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The (indispensable) use of credit registers for policy and research

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CRs as comprehensive statistical data sources

- *Detailed* information on characteristics of:
 - Lender
 - Borrower
 - Instrument
 - Guarantor
- *Unlimited* possibilities to enrich the details available by matching with external datasets (supervisory reports, business registers, security registers, surveys, iBLS, SAFE...)
- Strictly *necessary* for phenomena such as lending relationships
 - zombie lending, winner's curse, switching...

CRs as methodological tool

- Exploit multiple lending relationships for D&S
 - Simple and powerful
 - We care for policy
 - However
 - Not always so necessary if controls are adequate
 - Households?
 - Discouraged borrowers

- Data not officially released/data quality
- Database of indicators
 - Credit risk (PD, LTV, protection type, spread...)
 - Interconnectedness (interbank exposures, by collateralisation, PD...)
 - Complexity (cross-border exposures,...)
- Credit risk
 - Absence of time series is a limitation

What still missing

- Deposits
 - Build-up of cash reserves by corporates (“precautionary saving” vs lack of opportunities)
 - Negative rates
 - small vs small depositors
 - Lending conditions of depositors with negative rates
 - Nature of withdrawals; bank runs
- Anacredit
 - Time series
 - Coverage (households)
 - Extensive margin



thank you!