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# Big data pilot for performance audit on EU agencies



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## **Organisation and Data**

- Three months pilot: July (data collection), August (testing), September 2019 (reporting)
- Over 200 000 news articles gathered in cooperation with JRC
- 43 European agencies
- Audit time frame from January 2018 to July 2019 (1,5 year)
- 5 488 distinct sources from all around the world
- 169 distinct ISO countries
- 66 distinct languages



## Three types of big data analyses

#### Part 1: Summary statistics (completed)

What impact could agencies have in the media? (audit question on "external scrutiny" and "accountability")

- $_{\odot}$  Total and average news per agency
- News duplicates
- News outliers + event detection through text mining
- Geographical distribution of news sources per agency

#### Part 2: Network analysis (completed)

What are the relations between Agency-Agency, Agency-Executive Directors, Agency-EU entities, Agency-Member States ("references") in the media? (audit question on "cooperation" and "coordination")

#### Part 3: Sentiment analysis (drop-off with lessons learnt)

Are news articles positive or negative about agencies?





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