# Providing Online Based Enterprise Characteristics with the Web Intelligence Hub.

**Experience of the Web Intelligence Network activities** 

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# Agenda

Background information

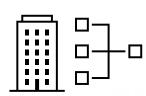
Methodology and data processing

Main findings and conclusions





# What is Online Based Enterprise Characteristics?



OBEC – term have been used since 2018



The use of a website by the enterprise to present its 'business', with extension to social media perspective.



It includes not only the existence of a website which is located on servers belonging to the enterprise or at one of the enterprise's sites, but also third party's websites.





# How can we define OBEC population?



Methodological manual for data compilers and users of the ICT survey:

A4. Does your enterprise have a website?



The population of OBEC use case consists of enterprises having website and employing 10 or more employees.





# OBEC population = URL database for WIH

#### It consists of two datasets:

- For the Web Intelligence Platform (web scraping tool with data storage Amazon OpenSearch):
  - Anonymized ID
  - Enterprise URL
  - Group to which it belongs (e.g. /OBEC)
- For further processing in Datalab (JupyterLab with Python, RStudio):
  - Business register ID
  - Anonymized ID
  - Other attributes

#### To link with business register





# What indicators OBEC can provide?

Main indicators Other indicators Social Climate User friendliness Media **Innovations** E-commerce neutrality Presence Address -Collaboration Innovative Purpose of Green GDPR policy SDG support Patents Product list Accessibility Sustainability companies social media technical and regions incubator





## List of indicators

INDICATOR	BREAKDOWN1	BREAKDOWN 2		MEASURE
Social media presence	Instagram/X/Facebook/LinkedIn/Xing/Tiktok/ k/ Pinterest/?Viadeo/?Yammer/Flickr/Instagram/Snapchat/ Slideshare/Threads/Whatsapp/Reddit/Telegram/Discord/WeChat/		Company size, Region	Present / Not in any; in specific
E-commerce	-	NACE	Company size, Region	Yes / No
Chatbot	-	NACE	Company size, Region	Yes / No
Innovation	With extension to other keywords	NACE	Company size, Region	Yes / No
Multilanguage support	-	NACE	Company size, Region	Yes / No
Extracting contact information	Phone number, e-mail address, zip code	NACE	Company size, Region	Yes / No





# What is the reason to include enterprises having 10+ employees?



Traditional questionnaire – Survey on ICT Usage and E-commerce in Enterprises



URL database (Uniform Resource Locator – website address)



Significant percentage of small enterprises does not have a website compared to larger enterprises

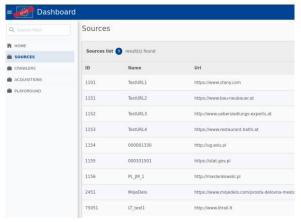


Names of small companies are usually not unique



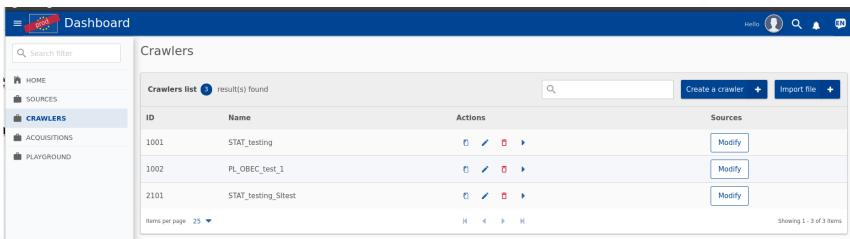


## WIP for the OBEC



#### General rules:

- one unified data storage for all countries
- each country is contributing to the list of URLs by managing and maintaining
- websites are downloaded for further data processing
- scalable data stored in NoSQL database







# Prerequisites for OBEC.

What we need to create statistics with WIH?

- Access
  - WIN WIP (<a href="https://prod.wihp.ecdp.tech.ec.europa.eu/screen/home">https://prod.wihp.ecdp.tech.ec.europa.eu/screen/home</a>)
  - WIN Datalab (<a href="https://prod.wihp.ecdp.tech.ec.europa.eu/screen/home">https://prod.wihp.ecdp.tech.ec.europa.eu/screen/home</a>)
- Scripts
  - Latest release on GitHub
  - JSON file with URLs for web scraping
- Skills (basics)
  - Python
  - Amazon OpenSearch
  - Linux





# Collecting and processing data in 6 steps

1. URL enterprises with anonymized Business Register numbers.

2. Uploading the dataset of URLs into WIP

3. Modifying necessary parameters and starting the Crawler.

4. Opening WIP – cloning the Github open code on SMP/E-commerce/Multilanguage

5. Executing the software in Python and accessing the data from Crawler already scrapped.

6. Waiting for the results and open CSV file already prepared.





# Methodological obstacles identified

## OBEC

- Target population may be unknown
- Providing the list of URLs may be difficult for selected ESS countries
- Different rules apply to websites in different countries, e.g. for some countries it is obligatory to provide tax number on the website while for others not





#### Other issues

Legal aspects

Web scraping policy

Changes in rules of sharing URL population and data by NSIs





# Main findings

- Varying legal regulations at national level in terms of the transfer of data from registers
- The inconsistency of the algorithms for data collection and processing
- The discrepancy between the data obtained with the use of different methods are among the issues under particular consideration within the TSS-WIN project





## Conclusions

Adaptation of ESSnet Big Data I, II, Eurostat work

Strict co-operation with Eurostat

Key success factor – the data on OBEC disseminated in the Eurostat Database





# Thank you!

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