

## Data availability and governance of official statistics in Austria

We discuss the current status in Austria regarding data availability and governance of official statistics. Strengths and potential weaknesses of the status quo are analyzed. Potential remedies and proposed ideas such as an Austrian Microdata Center at Statistics Austria are discussed. A special focus is on economic and social data and on the role of data as the foundation of evidence-based policy making, in particular during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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