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Subject: Review of the Directive on the re-use of public sector information (PSI Directive)

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Dear Mr Viola

On behalf of Statistics Denmark I hereby submit a contribution to the review of the Directive on the re-use of public sector information (PSI Directive).

Denmark has come a long way re-using public sector information for statistical purposes, and within the statistical community, Denmark has a strong and very positive reputation for being able to produce high quality statistics based on administrative sources. A positive side effect is the minimal burden for both companies and individual persons and households.

In recent years we have tried to establish new or renew existing statistical products by using new data sources. These data could often fall under the heading "Big data", and they often reside within private companies (e.g. data on electricity consumption, use of mobile devices, or payment cards). Getting access to these data for statistical purposes has been cumbersome, not so much because the companies are not willing to share, but mainly because they are uncertain about what they are allowed to share. And as a consequence, they often opt for the safe solution, namely to not grant access for statistical purposes. We think that the review of the Directive should address this very clearly.

Please note that Statistics Denmark is also supporting the position paper submitted by the European Statistical System.

Yours sincerely,



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