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WORKING GROUP

**Regional handbook on conceptual issues and economic
administrative registers for statistical purposes**

Progress report

Objectives

- **Main objective**

To develop a **handbook** with guidelines on the use of economic administrative registers for statistical purposes, which integrates the best statistical practices and computer tools of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim that the countries work under standardized and harmonized criteria in the leverage of registers for statistical production.

- **Specific objectives**

- To build conceptual definitions and methodologies to produce official statistics based on administrative registers mainly oriented on business registers.
- To share the best practices of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean related to the statistical use of economic administrative data to strengthen business registers and the production of economic statistics.
- To provide general guidelines that support the construction of the economic statistics infrastructure from business registers.

Final document progress

N°	Activity	Progress Level (%)	Date	Comments
1	Design of the conceptual and methodological handbook	100%	Jul-Aug. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the initial conceptual framing chapters. • Distribution of responsibilities and formation of the two sub-working groups. • Review of GSBPM by participating countries.
2	Identification of administrative data	100%	Aug. – Sept 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection, analysis and documentation of experiences and backgrounds from countries in the region
3	Conceptual definitions of administrative data and other related concepts.	100%	Sept –Nov 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the contents of the methodological handbook
4	Preparation of the conceptual and methodological document.	100%	Nov 2020 - Feb 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodological document prepared, consolidated and revised by the coordinating countries Mexico and Colombia.
5	Review of the handbook	80%	Feb-Mar 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document is under review by participating countries and ECLAC.
6	Review from ECLAC	--	Apr 2021	

Main obstacles experienced

- Different conceptual terms. Despite the fact that the participating countries are Spanish-speaking, there are concepts that are identified in different ways, which has made the glossary of concepts inclusive.
- Delays in delivery times. In some cases, the delivery times in the development of the chapters caused delays in the process, so that at the time of consolidation and review, little time has been available.

Best practices implemented

- The handbook developed recommends the establishment of an Economic Administrative Registers System based primarily on four good practices:
- The register-based approach proposed by Anders and Britt Wallgren as a vision to be considered by the countries of the region.
- Business Statistical Registers, as the backbone of economic statistics generation processes.
- Generic Model of the Statistical Process (GSBPM) as a proposal for the formation of the System of Economic Administrative Data.
- Each chapter includes good practices with the intention of presenting how some countries in the region have faced the challenges of statistically leveraging economic administrative data.

Next steps

Activity	Date
Submission of the draft handbook to ECLAC	24 th of March 2021
Review of additional chapters and comments	April – May 2021
Edition of the revised handbook	June 2021
Presentation of the handbook final version to ECLAC	July 2021