

## **Impact and benefits of micro-databases' integration on the statistics of the Banco de Portugal**

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Data are critically important to good decision-making. In an increasingly complex economy, conventional data collecting schemes are no longer sufficient. To deal with the challenge of maintaining its statistics relevant to the users in an ever-shifting environment, the *Banco de Portugal* decided to explore the largely unused statistical potential of the available micro-databases and to integrate the existing administrative and survey data, thus enhancing the basic information infrastructure while protecting confidentiality. This presentation will address the benefits and problems to be dealt with when two or more data-sources are to be integrated.

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