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# **USING A MAP OF SHORT-TERM STATISTICS IN THE PROCESS OF ORGANIZING BUSINESS SURVEYS**

# Inspiration

- disproportion between demand and supply on the information market

more, faster, higher quality, more details

- the need to change the functional model of statistics

cost reduction, respondent burden reduction, a change in the overall coordination of surveys, forms integration

- reluctance to change in statistical offices

complex and extensive surveys, internal connections between surveys, the need to ensure data coherence and continuity, poor knowledge of modern statistical techniques

- the need for detailed information about the whole survey system

# A map of a system of statistical surveys



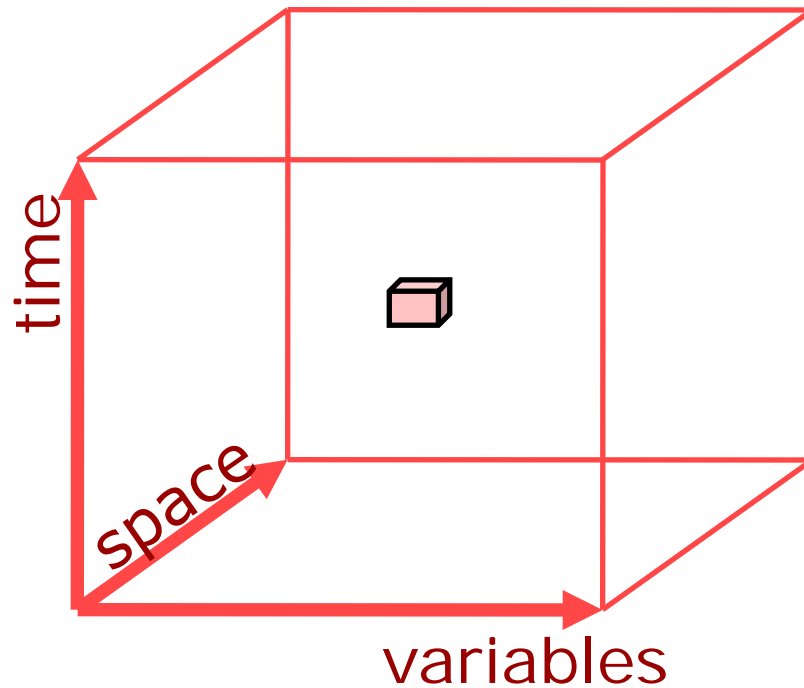
# What is a map of a system of statistical surveys?

Generalized, integrated and ordered description of statistical surveys including the following elements:

- **Basic information about surveys** containing: survey scope, target population, survey frequency, survey administration date, data collection methods, survey implementation.
- A description of **input data (X)** – sources and forms of data; input variables, quality assessment criteria (number of refusals, missing data, error estimates).
- A description of **survey results (Y)** i.e. the format (raw data, adjusted seasonally or on a working day basis, trend), form of presentation (indicator, absolute value), date and place of releasing data or making them available.
- A description of the **transformation of input data into results**, which is essential for further, more in-depth analyses.

# Data cube

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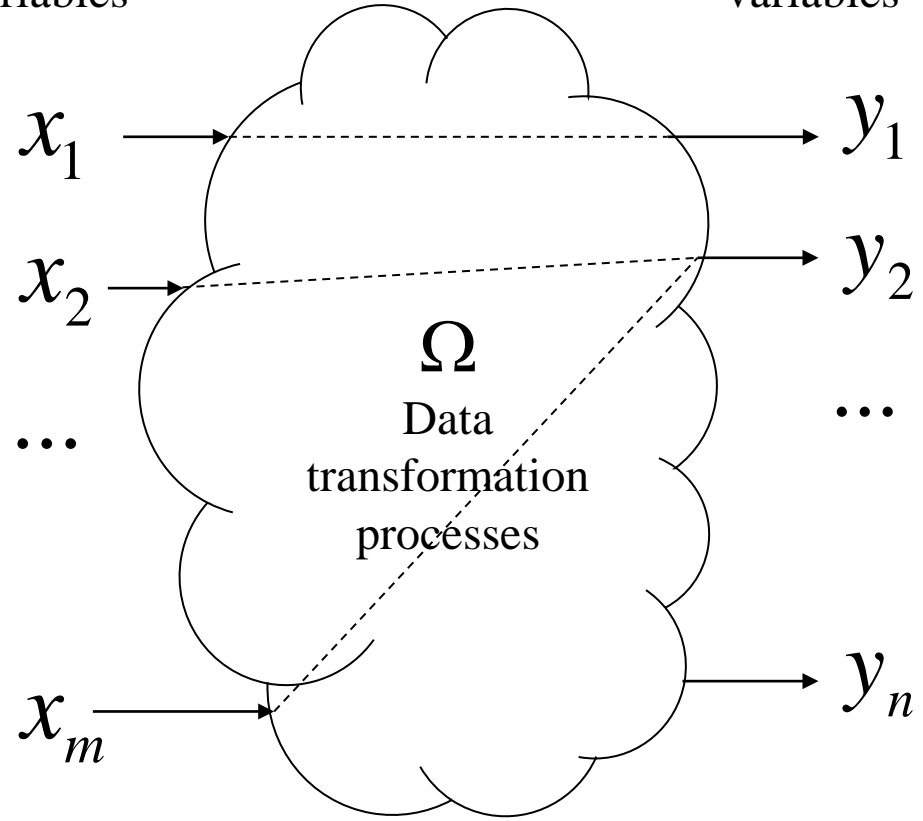


sections, divisions, classes...

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$X$   
input  
variables

$Y$   
output  
variables



## Matrix of Transformation

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & \dots & m_{1j} & \dots & m_{1n} \\ \dots & & m_{ij} & & \dots \\ & & \dots & & \\ m_{m1} & \dots & m_{mj} & \dots & m_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

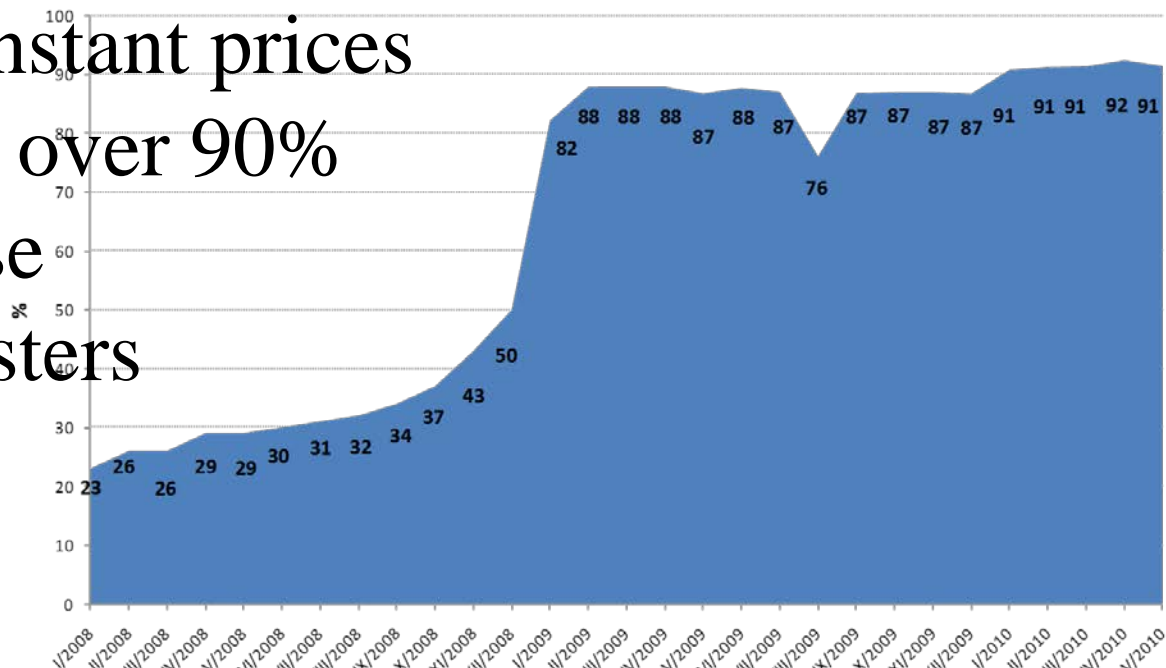
$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & , \text{ when input variable } x_i \text{ is used to estimate the value of variable } y_j \\ \mathbf{0} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Implementation of short-term statistics in Poland



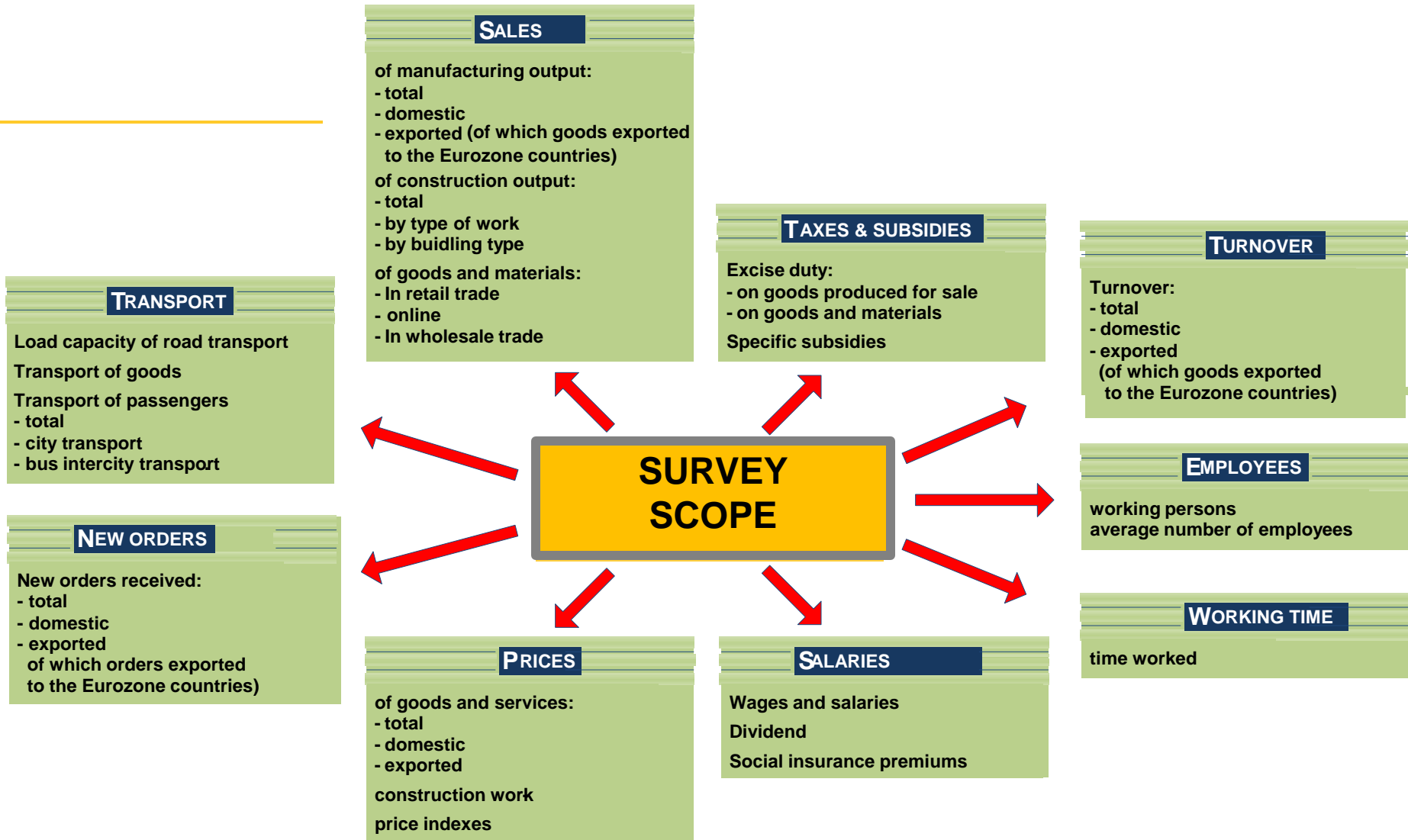
# DG1 survey

- business activity report
- the basic source of short-term information about economic activity of businesses
- covers only enterprises with over 9 employees
- timeliness – 5th day after the end of each month
- current prices, constant prices
- digital reporting - over 90%
- efforts made to use administrative registers



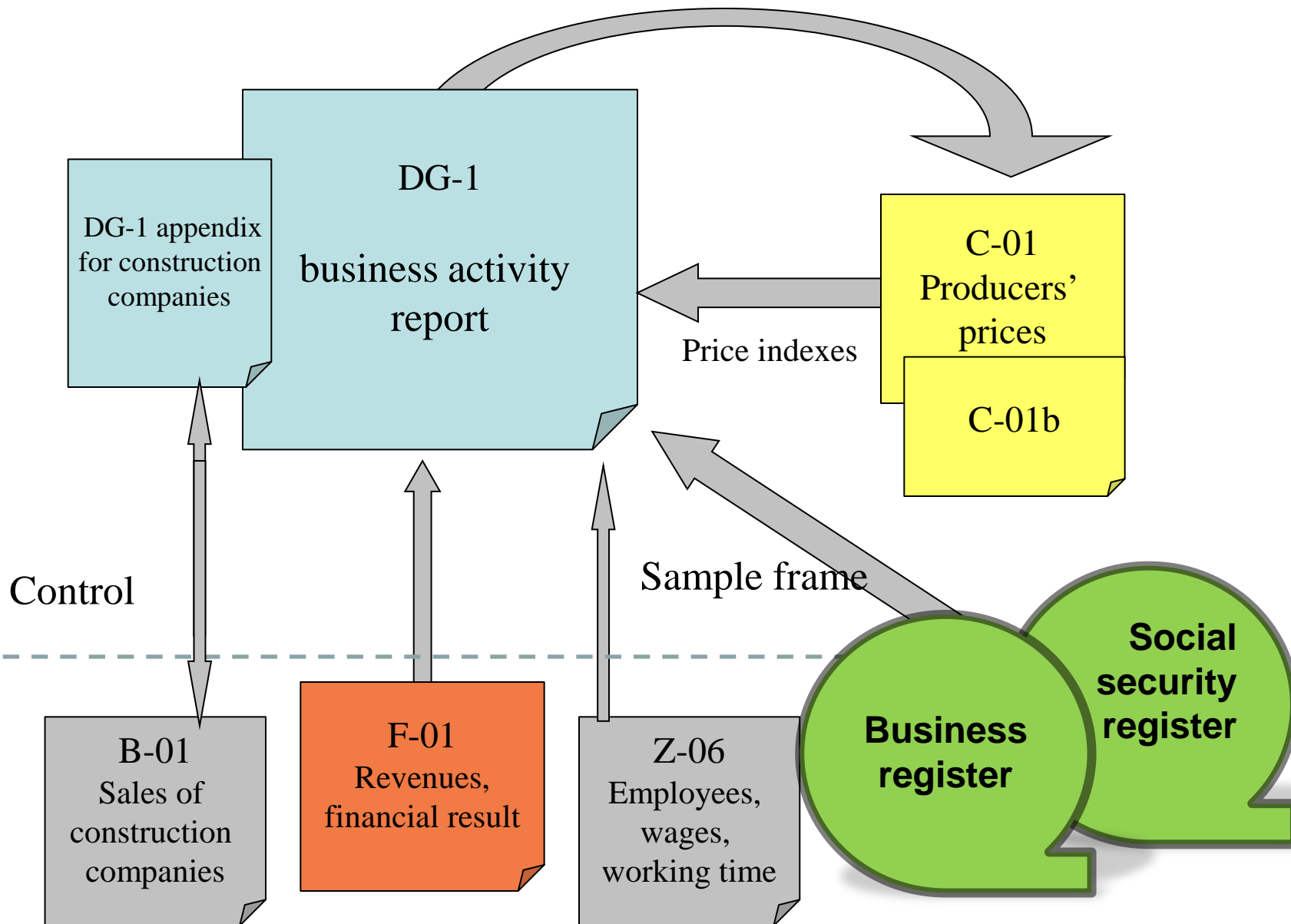
# DG-1 SURVEY SCOPE

## BY THEME

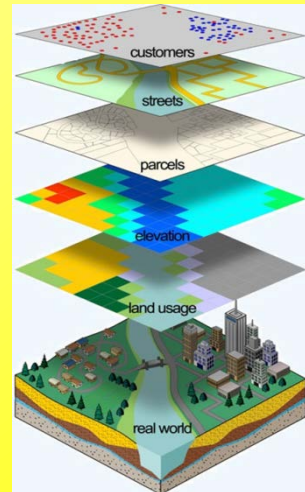


## Short Term Statistics

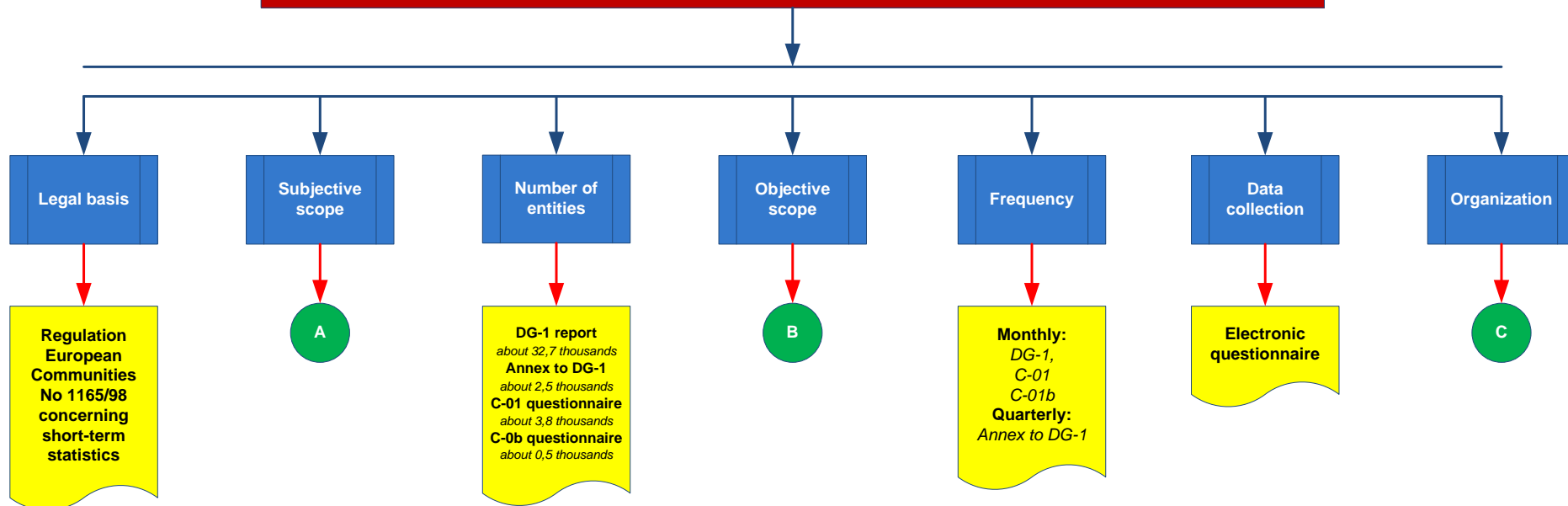
Weights to calculate  
higher level aggregates



# A Map of Short-term Statistics



# A MAP OF SHORT-TERM STATISTICS



**A** **SUBJECTIVE SCOPE**

Legal persons, organizational entities without legal personality and natural persons conducting economic activity, employing more than 9 persons. Self-financing units, not being budgetary entities or budgetary plants.

Entities classified according to Nace Rev.2:

**DG-1 report:**

- Section B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, N, R
- Section M (excluding divisions: 72, 75)
- Division: 02, 95, 96
- Class: 03, 11

**Annex to DG-1**

- Section F

**C-01 questionnaire**

- Section A (division: 02, 03)
- Section B, C, D, E, H
- Section J (division 61)

**C-01b questionnaire**

- Section F

**B** **OBJECTIVE SCOPE**

**Sale**

**Turnover**

**Taxes and subsidies**

**Number of persons employed**

**Hours worked**

**Gross wages and salaries**

**Prices**

**New orders**

**Transport /complementary data/**

**C** **ORGANIZATION**

**Vovoidship stage** – Statistical Office in Poznań according to following organization:

**Short-term Statistics Centre in Poznań:**  
vovoidships: wielkopolskie, mazowieckie, dolnośląskie

**Branch in Kalisz:**  
vovoidships : śląskie, lubuskie, warmińsko-mazurskie, opolskie

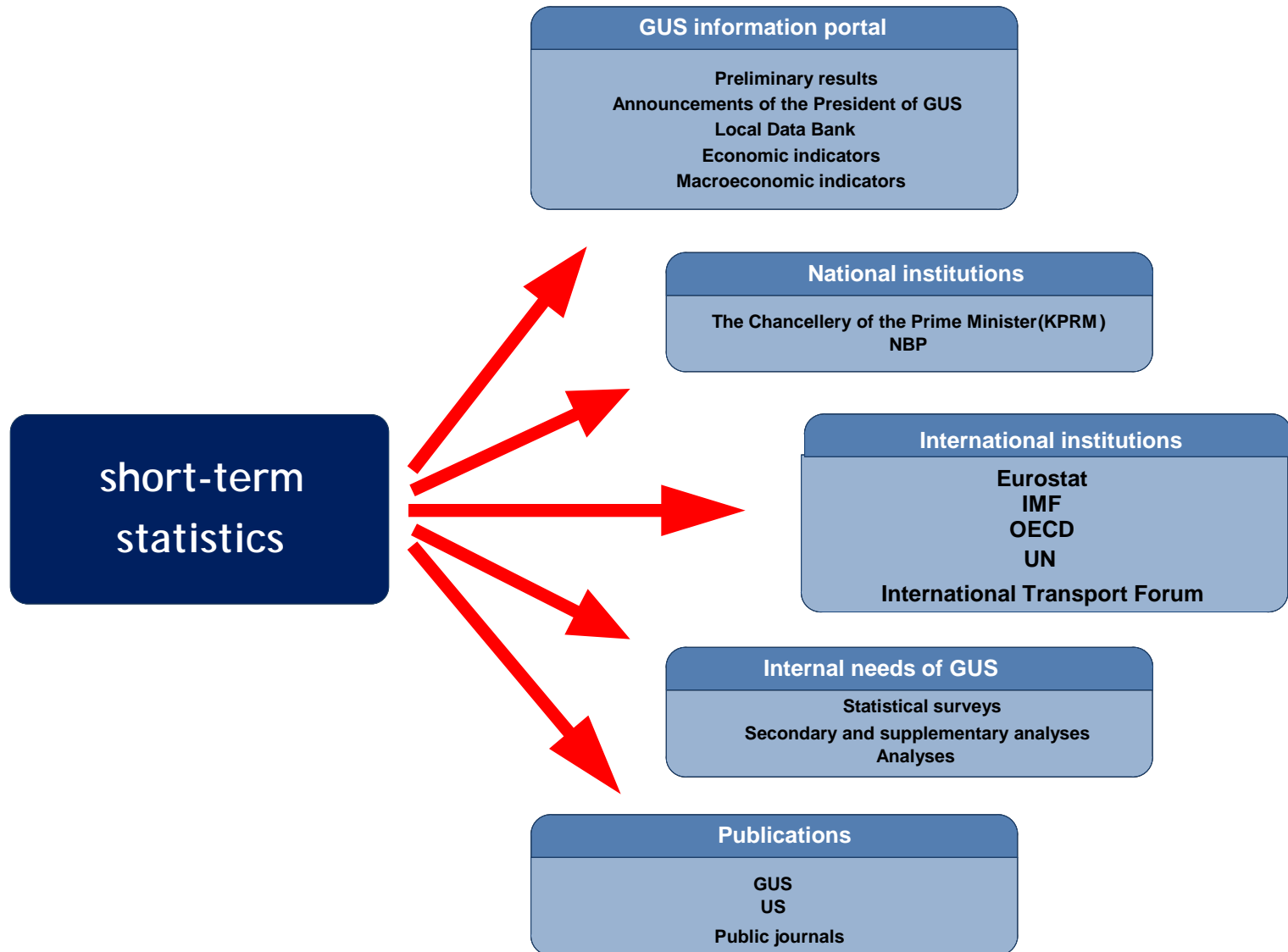
**Branch in Konin:**  
vovoidships: lubelskie, świętokrzyskie, zachodnio-pomorskie, podlaskie

**Branch in Kościan:**  
vovoidships: małopolskie, łódzkie

**Branch in Piła:**  
vovoidships: podkarpackie, kujawsko-pomorskie, pomorskie

**General stage – Central Statistical Office:**  
*Programming and Coordination of Statistical Surveys Department, Enterprises Department, Production Department, Social Surveys and Living Conditions Department, Demographic Surveys and Labour Market Department, Trade and Services Department.*

# Destinations for short-term data



# INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

## OUTPUT VARIABLES BY DOMAIN

Domain	Output variable	International institutions				
		ECMT	Eurostat	IMF	OECD	UN
Industry	<i>New orders</i>		✓			
	<i>Domestic new orders</i>		✓			
	<i>Non-domestic new orders</i>		✓			
	<i>Turnover</i>		✓			
	<i>Domestic turnover</i>		✓			
	<i>Non-domestic turnover</i>		✓			
	<i>Sold production of industry</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<i>Price indices of sold production of industry</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
	<i>Price indices of sold production of industry on domestic market</i>		✓			✓
<i>Price indices of sold production of industry on non-domestic market</i>		✓				
Construction	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production</i>		✓		✓	✓
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of buildings</i>		✓			
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of civil engineering</i>		✓			
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of new residential buildings</i>		✓			
Retail trade	<i>Turnover in retail trade</i>		✓			
	<i>Retail sales of goods</i>				✓	
	<i>Deflator of sales</i>		✓			
Services	<i>Turnover in services</i>		✓			
	<i>Price indices of services</i>		✓			
Employment, wages and salaries	<i>Hours worked</i>		✓			
	<i>Persons employed</i>		✓			
	<i>Persons employed in industry</i>				✓	
	<i>Average monthly wages and salaries in industry</i>			✓		
	<i>Average paid employment in industry</i>			✓		
	<i>Average monthly wages and salaries in enterprise sector</i>				✓	
	<i>Gross wages and salaries</i>		✓			

# STS INDICATORS FOR EUROSTAT

## THE DATE OF TRANSFERRING DATA BY POLAND AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

Domein	Output variable	Month				Quarter	
		30 days	35 days	45 days	60 days	60 days	90 days
Industry	<i>New orders</i>	✓					
	<i>Domestic new orders</i>	✓					
	<i>Non-domestic new orders</i>	✓					
	<i>Turnover</i>	✓					
	<i>Domestic turnover</i>	✓					
	<i>Non-domestic turnover</i>	✓					
	<i>Sold production of industry</i>	✓ <sup>1)</sup>				✓ <sup>2)</sup>	
	<i>Price indices of sold production of industry</i>			✓			
	<i>Price indices of sold production of industry on domestic market</i>		✓				
<i>Price indices of sold production of industry on non-domestic market</i>		✓					
Construction	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production</i>	✓					
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of buildings</i>	✓					
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of civil engineering</i>	✓					
	<i>Sale of construction and assembly production of new residential buildings</i>				✓		
Retail trade	<i>Turnover in retail sales</i>	✓					
	<i>Deflator of sales</i>	✓					
Services	<i>Turnover in services</i>					✓	
	<i>Price indices of services</i>						✓
Employment, wages and salaries	<i>Hours worked</i>						✓
	<i>Employed persons</i>				✓		
	<i>Gross wages and salaries</i>				✓		



# NATIONAL OUTPUT VARIABLES – FOR THE BUSINESS SECTOR

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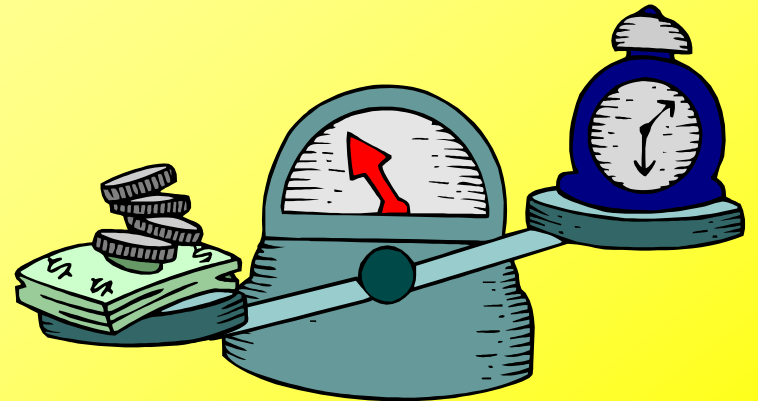
Blok tematyczny	Zmienna wynikowa	Dzienniki Urzędowe		Publikacje GUS				Portal informacyjny GUS		
		Dziennik Urzędowy RP "Monitor Polski"	Dziennik Urzędowy GUS	Informacja o sytuacji społeczno-gospodarczej kraju	Biuletyn Statystyczny	Ceny w gospodarce narodowej	Ceny robót budowlano-montażowych i obiektów budowlanych	komunikaty i obwieszczenia Prezesa GUS	Wyniki wstępne	Wybrane miesięczne wskaźniki makroekonomiczne
Ceny	Wskaźnik cen producentów w przemyśle na rynku krajowym				✓					
	Wskaźnik cen produkcji sprzedanej przemysłu			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
	Wskaźnik cen produkcji sprzedanej wyrobów przemysłowych					✓				
	Wskaźnik cen obiektów budowlanych						✓			
	Wskaźnik cen produkcji budowlano-montażowej		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Wskaźnik cen robót budowlano-montażowych						✓			
	Wskaźnik cen produkcji usług				✓	✓				✓
Sprzedaż	Produkcja sprzedana przemysłu			✓	✓				✓	✓
	Wydajność pracy w przemyśle			✓						
	Sprzedaż produkcji budowlano-montażowej			✓	✓				✓	✓
	Sprzedaż produkcji budowlano-montażowej wg charakteru robót			✓						
	Sprzedaż detaliczna towarów			✓	✓					✓
	Sprzedaż hurtowa towarów			✓	✓					
	Sprzedaż usług			✓						
Obroty	Obroty w handlu detalicznym				✓					✓
Nowe zamówienia	Nowe zamówienia				✓					✓
	Nowe zamówienia niekrajowe				✓					
Transport /dane uzupełn./	Przewozy ładunków			✓	✓					
	Przewozy pasażerów			✓	✓					
Pracujący	Pracujący w sektorze przedsiębiorstw				✓					
	Przeciętne zatrudnienie w sektorze przedsiębiorstw			✓	✓				✓	✓
Wynagrodzenia	Przeciętne miesięczne wynagrodzenie w sektorze przedsiębiorstw	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
	Przeciętne miesięczne realne wynagrodzenie w sektorze przedsiębiorstw			✓	✓					✓
	Przeciętne miesięczne wynagrodzenie w sektorze przedsiębiorstw bez wypłat z zysku	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	

# TRANSFORMATION MATRIX

## MANUFACTURING

Q u e s t i o n n a i r e	Input variable	Output variable														
		New orders	Domestic new orders	Non-domestic new orders	New orders to the euro zone	Turnover	Domestic turnover	Non-domestic turnover	Domestic turnover to the euro zone	Sold production at constant prices - preliminary results	Sold production at constant prices - final results	Sold production at current prices	Labour productivity at current prices	Labour productivity at constant prices		
DG-1	<i>Net revenues from the sale of products</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓						
	<i>Net revenues from the sale of products to the euro zone</i>									✓						
	<i>Net revenues from the sale of products for the non-domestic market</i>						✓	✓								
	<i>Net revenues from the sale of goods and materials</i>					✓	✓									
	<i>Net revenues from the sale of goods and materials to the euro zone</i>									✓						
	<i>Net revenues from the sale of goods and materials for the non-domestic market</i>						✓	✓								
	<i>Value of manufactured products not classified as sales</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	<i>Received new orders</i>	✓	✓													
	<i>Received non-domestic new orders</i>		✓	✓												
	<i>Received new orders to euro zone</i>				✓											
	<i>Excise tax on goods and materials</i>					✓	✓									
	<i>Excise tax on products of own production</i>					✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	<i>Subsidies</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	<i>Average paid employment</i>												✓	✓		
<i>Price indices of sold production (previous month=100)</i>									✓							
C-01	<i>Prices of the sale of representative products and services (excluding VAT and excise taxes) in the previous month</i>								✓	✓					✓	
	<i>Prices of the sale of representative products and services (excluding VAT and excize taxes) in current month</i>								✓	✓					✓	
	<i>The value of the sale of representative products and services (excluding VAT and excize taxes)</i>									✓	✓				✓	

# Elements of analysis



# Short-term statistics

- annually over 450,000 reports
- 62 input variables
- 9 thematic areas
  
- 72 groups of output variables
- 104,000 figures released
- most figures released for the variable *Average monthly wage* (19,500)



# Matrix of Transformation

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		Y												
												$\Sigma$		
X													1	...
					1	1				1	1			
			1	1						1	1	1		
													1	
													1	
			1								1			...
$\Sigma$													1	
				...		1		...						

- Only 6  $x$  and  $y$  variables are mutually and unequivocally matched.
- They can be analysed irrespective of the whole system.

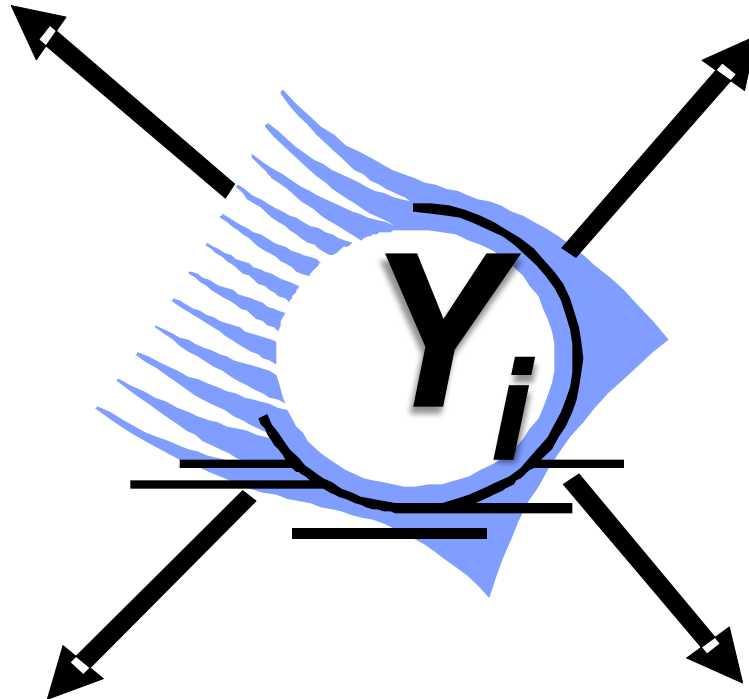
# Optimization criteria

Priority (weight)

**W**

Time

**T**



Cost

**C**

Quality

**Q**

# Assumptions for the criteria

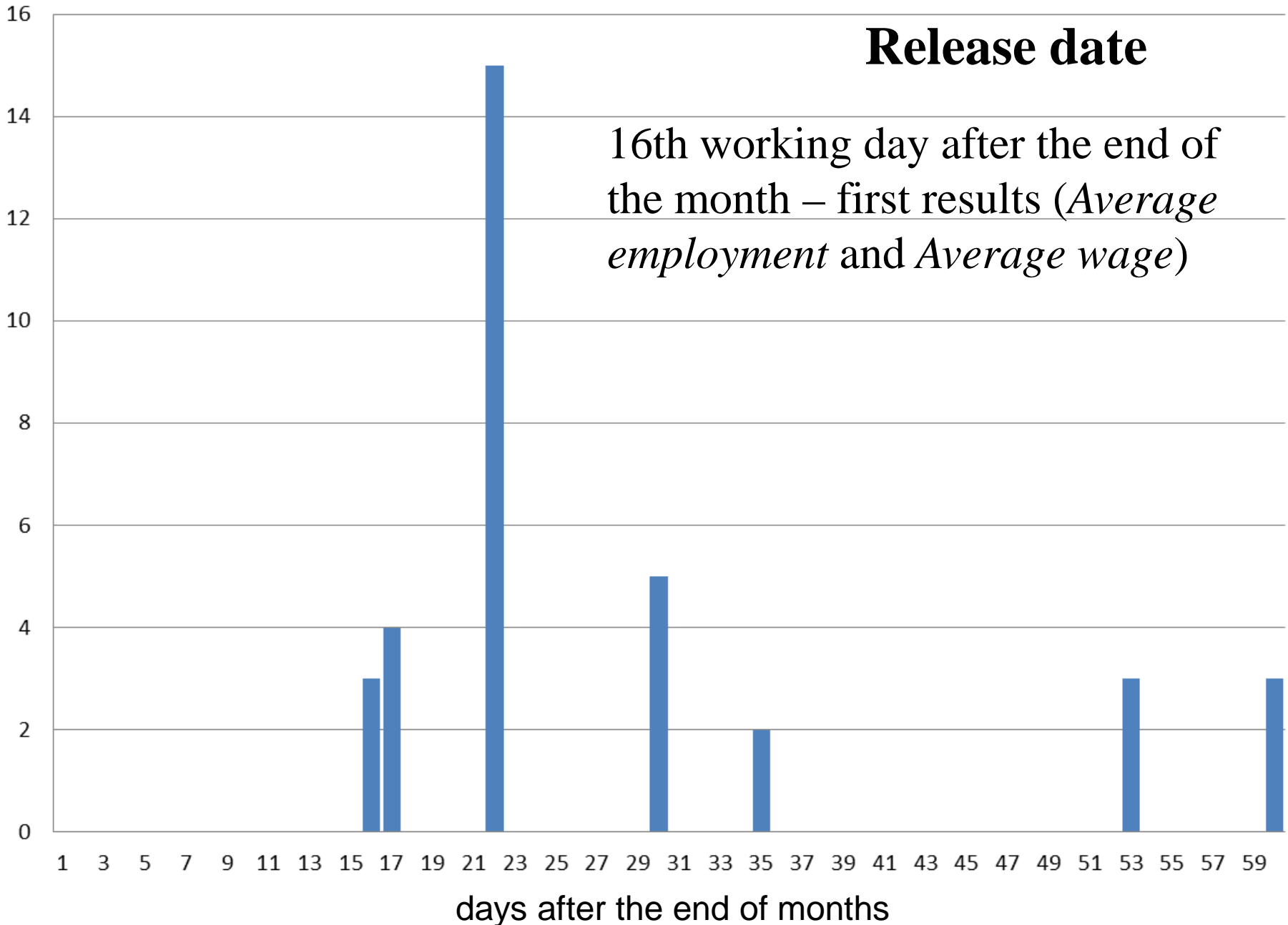
- **Priority (weight)** – 3 categories of output information have been distinguished. The largest weight has been assigned to data, which are to be estimated in order to comply with international obligations or national regulations. The lowest priority has been given to supplementary information.
- **Release date** – output values have been adopted on the basis of data release practices that have been in use so far, which are described in the Map.
- **The cost of obtaining a variable** – has been calculated by decomposing the total cost of a survey (as described in the Survey Programme of Public Statistics) by means of a matrix of transformation M.



# Release date

16th working day after the end of the month – first results (*Average employment and Average wage*)

Number of variables





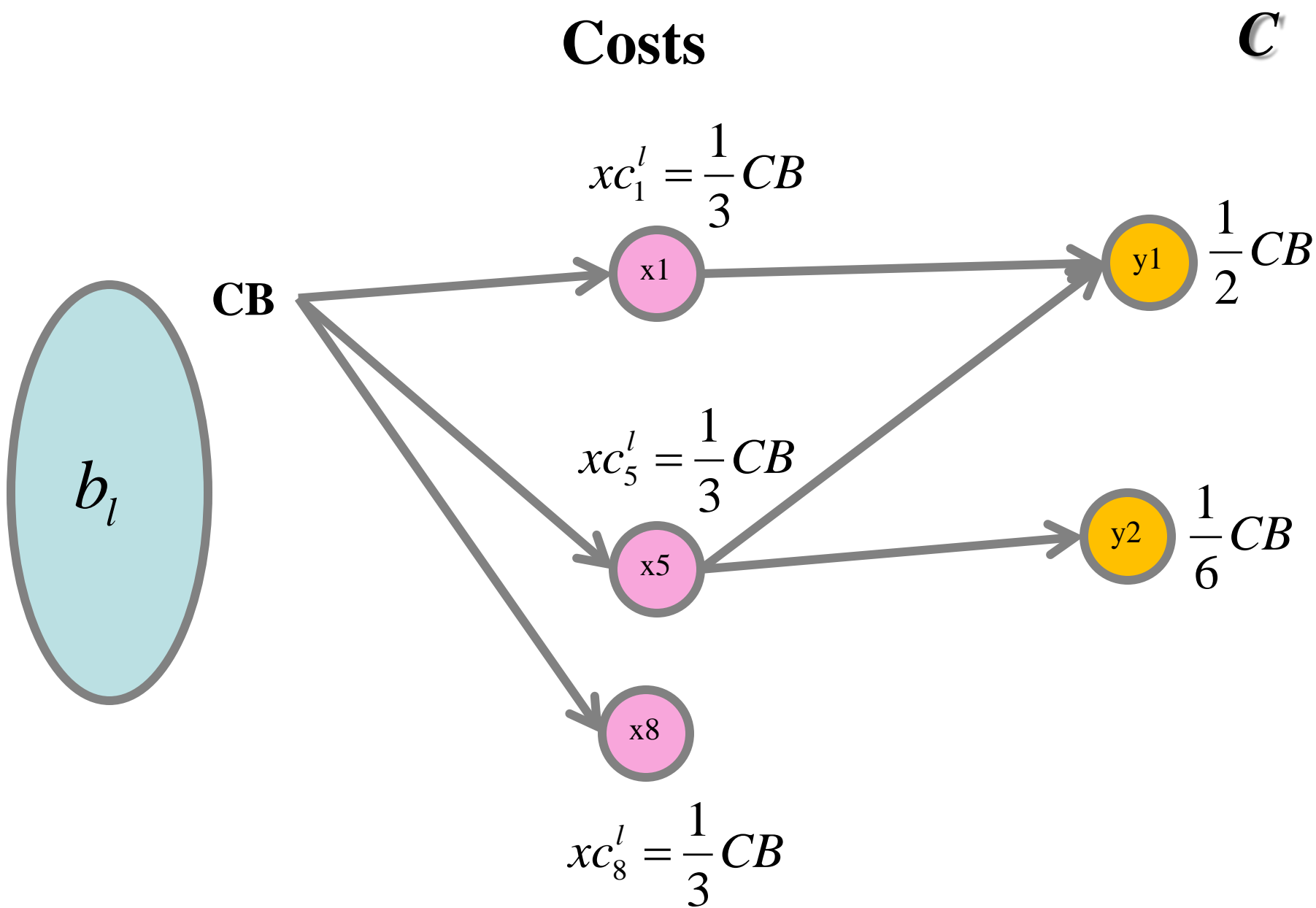
# Costs

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1. For each  $l$ -th survey  $s_l$  it is possible to determine:
  - the total **cost of survey implementation**  $CB(s_l)$ ,
2. Based on values calculated for survey  $b_l$  it is possible to determine the cost value ( $xc$ ) for **output variables**  $X$

$$xc_j^l = f(CB(b_l))$$

3. **Costs of data transformation processes** ( $\Omega$ ) are minimal and therefore **negligible** in the model



# Costs

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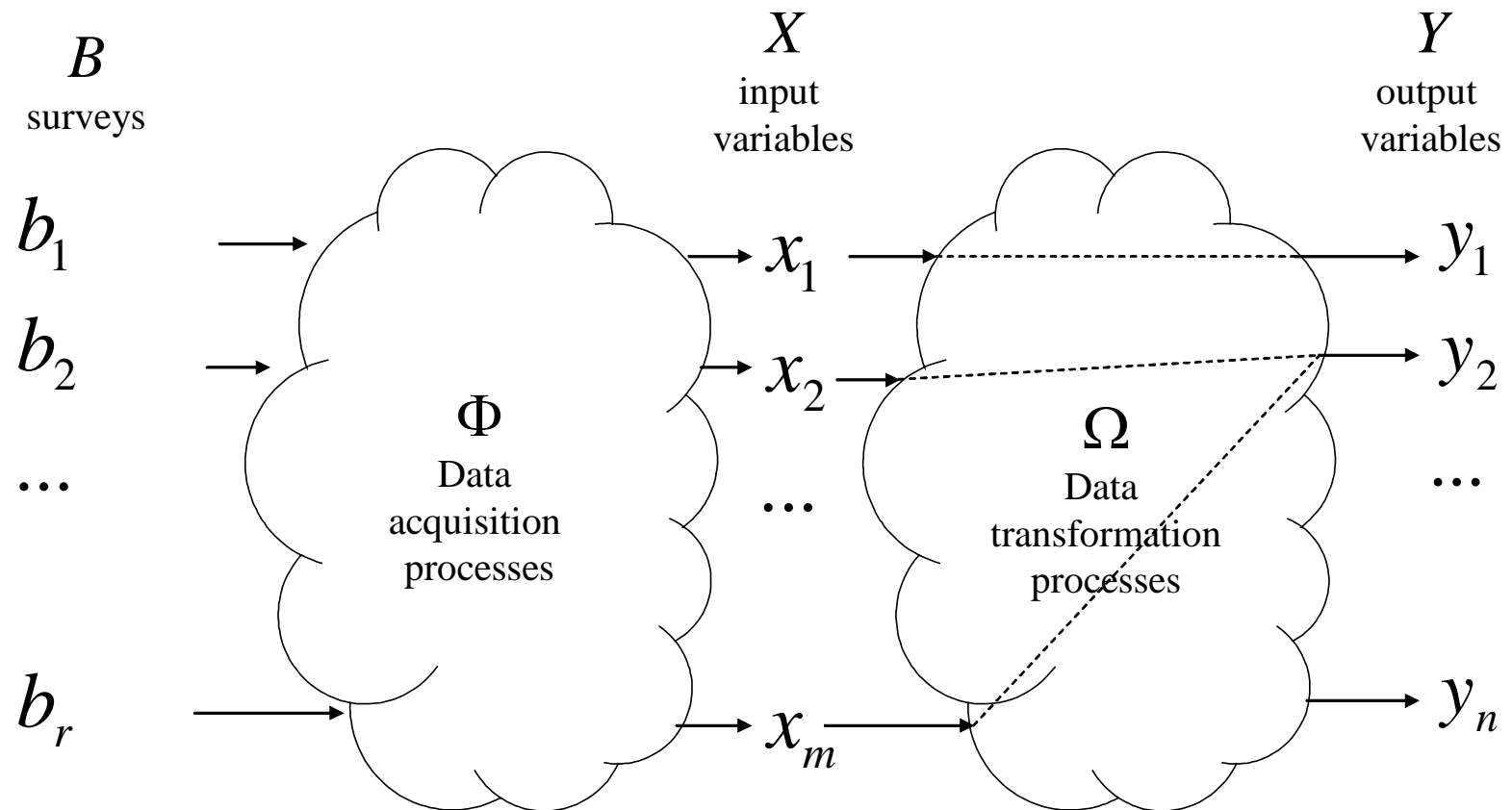
- PLN 42 (~ €10) – average cost per one report
- +PLN 35 (~ €8,5) – average cost of report's preparing
- PLN 185 (~ €45) – average cost of obtaining one estimate
- PLN 1.6 m (€380,000) – the maximum cost of one variable: *Indicator of producers' prices on the domestic market*
- PLN 400,000 (€95,000) – the maximum cost of estimating one value (*Base amount GN*)
- PLN 3 (€0.70) – the lowest cost of estimating one value (*Average employment*)

**Conclusions**

# What for?

- The adjustment of the statistical output to changes in the surrounding environment should be treated as an **ongoing process**
- **Different actions** are necessary at **various levels** – looking for new data sources, using modern methodologies, changing survey organisation
- **the need for advanced education** (like EMOS)
- **A map** of a system of surveys provides essential, integrated information about implemented surveys, which helps to identify end users and release dates, and describes relationships between different variables. In other words, the map provides a quick answer to questions about **what, where, when and how**.
- The map has a **motivational aspect**
- **Necessary to conduct in-depth analyses**
- Can be useful for **integrating statistical forms**
- The map can help to **optimize surveys**. A matrix of transformations with precisely described and quantified criteria is a necessary prerequisite to determine the optimal way of data processing in statistical surveys, which can be obtained by solving a problem in mathematical modeling.

# Model of optimization of statistical surveys



## Two-stage multi-criterion problem

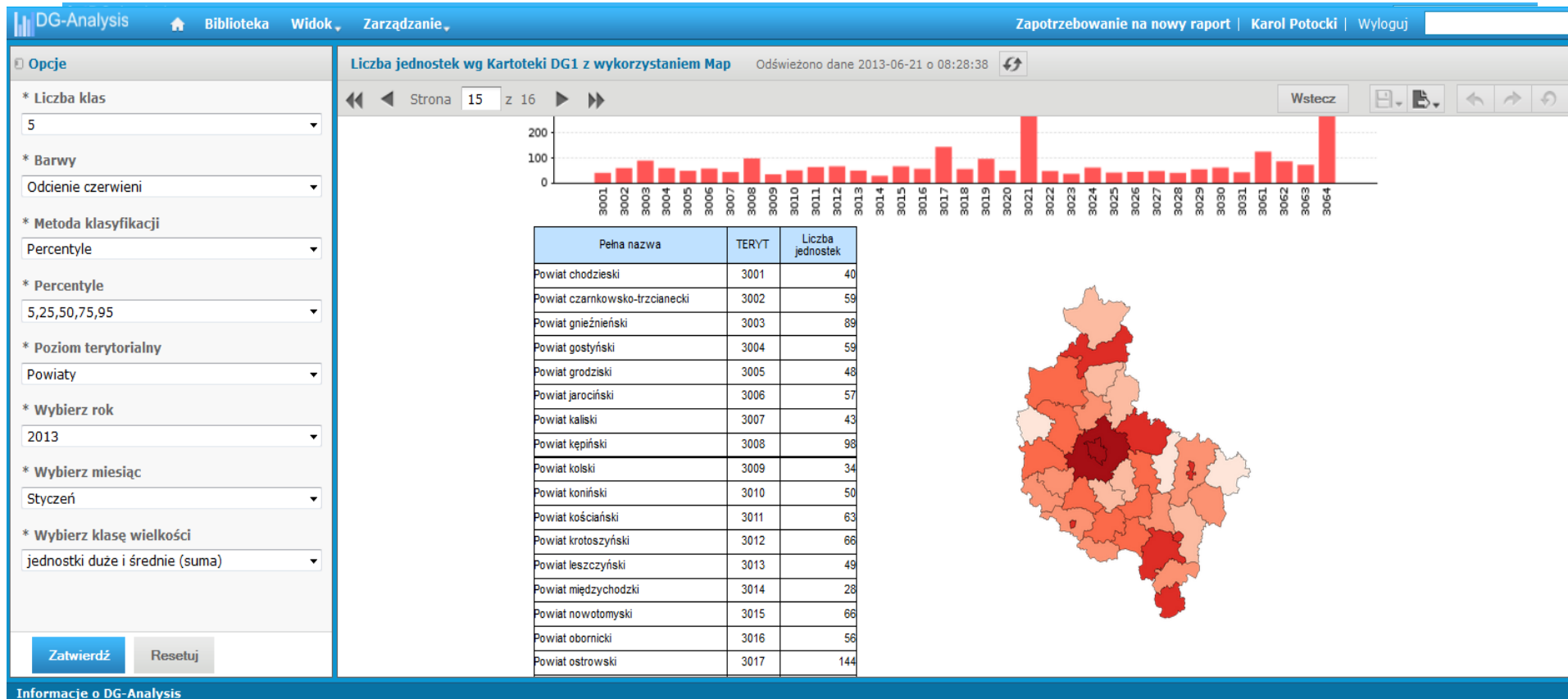
$\Phi$  data acquisition processes pose a binary problem,  
 $\Omega$  data transformation processes pose a combinatorial problem.





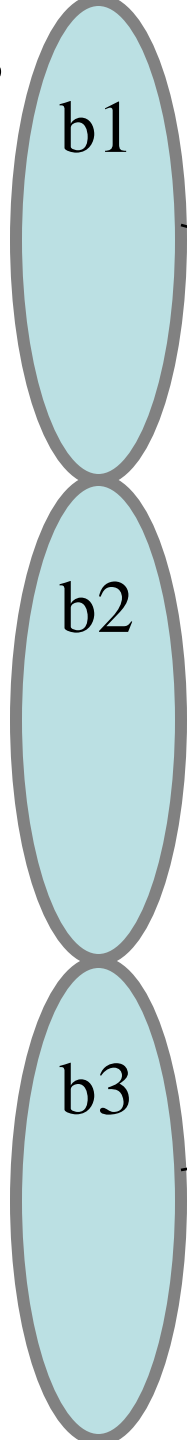
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➤ Platforma analityczno-raportująca DG-Analysis

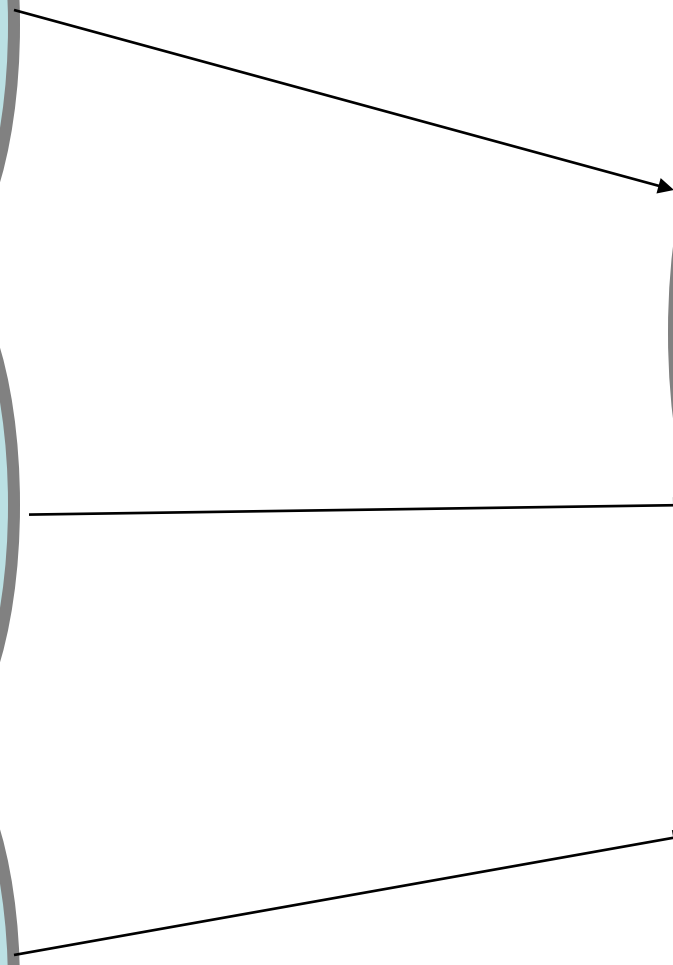
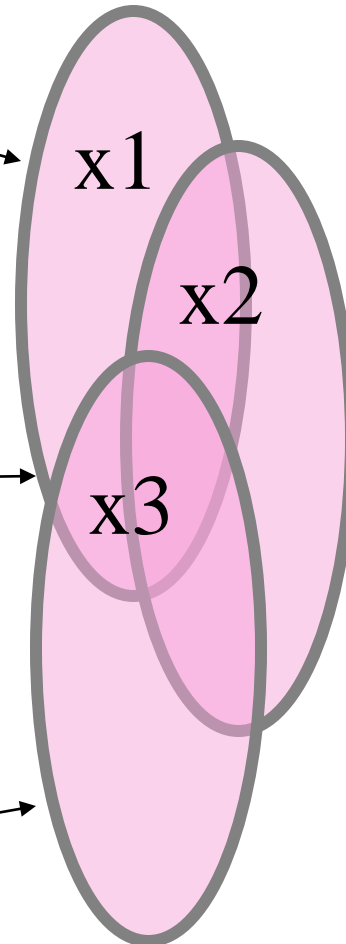


- wdrożenie intuicyjnego i elastycznego narzędzie do analizy i raportowania danych (w technologii Java)
- dostosowanie do specyfiki badania (DG-1) i środowiska (intranet – zintegrowane logowanie)
- liczne grono odbiorców - oddziały US Poznań, GUS, urzędy statystyczne
- parametryzowane zestawienia tworzone przez zespół projektantów
- ciągły rozwój platformy (ostatnio rozszerzono o wizualizację na mapach)
- w przypadku wizualizacji kartograficznej możliwe tworzenie zestawień zbiorczych (np. odrębnie dla każdego województwa w podziale na powiaty)

# Surveys



# Information



# Statistical information

Sundgren (1973): information is defined as a message content:

$$K := \langle O, X, x, t \rangle$$

where

$K$  – infological message,

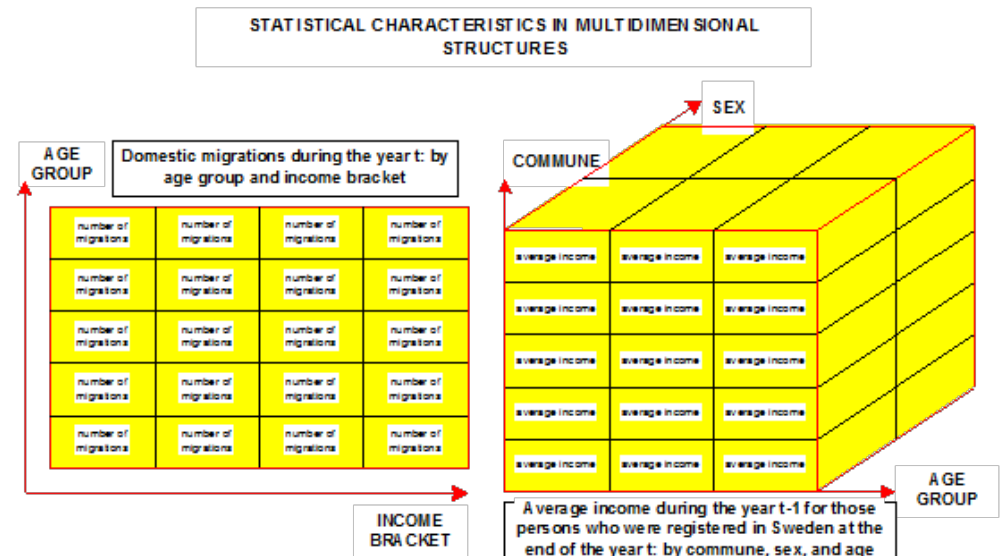
$O$  – described object,

$X$  – object attribute,

$x$  – attribute value  $X$ ,

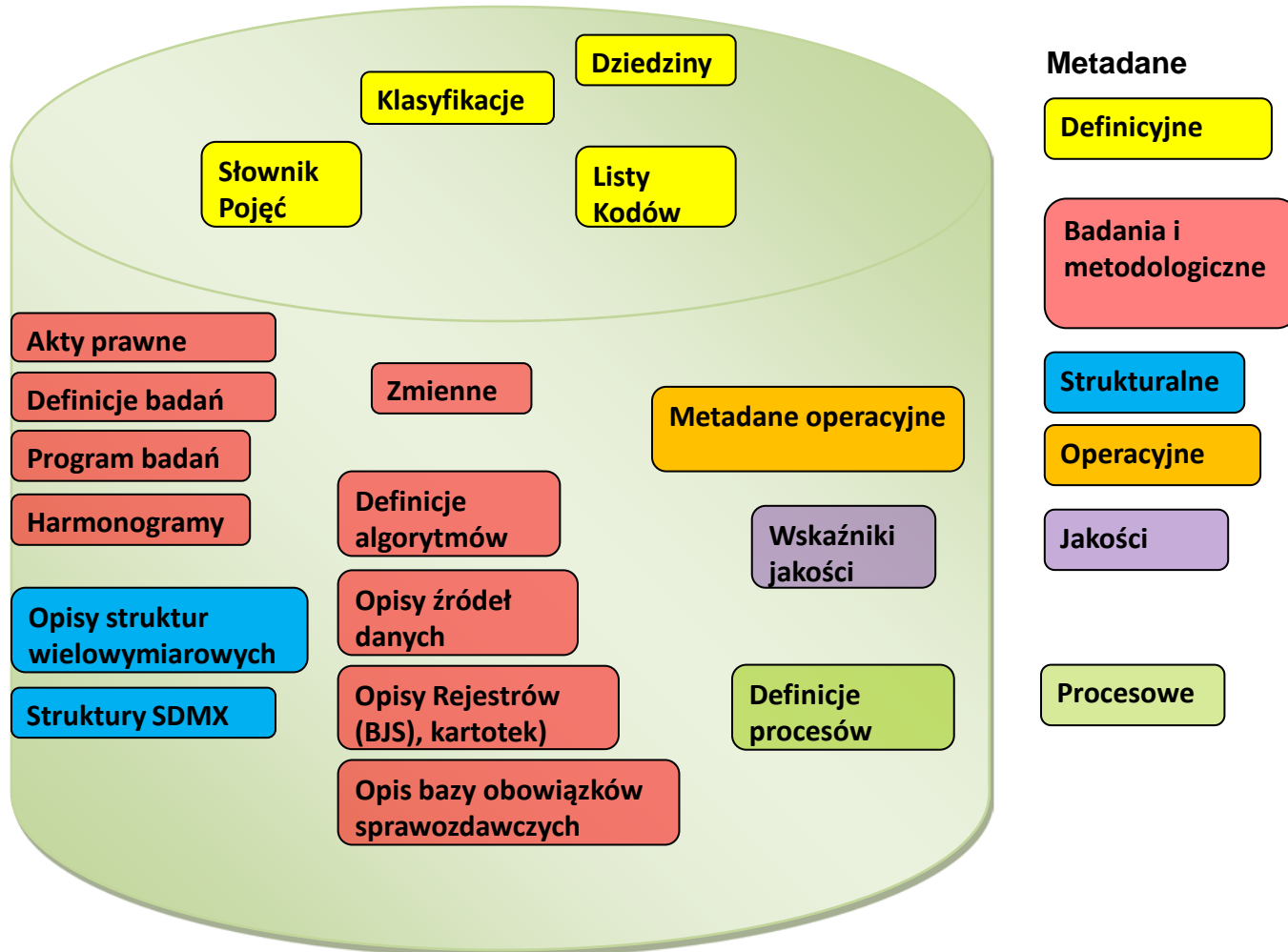
$t$  – time when attribute  $X$  of object  $O$  has value  $x$ .

# Metadata



# Repozytorium metadanych wg grup

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# Analysis of the processing of the DG-1 survey

18 255

81 393

17 921  
(98,2%)

14 071  
(17,3%)

Sample  
**31 992**

9,6% refusals

5,1% reminders

4,5% explanations

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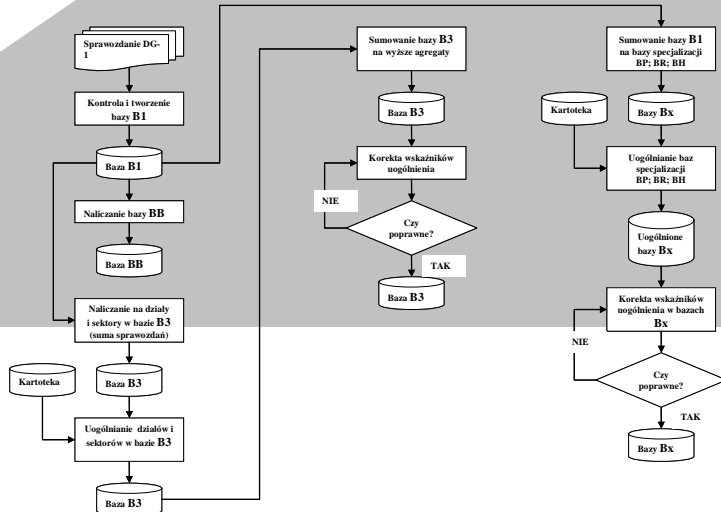
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sample

sections, divisions, classes

aggregation



generalization

