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New Experience and Challenges in Population and Housing Census in Latvia 2021

2021.gada Tautas un mājokļu skaitīšanas
jaunā pieredze un izaicinājumi

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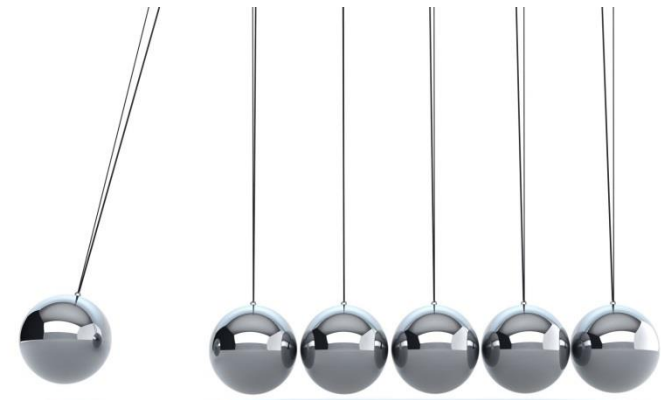
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How It Started

Order of the Cabinet of Ministers (2.06.2015) approves **design and organisation** of the 2021 Population and Housing Census

- Census is based on the information available in administrative data sources
- Or administrative data are supplemented with available survey data, if needed

Thus, bringing Latvia to the group of (13 EU) countries that conducts **fully registers based Census**





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Main benefits for this approach

- **Financial** gain – Census costs have significantly decreased
- Facilitates the **motivation to explore** wider use of available administrative data for official statistics
- **Reduce risks** of low response rates
- More **timely data** published
 - number of population and its characteristics – 2Q2021
 - family and households indicators – 3Q2021
 - housing indicators – 4Q2021





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Benefits - continued



- **Better** data quality (more precise industry by NACE classification and occupation by ISCO classification)
- **Timely** readiness for future data needs
 - ability to provide yearly data as requested by the Regulation of EU Social statistics (IESS regulation) without extra data collection



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Challenges

- Investments in **technological** solutions
- Soak up **international** experiences
- Bold actions towards methodological **improvements** – expert work on data evolution, imputation methods, new population estimation method
- Raising professional **competences**





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Quality of administrative data

- Inter-ministerial **working group** established to supervise data quality improvement actions during the preparatory phase
- Yearly informative report submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers to highlight the **progress** made in preparation for Census 2021
- Bilateral **agreements** signed with every administrative data holder with special emphasis on **quality** issues
- Special unit introduced in the CSB structure with main function to internally coordinate work with individual level administrative data. All those data are stored in specially dedicated **Social Statistics Data Warehouse**





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Coming soon



Special section on new CSB web page will provide detailed information on Population and Housing Census in Latvia, including FAQ



Save the date!

28 May 2021 – International Conference on Census 2021, organised by the CSB of Latvia.

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