



Internal governance rules for the use of CompNet produced firm-level data:

The sets of rules to be followed will depend on the final use of the data and will start to apply as soon as the relevant methodology papers are published:

For policy use:

When the use of CompNet data is limited to the publishing of a graph or a conclusion directly taken from any of the (already published) methodology papers there will be no need to ask for permission to the NCBs and participating NSIs.

In all other cases, the policy output will be distributed to all NCBs and NSIs participating in the firm-level exercise before publication. To facilitate this exchange, we will provide an updated distribution list with contact details of country teams. Country teams will be given a week to check the policy output. If no feedback is received by that time we will consider it as approved.

For research use:

Data can be used only by CompNet members until the end of the current mandate, in June 2015. During this period, although researchers will be the ultimate responsible for his/her piece of research, papers will be subject to the internal referee process of the ECB WP series, which will be particularly careful on data interpretation issues.

After June 2015, it is expected that data (in the aggregated format available at the ECB) will be made available to external users on a case by case basis, after submission of a research project. However, a more detailed procedure will need to be agreed in the coming months with the participating teams, and will be made public in due course.