

## SESSION 1

# BIG DATA FOR LABOUR MARKET INTELLIGENCE

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# Right skills for occupations, employment: today and tomorrow



**1. Transformation:**  
hybrid skills; technical  
(job) specific; transversal;  
digital; “green” skills...

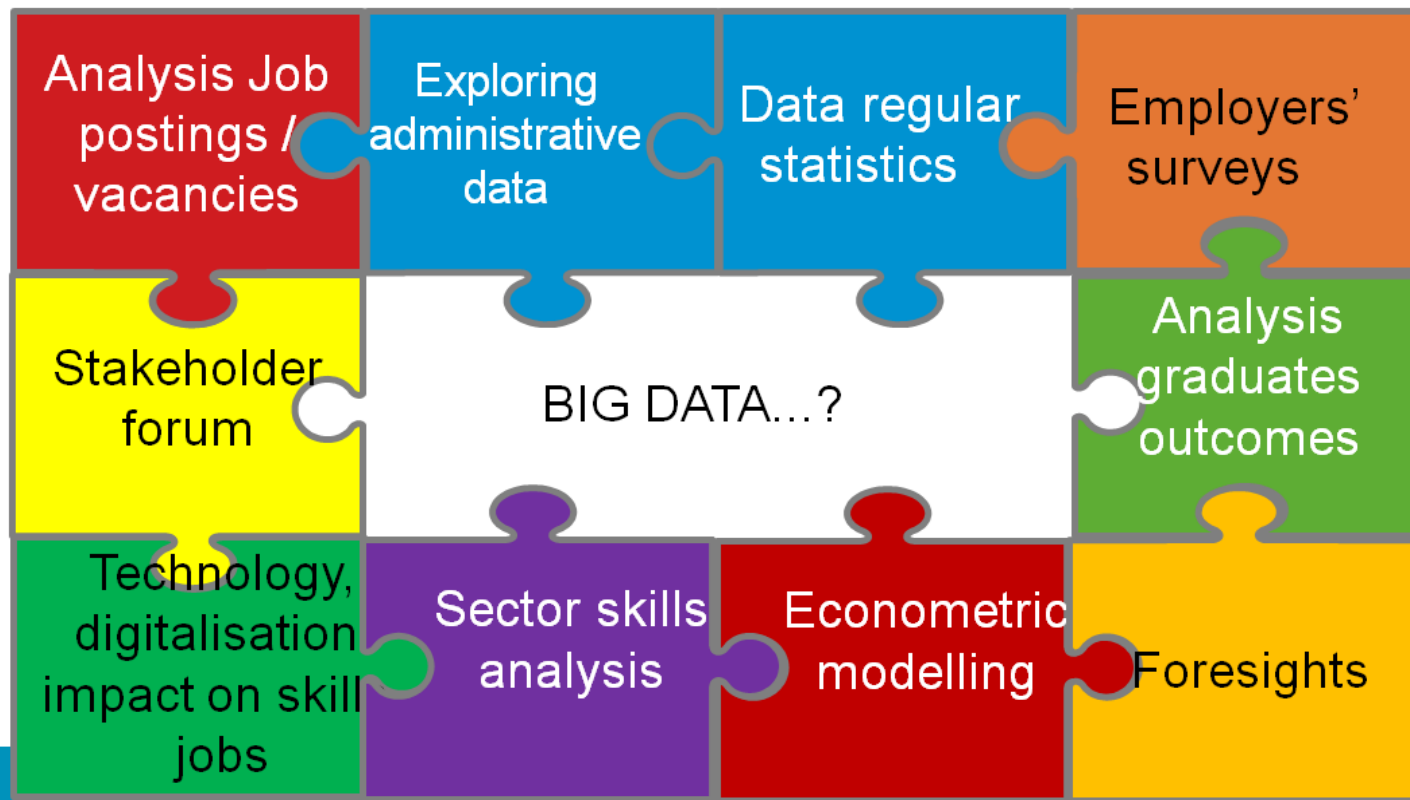


**2. Policy issues:** skill  
mismatch: gaps, shortage; over-  
& under-qualification; over- and  
underskilling; automatable tasks  
/ occupations; reskilling;  
upskilling



Policy  
responses!

# Skills anticipation – multiple dimensions: Combining data sources and methods

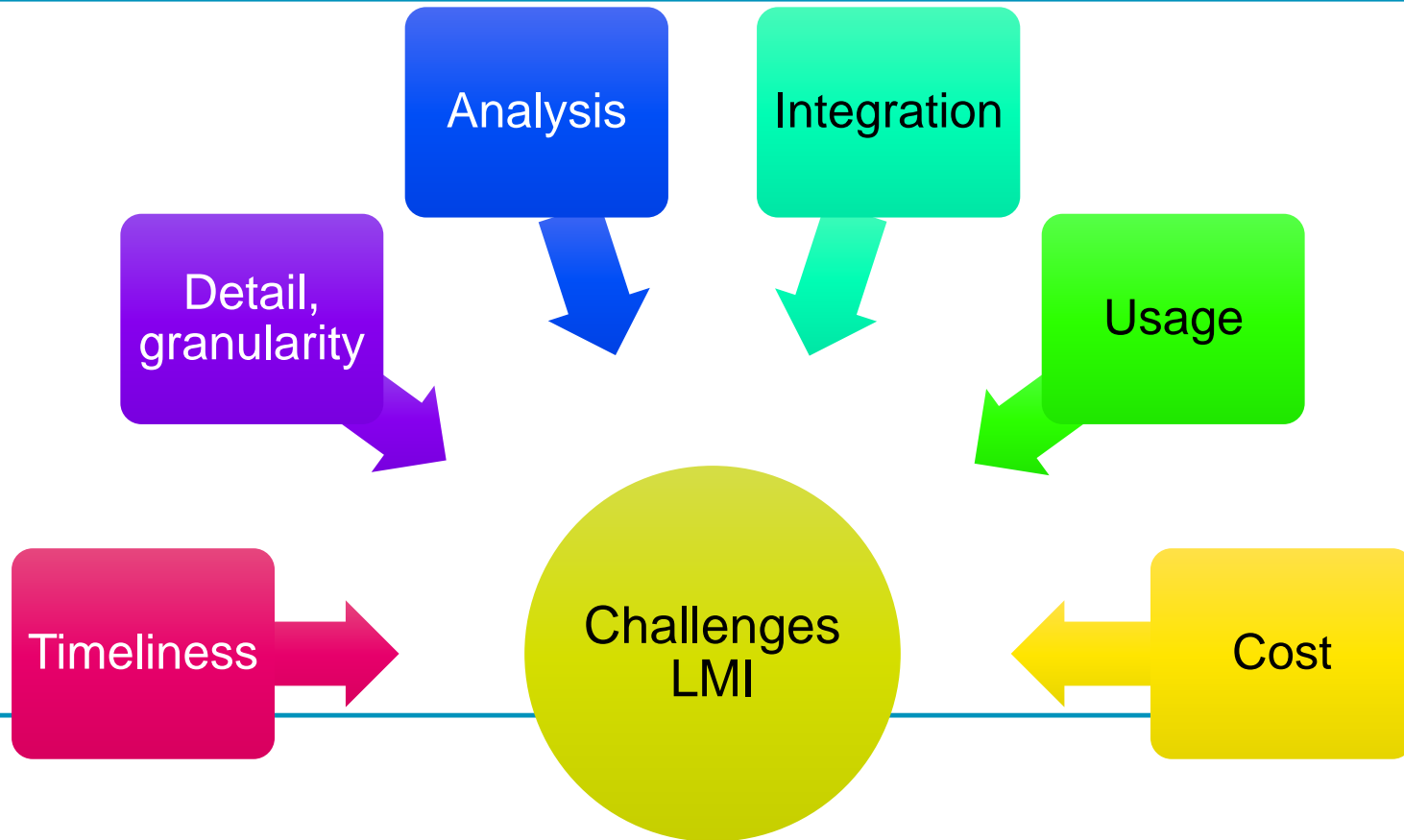


# COUNTRIES' LMIS ARE DOING MORE AND BETTER...

Data	Analysis / methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular surveys statistical offices: LFS, households, business, wages...</li><li>• Administrative data: registers</li><li>• Special surveys: employers; workers; graduates;</li><li>• Qualitative sources: in-depth interviews</li><li>• Job vacancies DBs, online portals</li><li>• Education statistical data (admission, graduates)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foresight (qualitative)</li><li>• Quantitative medium / long-term forecasting LM skills</li><li>• Scenario building on sectors' development, prospects</li><li>• Analysis of skill mismatch (various types)</li><li>• Use of Big Data analytics</li></ul>

**But the question is:** can the digital transformation be applied to innovate and add-value to LMIS?

# CHALLENGES OF CONVENTIONAL LMI – CAN BIG DATA ANALYTICS HELP?



# Big Data for LMI – Online Job Vacancies

## BIG DATA

- ✧ Large potential for analysis of labour market and skills dynamics
  - ✧ Real-time, agile, innovative
- ✧ Methodology developments – and still several issues at stake





Data Torrent



AI  
algorithms



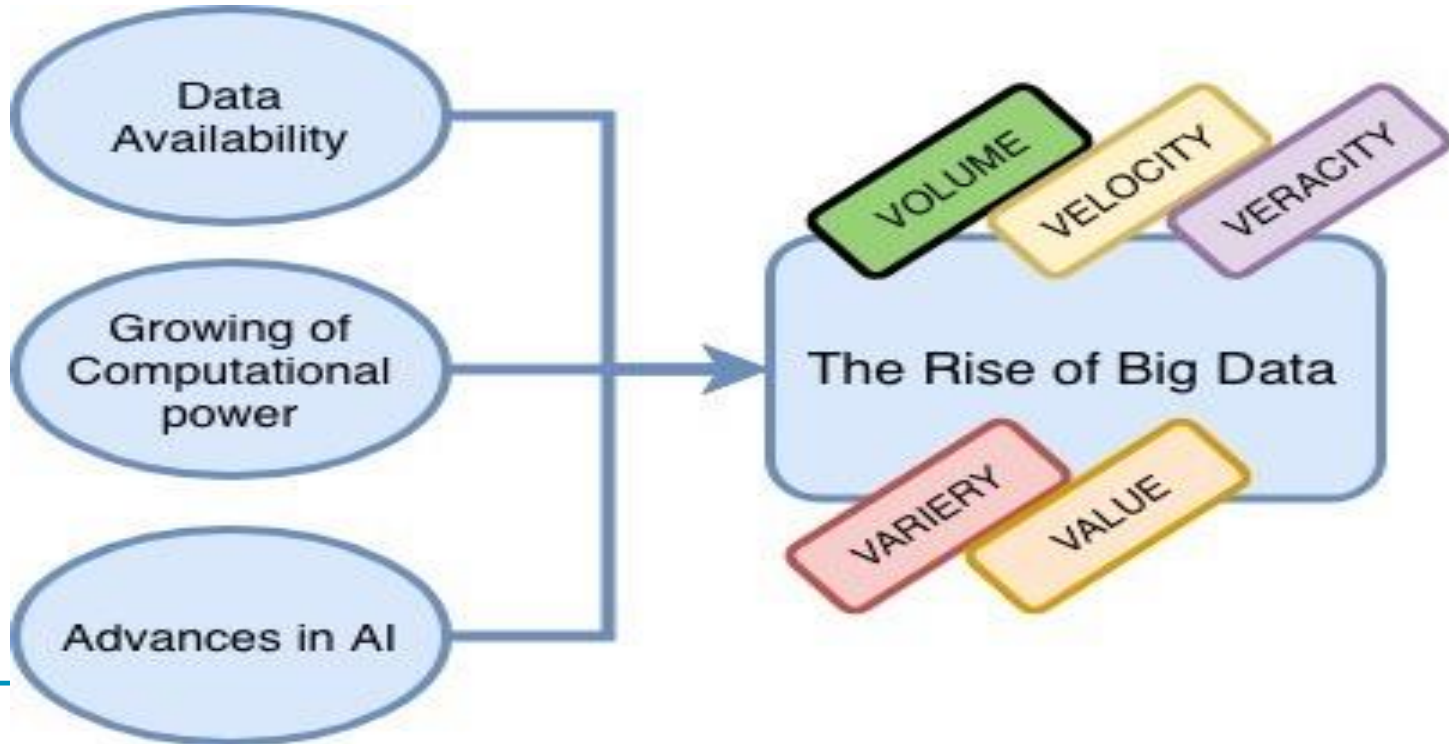
Computing  
Anytime, Anywhere



**Big Data Era**



The key elements driving the rise of Big Data: (i) data availability, (ii) ever greater computing power and (iii) recent advances in AI





# Big Data for LMI – Online Job Vacancies



<https://www.burning-glass.com/>

Data driven insight into the Job Market



Skills-OVATE: Skills Online  
Vacancy Analysis Tool for  
Europe



# ETF approach: shaping, applying and sustaining knowledge

Partnering  
with CRISP  
Research  
Centre

1. Guide:  
methodology

2. Application  
in partner  
countries

3. Experts'  
network

4. Skills  
development  
&  
Knowledge-  
sharing



## 1. Guidance: methodology

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Aimed at statisticians, researchers, policy analysts and decision-makers in the ETF's partner countries who are confronted with the challenges of anticipation and dissemination of insights on the dynamics of demand for jobs, skills and qualifications, this paper addresses key conceptual, methodological and organisational aspects in using Big Data for labour market intelligence. It clarifies how Big Data can be used to go beyond the frontiers of conventional approaches to labour market information systems and add value to established statistics.

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/big-data-labour-market-intelligence-introductory-guide>

## 1. Guidance: methodology



### **CONTENT**

1. Big Data and LMI: how to enhance LMI in the digital era – overview, state of play, potential and limitations
2. Incorporating Big Data analytics in LMI: systematic steps
3. Use of Big Data analytics for LMIS: a selection of cases to be used as practical reference
4. Conclusions and recommendations

**+ References, sources!**

## 2. Application in countries

### Feasibility OJV

- Identification, analysis of OJV websites
- Ranking and selection of suitable websites
- 2 countries: Tunisia, Morocco

### Data tool

- Data ingestion
- Data processing
- Front end – presentation area: visualisation

### Sustainability

- Engage national partners, experts in process data model
- Discuss results / uses with national experts and stakeholders
- Replicate, share experience, develop skills

# Reflections from first ETF experience

## Statistical offices

- In which conditions can Big Data LMI be used?
- Can Big Data LMI supplement and enrich LM statistics? How?
- Capacity?

## OJV websites

- Large variety of volume, scope; fragmentation: mapping?
- Volume OJVs: what issues?
- Common principles for OJV information?
- Cooperation public and private websites?

## Discovering

- *Other* Big Data applications and sources for *Skills*
- The science behind Big Data analytics: AI algorithms
- “Let the data speak”: game changer?
- Multidisciplinary: data science + domain expertise

# Reflections from first ETF experience

- Informal employment and new forms of work: how to capture them with Big Data analytics?
- Which taxonomies, classifications of occupations and skills can be used?
- Skills demand analysis: is cross-country comparison important? What about supply?
- Build services for professionals and end-users – explore the data visualisation possibilities
- International collaboration and exchange







**Thank you!**

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