012)
  • Restricted access Interest Group in CIRCA-BC: 'Exchange of data and best practices for international migration statistics'
  • Availability of templates for data and methods
• Facilitation of bi- and multi-lateral meetings
  • Upon request of the countries
  • Availability of premises and overall organization
Guiding principles on data exchange

• Only provisional migration flows to/from other EU Member States, EFTA and EU Candidate Countries (very aggregated data)
• Possibility to exchange methodologies ('best practices')
• No Eurostat moderation
• No public access (pre-release data)
• No confidential data
Experience so far (about 2 years)

• Few countries uploaded their data and/or methodologies (7 for RY 2011, none for RY 2012)
• One trilateral meeting (Italy, Spain and Romania)

Need to identify additional supporting actions
On-going considerations

• Proposal from INE-Spain for exchange of micro-data
  • 'Spanish Law allows interchange for statistical purposes with other NSIs' (INE, 2013)
  • Some countries have expressed interest

• Modelling?
  • Data exchange as source of additional/necessary input data for the models
  • Additional breakdowns?
Thanks for the attention!

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