Goals and organisation of the User Group

**Workshop User Group sdcTools**

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**Background**
- Statistical Disclosure Control is essential part of the statistical process
- Need to protect the privacy of our respondents when disseminating statistical output
- Disclosure risk versus information loss

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**Background**
- Need for tools to apply SDC methods
- Beginning of 90’s start development of mu- and tau-argus
- Mid 90’s collaboration different NSIs + universities
  - Start development sdcMicro 2007
  - Start development sdcTable 2008

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**Background**

*European projects:*
- SDC-project (1996-1998)
- CENEX (2006)
- ESSNet SDC (2011)
- Data without Boundaries (2011 – 2015)
- Argus Open Source (2012 – 2014)
- FPA on SDC (2014 – 2018)

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**Overview SDC tools**
- Tabular data protection
  - Tau-argus
  - sdcTable
- Microdata protection
  - Mu-argus
  - sdcMicro/sdcMicroGUI

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Overview SDC tools

- Similar/equal methods
- Harmonise methods?
- Harmonise use?
- Different (G)UIs are in use by different NSIs
  - Each has its own merit
- All Open Source

SGA User Support

- Under FPA on SDC:
  - SGA "User Support for and maintenance of SDC tools"
  - Harmonise underlying methods
  - Financing for bug fixing, development, support
  - User support
    - Help Desk portal
    - User Group

Governance structure

User Group

- One User Group for all sdc Tools
- Goals:
  - Testing software
  - Reporting bugs
  - Exchange information and good practices
  - Suggest improvements and desired new features

User Group

- Testing
  - Indirectly by using the software
  - Sometimes directly (major new releases)
    - Will be asked
    - Can volunteer

User Group

- Reporting bugs
  - Strange or unexpected behaviour
  - Report via Help Desk Portal
  - Core developers will assess issues
    - Bug versus feature 😊
    - (G)UI versus method
User Group

- Exchange information
  - Improve experience
  - Information on practical issues
  - Work around by other users
  - Solution by other users

User Group

- Improvements
  - Production versus developers environment
  - Suggestions from "real" users
    - Improvements (G)UI and/or methods
    - New features
  - Steering Group decides on future releases
    - Generality of desired feature
    - Available resources

User Group

- Become member on JoinUp site
- Join mailing list
  - sdctools@joinup.ec.europa.eu

User Support Help Desk Portal


Questions?