



CompNet, France Stratégie and IWH present

1st Data User Conference 2019

Call for Papers

The questions of modern-day economics warrant different approaches than those of the past. While macro-level indicators are widely available and give a broad overview over the economies in different countries, the real situation is much more heterogeneous. On different levels of aggregation different pictures emerge showing that productivity and other important determinants of economic performance can not be analyzed without understanding the underlying patterns of the distribution. This is why in empirical research the appliance of micro-level data has long since been a preferred option of scholars interested in fields like productivity, innovation, investment, trade and competitiveness. But micro-data is often hard to come by, expensive and not comparable across different countries.

Acknowledging these constraints and the high relevance of micro-funded empirical research, the Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet) provides a dataset consisting of micro-level firm data from many European Countries. It is widely used in research and policy work alike and highly regarded for making micro-level analysis across countries without firm level data possible. In most recent years the high cross-country comparability became another unique characteristic of the newest vintages of the dataset.

CompNet, France Stratégie and the **Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)**, invite submissions from users of this dataset for the **1**st **CompNet Data User Conference**. Since we are interested in the results generated out of our dataset, the possibilities it provides and the feedback users can provide us with, we explicitly seek to attract empirical papers of the highest quality utilizing one or more of the several vintages of the CompNet dataset.

The conference will take place at France Stratégie in Paris on 8th-9th October 2019.

Papers should be submitted to <u>cnp@strategie.gouv.fr</u> by the 9th August 2019. Decisions will be mailed to authors by end of August 2019.

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