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## Ongoing European improvements:

- **NACE revision**
- **Structural Business Statistics Regulation :**
  - detailed activity breakdown for services
  - product information for business services
  - enterprise demography
- **Foreign Affiliates Trade Statistics Regulation**
- **CPA revision**

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## Current gaps in services statistics:

- **Producer prices**
- **Product information**
- **Measurement of productivity**

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## At a cross road?

- Approaching a balanced coverage
- From a sectoral to a horizontal approach
- Identification of horizontal themes:
  - Knowledge-based economy
  - Internationalisation of services
  - Competitiveness of the services sector

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## **Knowledge-based economy**

- Blurred borderlines between services and manufacturing
- Interactions between suppliers and clients
  - **Inter-enterprise relations, networking**
  - **Demand for Services**
- Knowledge Management

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## Internationalisation of services

- International sourcing
  - Development of a methodological framework
  - Launching a dedicated survey
- Cross-border Trade
  - Dedicated survey on trade in services in the Internal Market
  - Pilot surveys on inward and outward FATS

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## Competitiveness

- Services productivity
  - Measurement issues
  - Case studies
- Enterprise dynamics
  - Factors of business success

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## Issues for discussion:

- Which topics – based on your national agenda – do you consider the most important ones for the future development of services statistics?
- Do you consider it more beneficial for the development of the identified gaps in services statistics (e.g. producer prices, products) to focus the future work of the VG on these topics?
- In case, how to address the horizontal issues in the future?