

Access to anonymised administrative data for the purposes of research and policy analysis

Where are we 10 years after the adoption of the Hungarian Act 101 of 2007?

A workshop for the Visegrad countries and beyond

September 21-22 2017

Venue: Hotel Benczúr, 1068 Budapest, Benczúr u. 35., Hungary

Post-socialist EU Member States share a strong tradition of extensive data collection by the state, but administrative data are not systematically used to support evidence based policy making. In most cases this is mainly due to the relatively low efficiency of governance (implying that governments do not generate much demand for evaluations) and in some cases also due to overly strict legislation on personal data protection. Access to microdata may be further constrained by lack of trust between academic and government organisations as well as within the government. In Hungary, access to administrative data has improved substantially since the adoption of Act 101 in 2007.

The workshop will bring together researchers and policy analysts to assess the state of play of access to administrative data in the Visegrad and other CEE countries and to discuss what can be learnt from the Hungarian example and other, more recent initiatives. The outcomes of the discussions will be disseminated towards policy makers and other stakeholders via a policy brief and local stakeholder meetings.

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Workshop Programme

Day 1 – Thursday, September 21 2017

Venue: Hotel Benczúr, 1068 Budapest, Benczúr u. 35.

Part 1: *State of play in access to administrative data in V4 and neighbouring countries: an overview of the constraints*

9.00-10.30

Opening by **Péter Elek** (Hungarian Society of Economists - MKE)
Jan Kučera: Open data in the Czech Republic
Martin Kahanec: Slovakia
Nermin Oruč: Bosnia and Herzegovina
with brief comments from Croatia, Hungary, Poland

Coffee Break

Part 2: *Solutions to improving access: the Hungarian story and lessons from other, more recent initiatives*

10.45-12.15

Enkelejda Havari: Recent initiatives for solutions in the EU
Ágota Scharle: The legal/technical solution for admin data access in Hungary
Zsolt Németh: The researcher room of the Hungarian statistical office

Lunch Break

Part 3: *Examples of using admin data on individuals to support policy related research*

13.00-14.30

Nand Shaní: Use of unemployment registers in comparative analysis of PES performance in the Western Balkans
Paweł Wojciechowski: Use of social security data in Poland
Slavomír Hidas: Use of health insurance data for measuring outmigration in Slovakia

Coffee Break

15.00-16.30

Marta Kahancová: The use of admin data for mapping precarious work in Slovakia
János Köllő: Finding a job after imprisonment, Hungary
Jan Baran: The effectiveness of youth labour market intervention in Poland

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Day 2 – Friday, September 22 2017

Venue: Hotel Benczúr, 1068 Budapest, Benczúr u. 35.

Part 4: *Examples of using admin data on firms/regions to support policy related research.*

9.00-10.30

Vladica Janković. Databases in the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

Jiří Skuhrovec. V4 procurement data in comparison

Janez Štebe. Value added data archive service in using admin data for teaching and research in Slovenia

Martin Srholec and Vít Macháček. Using administrative data on firms for evaluation of public subsidy programmes in the Czech Republic

Coffee Break

Part 5: *The way forward*

11.00-12.30

Iga Magda. Promotion of using admin data

Group discussion on what we can do to promote the use of admin data

Closing by **Ágota Scharle** (Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis)

Speakers

Péter Elek

Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics at ELTE since 2011. Previously, he worked as a researcher and as Head of the Economic Research Division at the Hungarian Ministry of Finance between 2005 and 2009 and as Senior Economist at the Office of the Fiscal Council of Hungary in 2010. He has also been involved as senior expert in various projects in econometrics, applied statistics, impact assessment, labour, public and health economics.

Jan Kučera

Assistant Professor at the Department of Information Technologies, Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of the University of Economics, Prague. His main areas of interest are data governance and management, open government data, linked data, data cataloguing and project management. He has participated in research projects aimed at open government data and linked data as well as in several projects and consultations supporting the Czech public sector bodies in implementation of the open data agenda.

Martin Kahanec

Professor and Acting Head of the School of Public Policy at the Central European University and founder and Scientific Director of CELSI in Bratislava. He is also Affiliated Scholar at the Global Labor Organization; Centre for Population, Development and Labour Economics (POP), MERIT, United Nations University, Maastricht; and the University of Economics in Bratislava. His main research interests are labor and population economics, migration, EU mobility, ethnicity, and reforms in European labor markets.

Nermin Oruč

Founder and Director of the Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research. Co-Founder and Coordinator of the Western Balkans Migration Network. Team Leader of national team for Bosnian microsimulation model based on EUROMOD. Visiting Fellow at the International Inequalities Institute, LSE. His research interests include migration, labour market analysis, poverty and inequality.

Enkelejda Havari

Research Economist at the European Commission, Joint Research Centre. She is part of the Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation. Before joining the Commission, she was a Visiting Scholar and Lecturer at the Economics Department of Boston University where she taught courses on empirical economics. She holds a Ph.D in Econometrics and Empirical Economics from the University of Rome "Tor Vergata". Her research interests lie in the area of applied microeconometrics and impact evaluation with a special focus on labour economics, economics of education, and family economics.

Ágota Scharle

Labour economist, one of the founding partners and senior researcher of the Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis. Her recent work focuses on impact evaluation and design of social policy and active labour market policies for disadvantaged job-seekers, and the political economy of welfare reforms. She has led projects commissioned by the European Commission's DG Employment and Social Affairs, Eurofound, and the International Labour Organisation.

Zsolt Németh

Chief adviser of the President of Hungarian Central Statistical Office. He has a degree in law (University of Pécs), sociology (ELTE) urban management (EUR) and a Ph. D. degree in social geography. In 2016, he was awarded the title of honorary professor by the Senate of the Corvinus University of Budapest in recognition of his outstanding education, research and development activities carried out in the university.

Nand Shani

Team leader of the Employment and Social Affairs Platform project at the Regional Cooperation Council. Previously a programme manager at the Regional School for Public Administration, expert on economic and social development with the Regional Cooperation Council, director in the Department for the Legalization and Formalization of Extralegal Economy in the office of the Albanian Prime Minister, and an economist at the World Bank. He holds Master of Arts in Economics degree from Central European University.

Paweł Wojciechowski

Chief Economist of the Social Insurance Institution, from November 2014. Earlier he served as: Permanent Representative of Poland to the OECD, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CEO of Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency and Minister of Finance. In the years 1995-2005 he was CEO of several financial market companies, including PTE Allianz Polska for six years.

Slavomír Hidas

Senior Economist at the Institute for Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic. His policy research and publications cover labour market and welfare policy issues. His professional interests also include methods and applications of econometrics in public policy evaluation.

Marta Kahancová

Managing director of CELSI. Her research interests are in Sociology of Organizations and Work; in particular, she studies work practices and social interaction in multinational firms, industrial relations and work-related migration. Prior to her current position, she was a visiting assistant professor at the Department of Political Science, Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, a postdoctoral research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne, Germany and a lecturer at the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS) of the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

János Köllő

Research Fellow at the Institute of Labor Economics. He has a doctoral degree in sociology (1980) and a Ph.D. degree in economics (1990). Employed as a full time researcher at the Institute of Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1977-92, 1994-) and Collegium Budapest Institute for Advanced Study (1993-94), he has been engaged in the analysis of labor markets and industrial relations. He published several papers on the transformation of Central and East European labor markets in the post-communist period.

Jan Baran

Economist at IBS in Warsaw. Since 2014, he has been a PhD student at the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the Warsaw University. He has co-written publications, analyses and evaluations in the scope of public policies, the labour market and public finance. His research interests are labour economics and education mismatch.

Vladica Janković

DevInfo database administrator and data processing specialist at the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, Unit for Social Indicators. His interests also include data visualisation, gender and time use statistics and programming in the field of statistics.

Jiří Skuhrovec

CEO of Datlab, Ph.D. Candidate at the Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. He leads development in Datlab, as well as several data-driven NGO projects (monitoring of Czech and Slovak public procurement, political party financing, public sales). As a freelancer he provides IT/procurement consulting services to major Czech institutions (Ministry of Finance, Czech Statistical Office, City of Prague, National Economic Council).

Janez Štebe

Head of the Slovenian Social Science Data Archives (Arhiv družboslovnih podatkov – ADP) and a senior researcher. He lectures various social science methods classes with the emphasis on multimethod approach. He collaborates in national and international research projects dealing with the planning and development of social science research infrastructure (e.g. FP7 projects SERSCIDA, national project OPEN DATA). He also publishes scientific articles on gender role, values, employee commitment and strategic orientation of an organization in human resources management.

Martin Srholec

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Iga Magda

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