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Lithuania supports the progress of work of the GWC on Big data for official statistics as well as the results of the global survey on Big Data strategies and projects.

We support the outcome of the 2nd global conference on Big Data for official statistics, which confirmed the progress made over the past year and the importance of Big Data as an additional data source in preparation of official statistics. In our opinion, the legal aspects and financial resources are essential conditions for starting using Big Data more intensively. In order to speed up the use of Big Data the legal basis is necessary.

Lithuania also agrees with the priorities for the programme of work of the GWG. Pilot projects related to the use of Big Data for official statistics including those on the measurement of selected SDG indicators and Training and skills, while involving more developing countries, especially through use of the Sandbox in Ireland and the Global Pulse labs for training purposes are of great importance and can assist in starting using Big Data more widely.

Moreover, the work on preparation of the Guidance on Big Data methodologies and estimation methods can be extended in order to identify possible statistical indicators which can be derived from the identified Big Data sources. In relation to this, SDG indicators are of high importance.