**UNECE High-level Group for the  
Modernisation of Official Statistics**

**Activity Business case for Data Integration Workshop**

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| This business case was prepared by the Data Integration Project and is submitted to the HLG-MOS for their approval. |

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| **1 Purpose** | | | |
| By the end of 2017, the Data Integration Project will complete the development of a Guide to Data Integration for Official Statistics. The guide provides information about current and developing data integration activities in official statistics organisations. To ensure the work remains relevant and useful, it is proposed that a Workshop on Data Integration is held to promote and advance data integration practices. | | | |
| **2 Description of the activity** | | | |
| The workshop will:   * bring together experts, practitioners and participants from organisations seeking capability development * discuss the main areas where organisations believe further capability development in data integration is required (the Data Integration Survey will provide data for this purpose) * repeat the Data Integration Survey and Request for Case Studies before the workshop | | | |
| **3 Alternatives considered** | | | |
| Alternatives to the proposed activity could be:   * no action: This is not ideal as data integration continues to be an important topic for statistical organisations * requesting suggested updates to the guide via the wiki although this may not encourage as much interaction and sharing of experience. | | | |
| **4 Expected Benefits** | | | |
|  | | | Reduced costs |
|  | | | Increased efficiency |
|  | | | Reduced risks |
|  | | | New capabilities to meet user needs |
| Justification:   |  | | --- | | If the guide is actively promoted, used and updated by many countries it will support exchange and alignment of approaches in data integration, support capability development in organisations and save resources. | | | | |
| **5 Type of Activity** | | | |
|  | | New activity | |
|  | | Extension of existing activity | |
|  | | Other *(specify below)* | |
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| **6 Which key priorities in the HLG-MOS Strategic Framework does the proposed project relate to?** | | | |
|  | Take cost out of our organisations to reinvest in more value added areas | | |
|  | Explore new areas collectively and leverage each other’s' research investments in specific areas | | |
|  | Provide whole of government data ecosystems based on international standards, for better estimates in key policy areas | | |
|  | Renew our governance and operating processes | | |
| Justification:  The benefits to be obtained from the investment in the Data Integration project are directly related to how the outputs from the project are used and sustained. | | | |
| **7 How does the proposed activity relate to other activities under the HLG-MOS?** | | | |
| The proposed activity provides a way to sustain the work of the Data Integration Project without continuing the project and an opportunity to support practical use cases for other Modernstats activities. | | | |
| **8 Proposed start and end dates** | | | |
| The Workshop should in held in 2018 or 2019 to maintain momentum | | | |
| **9 Expected costs** | | | |
| An organising committee of experts working virtually | | | |