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CompNet and its

Micro data

Infrastructure (MDI)

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MDI motivation - Current status with many hurdles



To do research a Researcher has to go through:

- 1. Research proposal
- 2. Data access procedure
- 3. NSI technical restrictions
- 4. Fixed costs of getting to know the data
- 5. Decisions on data handling (e.g., outliers' treatment)
- 6. Programming the code



The NSI, for each research project has to:

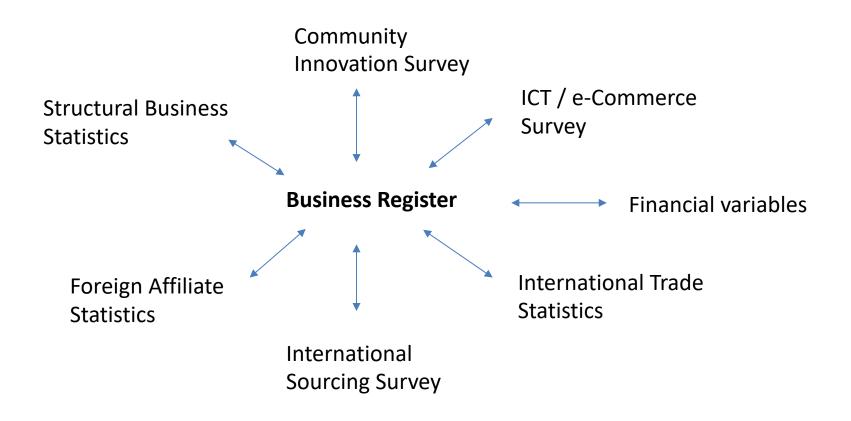
- 1. Provide access procedures
- 2. Provide dedicated assistance
- 3. Provide Microdata research support
- 4. Do a disclosure analysis
- 5. Sometimes host researchers



The resulting disclosure-free output will be used in a publication, virtually impossible to replicate in other countries after many hurdles!

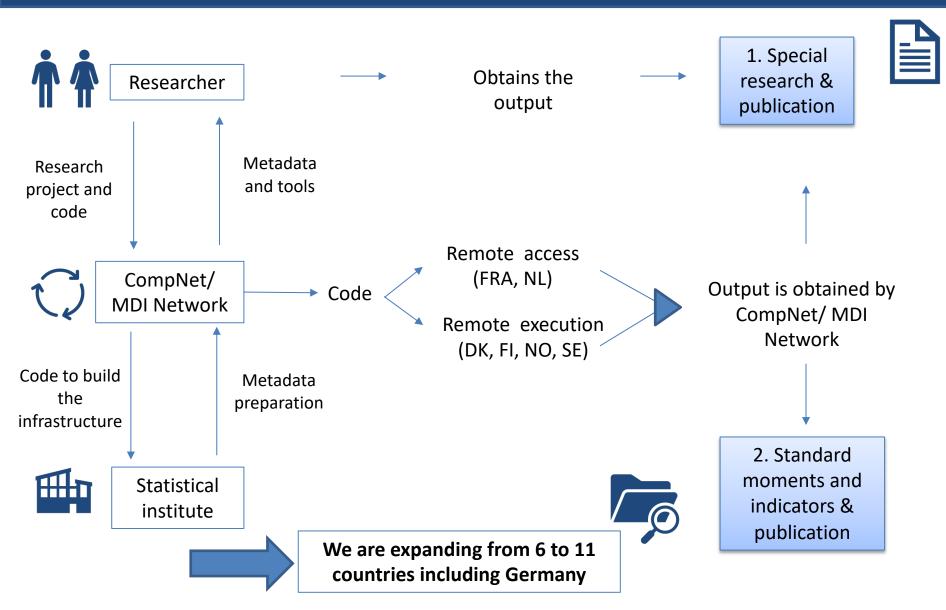
MDI – the micro data

Homogenized set of **datasets** (sourced from Eurostat tables):



- For each dataset, same list of indicators (see excel file) with Firm level data.
- Time coverage: for now 2007-2017, expanding on a country basis.

MDI architecture



CompNet research output Q1-2022

Published book on

- The Economics of Firm Productivity: Concepts, Tools, and Evidence (Altomonte, C., di Mauro, F.)
 Cambridge University press. 2022.
- Published <u>Working Paper</u> on
 - Covid-19 pandemic, state aid and firm productivity (Bighelli,T.; Lalinsky, T; Vanhala, J). 2022.

• Ongoing work on

- European Firm Concentration and Aggregate Productivity (Bighelli,T.; di Mauro, F.; Melitz, M.;
 Mertens, M.). 2021.
- Labor Market Power between-Firm Wage Inequality (Mertens, M.). 2021.
- Business dynamism in Europe (Biondi, F., Infererra, S., Mertens, M., Miranda, J.). 2022.
- Labour market power and productivity distribution (di Mauro and Mottironi). 2022.
- Intangibles, digital investments and the firm organizational strategy (Altomonte, Coali, di Mauro). 2022.



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