Topic 7: Public use files / open data
– Future availability of information

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Current facilities
– Public use files: available in some countries, but different confidentiality rules, different accessibility options (do you have to register first?) and different topics and variables included
– Open data is a trend, but what do we mean (how easy should it be to use these data?) and how often do we see severe restrictions concerning specific variables?
Future facilities
– Would remote access in an international context be a better option?
– Do we see legal barriers?
– Do we see challenges to meet user requests?
– Can we think out of the box?
Panel members

Three panel members representing different viewpoints

– Tanvi Desai (University of Essex, United Kingdom)
– Blagica Petreski (Finance Think, Skopje)
– Felix Ritchie (University of the West of England, Bristol)

Short introductions by panel members, discussion by panel members and discussion with the floor