Data Sharing – Vision and main recommendations

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CES views on interim report of the TF

- Data sharing is extremely important to keep economic statistics up-to-date and relevant
- The work should progress in steps, but quickly
- A reliable legal framework is an important precondition for data exchange
- Data exchange can be also beneficial to MNEs and open up a good partnership opportunity
- International organizations should offer a platform for advancing data exchange
Towards a global statistical system

• Truly national part of our economies is shrinking
• Information-based new economy
• Public administration:
  • Increased sharing of information, nationally and internationally
• Official Statistics
  • Still very national, still very traditional
  • Rules and principles reflect the world of the past
• We are late, let’s get moving
MNEs – not the full story
Why: Surprises could be anticipated…

Annual growth rate

Source: CSO
Why: Quality, Cost and Response burden

Source: Eurostat
Vision for data sharing

• If we had all the data needed at hand:
  • We could reconcile MNE data globally
  • We could produce economic statistics without asymmetries
  • Same data only collected once from MNEs > across countries
  • Research and decisions based on more accurate statistics
  • Rich and better analysis of economic globalisation

• To get there we need to answer questions like:
  • Where would the MNE data reside – in a global data base?
  • How would the data end up there – secure data exchange platform?
  • Who would collect and validate data – single or multiple points?
  • Who would have access – certified statistical authorities?
First steps for National Statistical Offices

- Review current national legal and statistical frameworks
  - Clarify how the law treats data sharing for statistical purposes nationally and internationally > amend
- Modernize interpretation of legislation, confidentiality procedures and rules
- Allocate resources for statistical data sharing and reconciliation
- Participate in international work
First steps for International Statistical Organizations

- Set up and coordinate a global network of experts on MNEs
- Create and maintain a register of the largest MNEs > e.g. ADIMA extension for statistics
- Create multi-country databases which highlight mirror statistics and large asymmetries
- Develop a Guide to Data Reconciliation