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Workshop on "The Promise and Challenges of Microdata Research Laboratories"
November 16 - 2015, Lisboa

Preliminary Program:

10:00 – 10:15
Welcome address

10:15 - 11.15
Session I - Portuguese microdata for research: a view from the providers
Representatives from the INE (National Institute of Statistics), the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Solidarity and Employment and the Department of Statistics of the Bank of Portugal

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee

11.30 - 12.30
Session II - Portuguese microdata for research: a view from the researchers

The Portuguese economy at your fingertips
Pedro Portugal, Banco de Portugal

The experience of the Minho Microdata Laboratory
Miguel Portela , Universidade do Minho

12.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.30
Session III - International Experiences

The DataResSS project
Frederic Udina, Statistical Institute of Catalonia (idescat)
The Italian BIRD
Andrea Aliverini, Banca D'Italia

The German RSDC
Stefan Bender, Deutsche Bundesbank

The Danish experience
Ivan Thaulow, Statistics Denmark

16.30 - 16.45 Coffee

16.45 - 17.45
Session IV - BPLIM: The Bank of Portugal Microdata Laboratory:

 Lessons and the challenges ahead
 Open discussion

Short Bios

Stefan Bender – *Stefan Bender is Head of the Research Data and Service Center of the Deutsche Bundesbank. One of his positions is vice-chair of the German Data Forum (www.ratswd.de). Before joining the Deutsche Bundesbank Bender was head of the Research Data and Service Center of the Deutsche Bundesbank Federal Employment Agency, Germany at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB), where he developed one of the worldwide leading research data centers. His research interests are data access, data quality, merging administrative, survey data and/or big data, record linkage, unemployment, management quality. He has published over 100 articles in journals like the American Economic Review or the Quarterly Journal of Economics. One of his last publications is editing together with Julia Lane, Victoria Stodden and Helen Nissenbaum (2014): Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good: Frameworks for Engagement, which was published by Cambridge University Press.*

Ivan Thaulow - *Ivan Thaulow has a M.A. (Political Science) from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He was a social researcher at the National Danish Institute of Social Research from 1985 to 2000. He was head of the Labour Market Research Unit from 2000 to 2001, and head of the Family Research Unit from 2001 to 2002. Finally, he was head of the research department on children, ethnic minorities and equal opportunities at the National Danish Institute of Social Research from 2002 to 2008. Since April 2008 he has been Head of Division, Research Services, Statistic Denmark 2008.*

Andrea Alivernini – *Senior analyst at the Statistical Analysis Directorate, where he works at the Sample Surveys Division as the head of a small unit in charge of all the phases of the surveys of firms carried out by the Bank of Italy; among the tasks of the unit, one relevant activity is the dissemination of anonymous information on firm's activity by a remote processing system called BIRD. His fields of interest are the survey of firms, tourism economics and household wealth.*

Frederic Udina – *Frederic Udina is the general manager at the Statistics Bureau of Catalonia (Idescat) since 2011 and president of the Catalan Institute of Public Policy Evaluation (Ivàlua) since 2013. Frederic is also professor in math, probability and statistics at Universitat Pompeu Fabra and at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. He holds a PhD in math from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya and a degree in math at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. He has published numerous articles, has participated in multiple international research groups and performed consulting in statistics for Morgan Stanley, among others.*

Pedro Portugal - *Pedro Portugal is currently a senior researcher at the Bank of Portugal and invited professor of economics at the Faculdade de Economia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa. His main area of interest is applied labor economics, focusing on issues of microeconomics of unemployment, unemployment compensation, wage bargaining, job security, and worker displacement. Pedro Portugal has published in the major economics and labor economics journals, including the American Economic Review, Review of Economics & Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Policy, Economica, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Human Resources, and Industrial and Labor Relations Review. He has also published in other fields, namely in Industrial Economics and Strategic Management, including the Journal of Industrial Economics, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Small Business Economics and Strategic Management Journal.*

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