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Use of European statistics to analyse and monitor the European single Market in terms of competitiveness and openness to third partners

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Introduction

The introduction will show a big picture of all the policy areas covered by DG GROW (DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs). The paper will then present an inventory of main data sources used in our economic analysis and stretching beyond Eurostat.

Subsequently, the paper will focus on one conceptual framework of indicators used in analyses that feed into the European Semester assessments; that framework is firmly founded on the Eurostat data. The paper unveils in detail both the raw datasets and the derived indicators. Finally, the paper will show how this framework is practically implemented as a convenient tool with some open-source statistical IT tools.

The conclusion of the paper looks at a "wish list" for future policy analyses related to the European data.