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Administrative data for the SDG – case of Statistics Denmark

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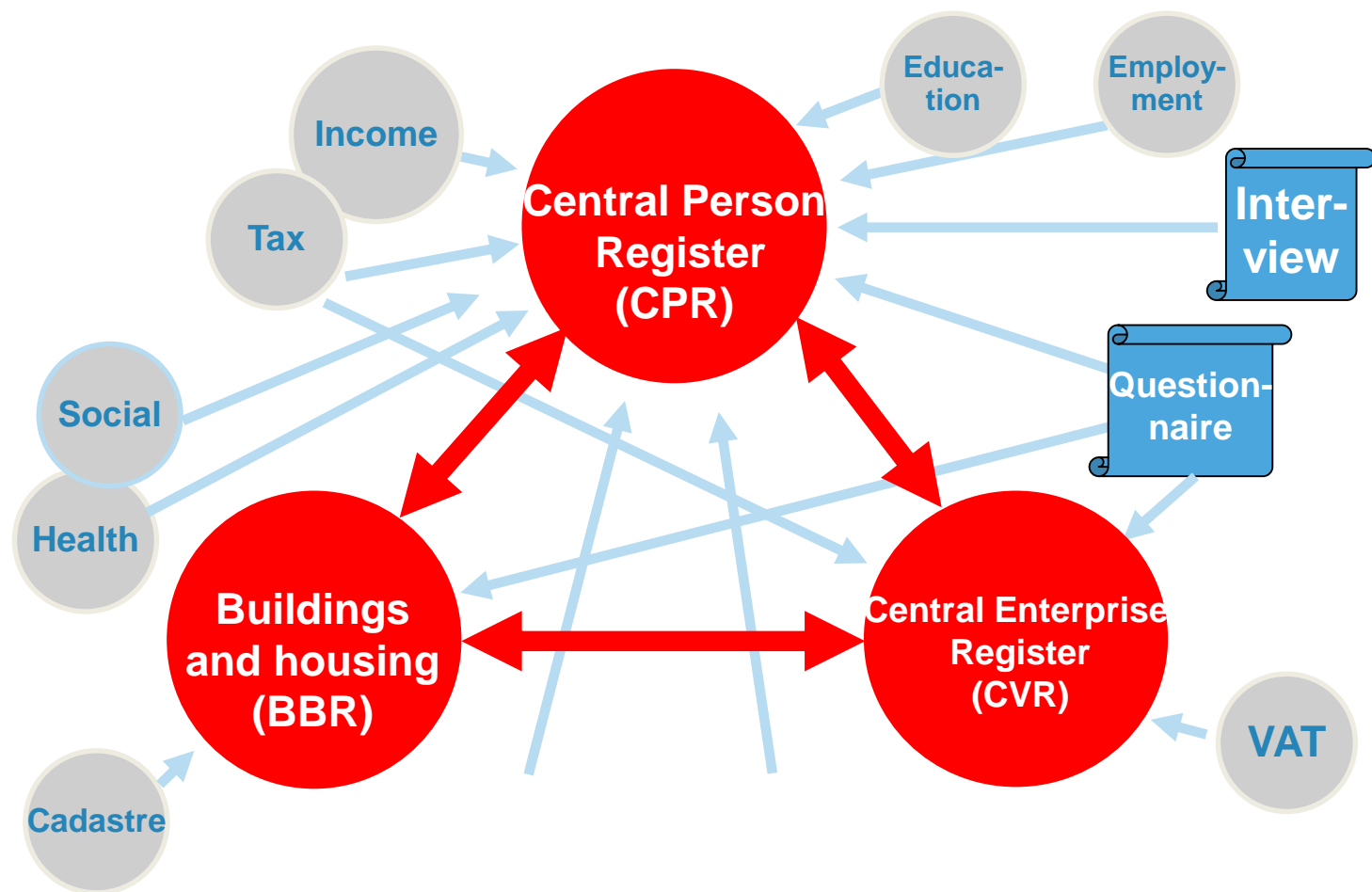
Administrative data

- Data collected by public authorities for administrative purposes;
- Have another legal basis than gathering statistics;
- Examples: tax registers, population registers, health registers;
- Main purpose is to support administrative processes;
- Statistics based on administrative data is really a byproduct of having established them for administrative purposes.

Advantages of basing statistics on administrative data

- The benefits of administrative registers are vast – registers are mainly used by the administrative systems but also a huge asset for statistics
 - National ownership of the process
 - Statistical needs were never a driving force behind administrative registers in Denmark
- Low costs
 - Census in China – 10 million census workers
 - Census in USA – 0.5 million census workers
 - Census in Denmark – 2 census workers (and can be conducted on a daily basis)
- Wide coverage and continuity
 - Continuity, coherence and comparability of statistics – visible results
 - The much sought ambition of disaggregation by age, gender, income, geography etc. – also in relation to the SDGs.

The statistical information system in Denmark



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Administrative data for the SDG

- Administrative data is an essential component of statistics produced by Statistics Denmark, including SDGs
- Where possible, administrative registers/statistical registers are linked together in order to produce an SDG-indicator.
- Administrative data is also used as nominators or denominators in SDG-indicators.
- Indicators covering topics such as population, education, health, private sector are fully or to some extent based on administrative data.