

### **Recent EU legislative work on migration statistics**

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# EU policy needs for migration statistics

- Radical changes in third-country nationals migration to the EU
- Users demand for more relevant, precise, complete, timely and frequent statistics
- Need to improve EU monitoring of migration and evaluation of EU migration policies with official stats (vs operational data):
  - 1. Migrant integration (use of survey data)
  - 2. Asylum and managed migration (Regulation 862)
  - **3. Geo-referenced population/migration data** (improvements of census legislation)



# Migrant integration statistics – main sources

- Improvements to the core EU LFS from 2021
  - Country of birth of parents (annually)
  - Reason for migration (every second year)
- Maintaining LFS ad-hoc module on migrants labour market outcomes (every 6-7 years)
  - but room for additional variables
- EU SILC (Statistics on Income and Living conditions)

Areas monitored:

• Employment, Education, Social inclusion (poverty, income, housing), Health, Active citizenship

Coverage: EU, National, Infra-national



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#### Statistics geo-coded to the 1km<sup>2</sup> grid for 2021 census round

- total population
- sex
- age
- employed persons
- **place of birth** (in the reporting country, in another EU country, outside EU)
- **usual residence 12 months before** (unchanged, within reporting country, outside of the reporting country)







#### Post-2021 census strategy of the ESS

- Evaluate 2021 census round
- Repeat for post-2021 census
- Annually
- In longer term incrementally improve w/ MSs capacity
  - 500m grid in urban regions
  - timelier
  - more demographic and socioeconomic characteristics
  - housing



# Asylum and managed migration area

#### While currently:

- The statistical needs are addressed through voluntary collections with limited efficiency (20-28 MSs providing data)
- No legal provision to ensure collection of such enhanced data
- 2018 Progress Report on the European Agenda for Migration – clear need for new rules improving the provision of statistical information on asylum and manged migration, including on return and readmission
- **European Statistical System** need to be more responsive to changes in migration
- **COM reports** (in 2012, 2015, 2018) evaluating statistics collected under Reg. 862 clear need to improve existing data



# **Amendment of Reg 862 - objectives**

- Increasing relevance, precision, timeliness and frequency of statistics
- Showing **responsiveness** to urgent policy needs
- Increasing efficiency, completeness and stability of current voluntary data collections by making the them compulsory
- Limiting additional burden on national data providers to the minimum
- Providing **flexibility** to respond to arising needs



# **Stakeholder consultation**

For more than a decade in this statistical area close cooperation with:

- National authorities data providers
- With EC Directorate-Generals concerned and EU agencies in migration field
- National Statistical Institutes
- International organisations and other stakeholders
- Regular expert group meetings and dedicated task forces

*confirming the need to fill the data gaps and to make data more relevant* 

Formal consultation of the European Statistical System Committee - 4-18 April 2018



### Amendment of Reg 862 – scope of Commission's proposal of 16 May 2018

Statistics on third-country nationals:

- First time asylum applicants
- Unaccompanied minors applying for asylum
- Resettlement
- More detailed `Dublin' statistics
- More detailed and frequent statistics on returns
- More detailed statistics on residence permits



### (Inter-institutional) negotiations of the European Commission

- With the EU Council (i.e. with Member States)
- With the European Parliament
- Inter-institutional negotiations
  - Political level
  - Technical level
- Currently at final stage of institutional endorsement
- Planned for EP adoption in March 2019
- Implementation since 2020



# Final statistical content (examples...)

#### 1. ASYLUM (monthly, quarterly, annual)

- UAMs / representatives of UAMs
- Types of asylum procedures
- Grounds for rejections
- Detention / alternatives to detention
- Material reception....
- 2. IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS (quarterly, annual)
  - UAMs
  - Grounds for /place of apprehension
  - Detention of returnees
- 3. RESIDENCE PERMITS (annual)
- 4. PILOT STUDIES FOR ADDITIONAL DATA
  - E.g. Cohort asylum statistics



# Thank you for your attention!

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