

Joint UNECE/EUROSTAT Work Session on Statistical Data Confidentiality

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and Economic Commission for Europe
Conference of European Statisticians

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Bilbao, Spain,
2-4 December

Basque Government Main Office
Gran Vía, 85, Bilbao



Wednesday, 2 December 2009

08.15 Registration of delegates

09:00 Opening of the meeting; Adoption of the agenda; Designation of officers; Addresses by Eustat; Eurostat; and UNECE WP.1

09.15 TOPIC (i): Harmonization of statistical data confidentiality - legal and methodological aspects
Session Organizer: Aleksandra Bujnowska, Eurostat; Discussant: Rainer Muthmann, Eurostat

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

09.15	UNECE - Principles and guidelines on confidentiality aspects of data integration	WP.2
09.30	Eurostat - Harmonization of statistical confidentiality methods at the EU level	WP.3
09.45	ECB - Harmonization of anonymization practices through partially synthetic files	WP.7
10.00	Germany - Harmonization of statistical confidentiality between the statistical office of the Länder and the Federal Statistical Office	WP.5

Supporting papers (5 minutes per paper)

10.15	OECD - Harmonised labour force and migration statistics based on microdata	WP.8
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10.20 Topic (I): General discussion

11.10 Refreshment break (20 minutes)

11.30 TOPIC (v): Statistical disclosure control methods for the next census round
Session Organizer/Discussant: Eric Schulte Nordholt, Netherlands

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

11.30	United Kingdom - Balancing Risk and Utility - Statistical Disclosure Control for the 2011 UK Census	WP.27
11.45	United Kingdom/Australia/New Zealand - Confidentiality plans for the 2011 censuses in the United kingdom, Australia and New Zealand: a comparison	WP.28
12.00	United States - Disclosure avoidance techniques for Census 2010 and American Community Survey Five-year Tabular Data Products	WP.29

Supporting papers (5 minutes per paper)

12.15	Eurostat/Netherlands - Confidentiality issues in the EU Population and Housing Censuses of 2011	WP.30
12.20	University of Southampton - Statistical disclosure control for European census dissemination	WP.31

12.25 Topic (v): General discussion

13.10 Lunch break

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14.30 TOPIC (iii): Research data centres and virtual labs

Session Organizer/Discussant: Maurice Brandt, Germany

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

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| 14.30 | United Kingdom - Effective researcher management | WP.15 |
| 14.45 | Germany - Improvement of the informational infrastructure - On the way to remote data access in Germany | WP.16 |
| 15.00 | Germany - The ESSnet project - Decentralized access to EU microdata sets. | WP.17 |
| 15.15 | University of Essex - UK Secure Data Service: specifications and challenges of using potentially disclosive data | WP.18 |
| 15.30 | Canada - Development of a real time remote access infrastructure at Statistics Canada | WP.19 |
| 15.45 | Netherlands (ESSNet) - Guidelines for the checking of output in Research Data Centres | WP.20 |

16.00 Refreshment break (30 minutes)

Supporting papers (5 minutes per paper)

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| 16.30 | United States of America (IRS) - A new external research program at the U.S. Tax Agency's Statistical Office: background, challenges, possibilities with federal tax data | WP.21 |
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16.35 Topic (iii): General discussion

17.30 EOB

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09:00 TOPIC (ii): Synthetic and hybrid data

Session Organizer: Josep Domingo-Ferrer, Rovira i Virgili University of Tarragona, Spain

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper):

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| 09.00 | University of Kentucky and Oklahoma State University - Differential privacy for numeric data | WP.9 |
| 09.15 | Germany (IAB) - Synthetic datasets for the German IAB Establishment Panel | WP.10 |
| 09.30 | Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Catalonia - Microaggregation-based numerical hybrid data | WP.11 |
| 09.45 | Cornell University - Title to be announced | WP.12 |
| 10.00 | IIIA-CSIC Catalonia - Dealing with edit constraints in microdata protection: microaggregation | WP.13 |
| 10.15 | Italy - Artificial data through calibration and empirical copulas | WP.14 |

10.30 Refreshment break (30 minutes)

11.00 Topic (ii): General discussion

12.00 TOPIC (vii): Risk/benefit analysis and new directions for statistical disclosure limitation

Session Organizer: Lawrence H. Cox, United States

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

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| 12.00 | United States - An enhanced framework and decision system for protecting the confidentiality of tabular data | WP.39 |
| 12.15 | University of Manchester - Application of game theory to the understanding of statistical disclosure events | WP.40 |
| 12.30 | United States - The role of transparency in statistical disclosure limitation | WP.41 |

12.45 Questions

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Topic (vii) Invited papers cont'd.

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| 14.30 | University of Kentucky - A common index of similarity for numerical data masking techniques | WP.42 |
| 14.45 | University of Southampton - Assessing disclosure risk under misclassification for microdata | WP.43 |

15.00 Topic (vii): General discussion

16.00 Refreshment break (30 minutes)

16.30 Panel discussion on suppression vs perturbation

Organizer/Chair: Lawrence H. Cox, United States

18.00 EOB

Friday, 4 December 2009

09:00 TOPIC (iv): Case studies

Session Organizer/Discussant: Luisa Franconi, Italy and Sarah Giessing, Germany

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

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| 09.00 | Germany - Synthetic data structure files: development and disclosure control | WP.32 |
| 09.15 | Italy - Smoothing contingency tables to estimate a global risk measure | WP.33 |
| 09.30 | Spain - Microdata perturbation preserving multivariate relations of target categorical variables in the Household Environmental Survey of Eustat | WP.34 |

Supporting papers (5 minutes per paper)

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| 09.45 | Germany - Techniques for using Tau-Argus modular on sets of linked tables | WP.35 |
| 09.50 | Italy - Treatment of non-nested hierarchical linked tables in business statistics | WP.36 |

09.55 Topic (vi): General discussion

10.40 Refreshment break (20 minutes)

11.00 TOPIC (iv): Tools and software improvements

Session Organizer/Discussant: Anco Hundepool, Netherlands

Invited papers (15 minutes per paper)

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| 11.00 | Australia - Implementing a method for automatically protecting user-defined census tables | WP.22 |
| 11.15 | Austria/Vienna University of Technology - An interactive graphical user interface for microdata protection which allows reproducibility | WP.23 |
| 11.30 | Spain - On open source software for statistical disclosure limitation | WP.24 |
| 11.45 | Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - A package for L1 controlled tabular adjustment | WP.25 |

12.00 Topic (iv): General discussion

13.00 Future work, adoption of the report, conclusions of the meeting

13.30 End of the meeting

Evening Social Program

Wednesday, 2 December 2009

Guggenheim Museum visit (free of charge)

20.00

Meeting at the Guggenheim Museum Entrance

20.15

Guided tour

21.30

Cocktail served at the Museum Hall

<http://www.guggenheim-bilbao.es/?idioma=en>

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Dinner (optional, 35 €)

20.30

Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hesperia-Bilbao Hotel

Address: Campo Volantín, 28

