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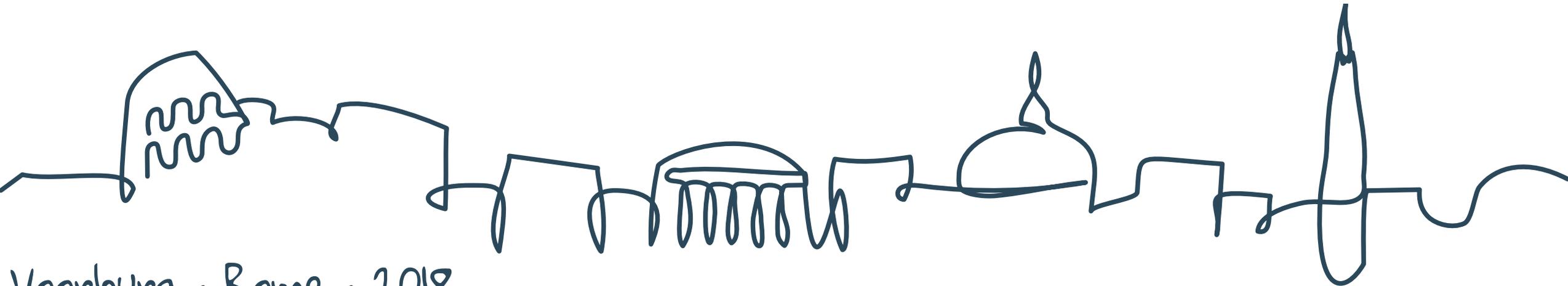
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Introductions and Agenda Overview

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VG Ground Rules

PARTICIPATE AND DISCUSS

VG meetings are an open forum for interaction and discussion; papers/presentations meant to stimulate discussion

LEARN AND SHARE

We are here to learn from each other at some level and to make contributions to our development of BEST PRACTICES – we believe the best way to learn is to observe, participate, and exchange with one another

VALUE AND RESPECT

Value and respect for contributions of all members of VG; differences of opinion & critiques are welcome but should always be given in a constructive and respectful manner

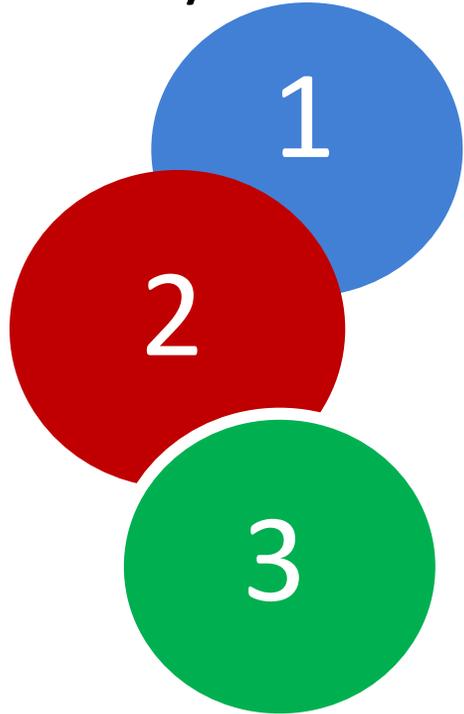
REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY

Country papers and presentations are representative of your country's practices and/or methodological approach– remember that your contributions live on and remain accessible on the VG website



Introductions of meeting participants

We will now go around the room and ask each of you to introduce yourselves:



- Your name
- Organization
- Current role

How long you have been a member of the VG (welcome to all of our new members!)

The most important thing you want to get out of this year's meeting



Agenda

- ① Country coverage of services
 - VG Country Progress Reports
 - Status of Price Statistics Compilation in 196 Economies
 - International Comparisons of SPPIs
- ② Sector and revisited sector papers → Present key methodological guidelines for development and product of service sector/industry covered
Intended as reference material
Represent culmination of individual country industry papers/ presentations from previous meeting or update of previously covered sector paper
 - Investment Banking 64.9
 - Telecommunications
 - Architects and Engineering Services
- ③ Issues papers → Summarizes the challenges of a cross-cutting topic or industry for which the Group has less experience or more questions than solutions.
Intended as documentation of the Group's collective knowledge of a subject until more experience is gained for a Sector or Guidance paper
 - Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
 - E-commerce
- ④ Country industry papers/presentations → Follows the Content Development Framework
Summarizes the practices of the country in the measurement of a specific industry.
Accompanied by a 10 minute presentation on the industry/products within your country and specific issues or points to highlight for discussion
("Mini-presentations")
 - Data processing, hosting and related activities
 - Wholesale Trade



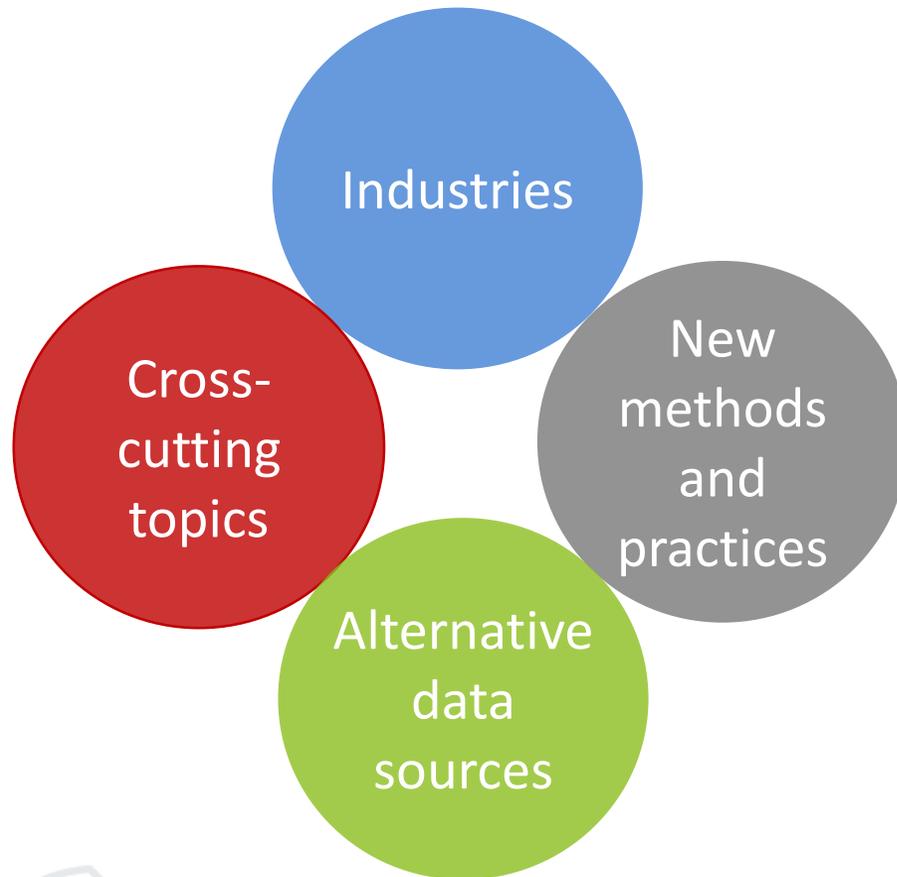
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- ⑤ Cross-cutting topics 
 - Intermediaries in the provision of services
 - Practical aspects of profiling and collecting data on large complex enterprises
 - Modern methods (demos)
 - Quality adjustment methods for digital services
 - Export of services
- ⑥ Future agenda and VG strategic plan
- ⑦ Report on Task Forces
 - Content Development Framework (CDF)
 - Website and communications
- ⑧ Country Day Wednesday
- ⑨ VG planning session on Friday morning

Describes an issue or topic as it relates to measurement of output/prices along with any solutions, best practices or lessons learned by author country.



Future Agenda



- Prior to the meeting, John sent an e-mail looking for country input to the future work of the group. We will share that feedback and gather more input this afternoon.
- Please keep those questions in mind as we move through this week's agenda and keep adding to the wish list.
- Later in the week we will seek your input on priorities for the list of future agenda topics.
- Friday morning, the preliminary agenda for next year's meeting will be announced and work for next year will be assigned. Start thinking about what your country might be able to contribute next year.

Thank you

Your active participation and exchange of ideas is critical to the ongoing success of the Group.

Grazie

- Thank you to our hosts, National Institute of Statistics, Istat
- Thank you to all our presenters, session leaders, discussants, note takers and contributors to the many papers and presentations
- Thank you to our VG Secretary, the VG Bureau and the leaders and participants of VG task forces
- Thank you to all of you for your preparation, taking time to spend the week with us, and for your active participation throughout the coming week