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#### SESSION 1. EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: FOUNDATION FOR RELEVANCY

Cooperation with the private sector: opportunities and challenges

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• Collaboration requires the willingness to work together.

• Is this truly the case with the private sector?

• It depends on the context.

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• The private sector is often seen as merely a data provider.

- The real challenge: companies must be viewed as partners, not just suppliers.
- Finding solutions that respect the interests of both sides.

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### **Challenges for the Private Sector**

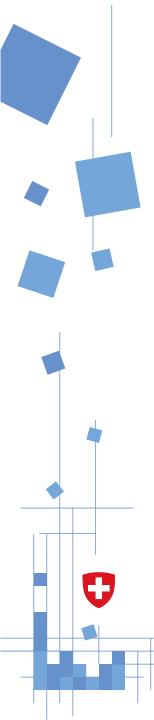
Why Should Companies Cooperate?

• Companies don't always see the value in sharing their data.

 They often provide data because they have to, not because they want to.

#### Key Question: "What's in it for them?"

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#### **Alignement of Goals**

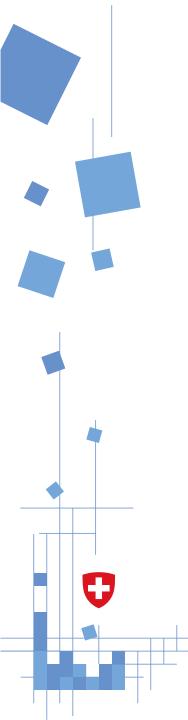
Common Objectives between the State and Businesses?

- The private sector and the state share a common interest in societal well-being.
- Different approaches: Shareholder vs. Stakeholder.
- Convergence: Sustainability-oriented companies can share similar goals with the state.

# Creating Favorable Conditions: The Role of the State

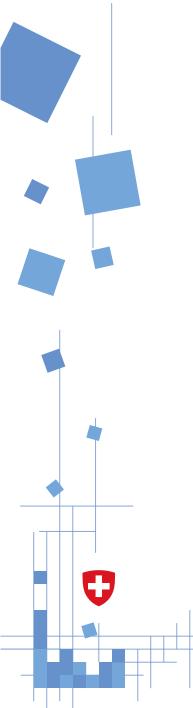
• The state must create conditions that benefit the private sector as well.

• Highlighting shared values and responsibilities.



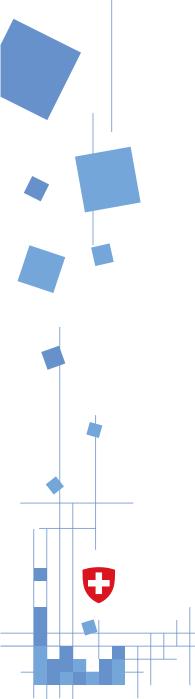
#### **The Role of Statistical Offices** •How Public Statistics Can Help?

- Statistical offices provide the best available data.
- For the private sector, it's not just about reducing effort.
- It's about creating value for all, boosting competitiveness and prosperity.



## **The Swiss Example**

- Collective decision-making by ministries to collaborate.
- Retaining sovereignty while sharing data in a controlled way.
- Example: "Data Mesh" (data market).

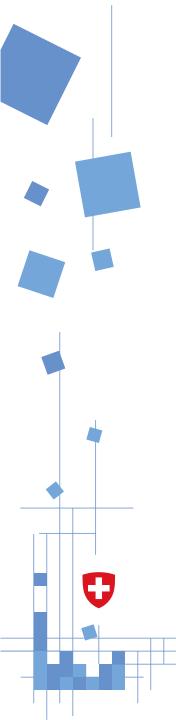


## **Proposal: Metadata Catalogue**

• Create a common metadata catalogue for existing data.



- The private sector will also include machines acting on behalf of companies.
- Understanding these mechanisms is key for the future.



#### Conclusion

- Identify common topics.
- Develop a shared vision with ICT experts.
- Implement stakeholder management on a Europe-wide level.



# Thank you for listening.

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