

Outsourcing IT functions in statistical organisations reflections

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Official statistics and IT

Role of official statistics

- One of the most important players in the data economy and on the data market
- Statistical organisations collect and manage vast amount of information to serve different user needs.
- Naturally, all these data are managed in databases and by various IT systems.
- IT is an integral part of the official statistical organisation, not a "technical perspective of the work".



Outsourcing: things you must consider

- **►**Loss of trust
- > Threat to professional independence & insight
- ➤ Loss of architectural safeguards
- >Threat to maintain authority over data assets
- > Challenges of timeliness and quick responsiveness



So... which way to go?



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In my opinion...

- Do NOT outsource IT functions without solutions to manage the critical risks (if managing these risks is a possibility)
- Outsourcing is not a recommended way ahead.
- Might do more harm than good.



Grazie mille!

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