Recent EU legislative work on migration statistics

Regional workshop: *Strengthening the collection and use of international migration data in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*,
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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
Statistics geo-coded to the 1km² 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 managed 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 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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