

Use of financial statements for compiling official statistics

BIS Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics,
European Committee of Central Balance Sheet Data Offices, National Bank of Belgium

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CALL for PAPERS

This conference on the **Use of financial statements for compiling official statistics** is organized on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the ECCBSO. Its objective is to explore current use cases of non-financial corporations' financial statements for producing official statistics, with a special focus on their role in the compilation of national accounts, the development of business statistics, the construction of ESG indicators, the advancement of distributional statistics and the use of AI to extract the data.

The conference is jointly organized by the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the European Committee of Central Balance Sheet Data Offices (ECCBSO) and the National Bank of Belgium. The main objective is to showcase experiences for making the most of financial statements data by enhancing their accessibility and adequate sharing.

For the purpose of this conference, the ECCBSO will provide exceptional, one-off access to its standardized dataset of anonymized, firm-level financial statements, corresponding to the national contributions to the [BACH](#) (Bank for the Accounts of Companies Harmonised) database. Interested contributors wishing to develop and submit potential research papers will be able to access this dataset under the data-laboratory frameworks established by the institutions that form the ECCBSO. Authors whose contributions require access to the anonymized dataset should mention this explicitly when submitting their abstract. This information will be used in the evaluation and prioritization process, given that the number of available access slots will be limited and allocated based on the relevance and quality of the proposed research project.

Possible topics include:

- 1) Current practices in countries on the use of NFC financial statements for national accounts and business statistics compilation
- 2) Work on sampling and representativeness of NFC financial statements for the compilation of official statistics
- 3) Distributional aspect: development of experimental statistics on the distribution of NFC indebtedness, value added etc.
- 4) Use of financial statements to meet new compilation requirements with respect to SNA2025 e.g. on ESG indicators
- 5) Use of AI to extract and analyse data from financial statements

We invite researchers, data analysts and statisticians to submit possible contributions for consideration by the organizing committee. Accepted contributions will be published in a special issue of the *IFC Bulletins* series ([IFC Bulletins \(bis.org\)](#)).

The workshop will take place in hybrid format with a preference for physical presentation.¹

Please send the title and abstract (maximum 400 words) of your paper, indicating if you need access to the anonymized dataset, by **30 September 2026** to the email addresses below. The other important deadlines are:

- 31 October 2026: Acceptance notification;
- 31 August 2027: Submission of papers;
- 8 October 2027: Submission of presentations.

Email addresses: eccbso_secretariaat@nbb.be
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A second call for papers may follow closer to the date of the conference. This new call will be limited to contributions that do not require access to the anonymized dataset.

We are looking forward to your valuable contributions and to fostering a meaningful discussion at the conference on the **Use of financial statements for compiling official statistics**.

¹ The Chatham House Rule ([Chatham House Rule | Chatham House – International Affairs Think Tank](#)) will apply.