Typologies of Potential Data Sources

Types of Data Sources for SBRs

* Administrative Sources
* Statistical Sources
* Others

**Recommendation:** Create and maintain SBR primarily using administrative sources
Administrative Sources

- Business Registration Systems
- Social security registers
- Sectoral lists
- Tax Records/VAT
- Labour and employment registers

Types of Administrative Sources

Statistical Sources

- Statistical surveys
- Feedback surveys
- SBR Improvement surveys
- Profiling
- Business/economic censuses
- Sample surveys
**Group Discussion**

- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of each data source for statistical business registers.
- Give examples of when you would recommend a specific source and explain why you would recommend this.
### Administrative Sources

**Why use administrative data?**

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<th>Cost advantage over surveys</th>
<th>Reduction in respondent burden</th>
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<td>Free if sourced from government</td>
<td>Frequent Statistics production at no extra cost to businesses</td>
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- Complete coverage of target population
- Eliminate survey errors
- Reduced non-response
- Accurate estimates of sub-populations
- Increased quality of SBR
- Access to up-to-date information
- Timeliness of data compared to surveys, Location, Activity codes, Dates

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### Administrative Sources

- Confidentiality issues regarding data sharing;
- Differences in definitions of variables in statistical and administrative systems eg turnover for VAT & Non-VAT;
- Timeliness i.e tax calander vs SBR cycles, lags in births and deaths;
- Matching data from different sources in absence identifiers;
  - Priority sources.
Administrative Sources

**Quality and other issues**

* Building knowledge of data sources
* Transition from administrative to statistical data
  * Expected records, valid formats for variables, coverage, plausibility of variables
* Cross-check with other registers