GOING ON IN NORWAY NOW:

Total modernisation

AFTER DECADES OF STABILITY
Where and when

1. The Population Registration System
   The huge Modernisation Programme will be completed in 2020.

2. In a few years Statistics Norway will get a totally new IT and production system
   So far common statisticians know very little about it.
   Automatization. Fear of reduced flexibility.
   GDPR may cause troubles.
   Conclusion: Complete uncertainty
PR: Will the situation for the area “migration statistics” be different?

• No, not in principle
  ◦ Old definitions are transferred to the new legislation

• Yes, because there are a lot of changes in the context

In Norway:

• Migration is regulated by law (Population Registration Act)

• Migration = public administration
Consumers

Population registry

- Person
- Norwegian directorate of elections
- Norwegian Labour and welfare admin.
- Brønnøysund register centre (altinn)
- Norwegian tax administration
- The Norwegian mapping authority
- The Norwegian directorate of elections
- Distributor
- Ca. 2000 entities
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Increasing integration and standardisation. Growing together

Before

Now

“Total PR system”
The Population Register has strengthened its position as a hub for core population data in Norway

• The PR has been given more authority to require data and collaboration from other agencies

• A formalised division of labour between the producing agencies
  ◦ E.g. the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) has taken over the ownership of the registration of third country nationals. Rationalisation or fragmentation?

• Seamless flow of data
  ◦ from the producers to the PR, and from the PR to the consumers
  ◦ access to data in real time

• PR – a “common component in the national IT infrastructure"
Completing the digitalisation initiated in 1964

- Get rid of the remaining paper-based elements of the systems
- Automatic case processing when possible
User forum for the Population Register 2004-
Workshop 1 for elaboration of quality and control strategy. 11 June 2019
Conclusions

• Statistics Norway are definitely one of the “family members”

• It has been given the role as “quality controller”

• Even more problematic now to break away from the “family” and establish deviating definitions
  ◦ Morally, technically ...
Thank you!

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