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The Netherlands welcomes the Report of the Working Group on Data Stewardship and has a short statement to part 33 question b the scope of data stewardship.

Due to legal restrictions and the perception of risk in using data, its use lags behind the possibilities that exist. Legal, ethical, technical and administrative certainty must be provided regarding the proper use of data, in such a way that the data can be re-used and useful information generated for government and business decision-making.

In this work, the NSOs have to improve their acquired competences, their technical strength in the field of data management, data access and data exchange, and broaden them to a function as data steward from the statistical data eco-system.

NSOs can show responsibility through good data stewardship. In the Netherlands, Statistics Netherlands is closely involved in the National Data Strategy and National AI Coalition, which include work on a federated data system. Statistics Netherlands shares its knowledge within the public sector in various areas, ranging from data access and sharing within the public sector, open data, data for AI and data ethics in the public sector. We support other governments through secondments and knowledge sharing.

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