# Standardization brings efficiencies

On realizing efficiency benefits by embedding SDMX and other standards in the statistics production lifecycle

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#### What has SDMX ever done for us?



SDMX lubricates the exchange of statistical data and metadata **between institutions** by defining a **common standard** 

sdmx

#### What does SDMX standardize?



#### Restricted

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# Are there any **disbenefits** to adopting standards like SDMX within institutions ?



#### Critical success factors

Choose the right standard(s)

SDMX doesn't solve all problems

- A combination of standards may work best for different stages in the data lifecycle
- Data Document Initiative (**DDI**) for surveys
- **XBRL / DPM** for supervisory use cases

# Pace of change

Adopting standards like SDMX requires changes to internal practice and tech

- Choose a realistic pace
- Move one data domain at a time to allow the new standards to bed in
- Consider the institution's 'change elasticity'

#### Conclusion

- SDMX is proven to lubricate data exchange **between** institutions
- But can also improve the efficiency of the statistics production lifecycle **within** institutions by removing internal data and metadata silos by enabling common data modelling
- A robust system of **metadata governance** is also required to maximise benefits
- SDMX may not be perfect for all lifecycle stages consider blending with other standards e.g. DDI, XBRL / DPM
- **Pace the change** when adopting new internal standards

Thank you

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