

*Joint measurement and policy workshop on illicit financial flows*

# Data as policy to curb IFFs

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# Overview

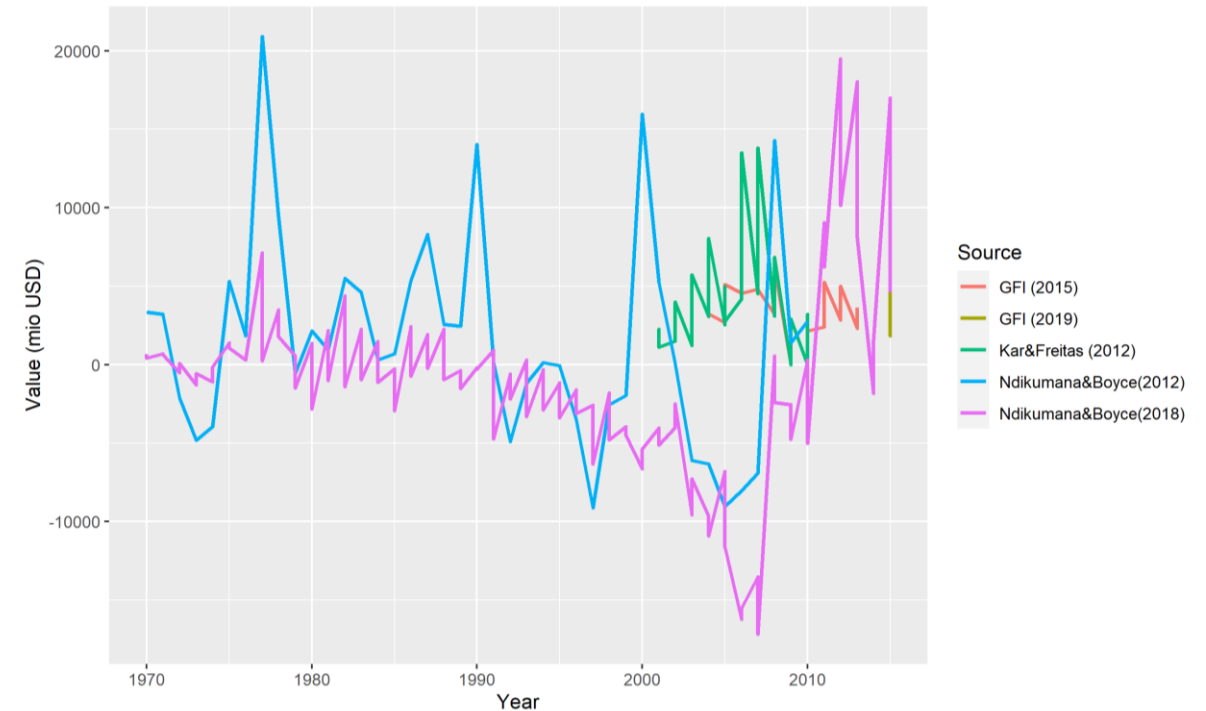
1. IFF estimates: what do data tell us?
2. Why are data on IFFs important?
3. Policy action: data?

## **IFF estimates: What do data tell us?**

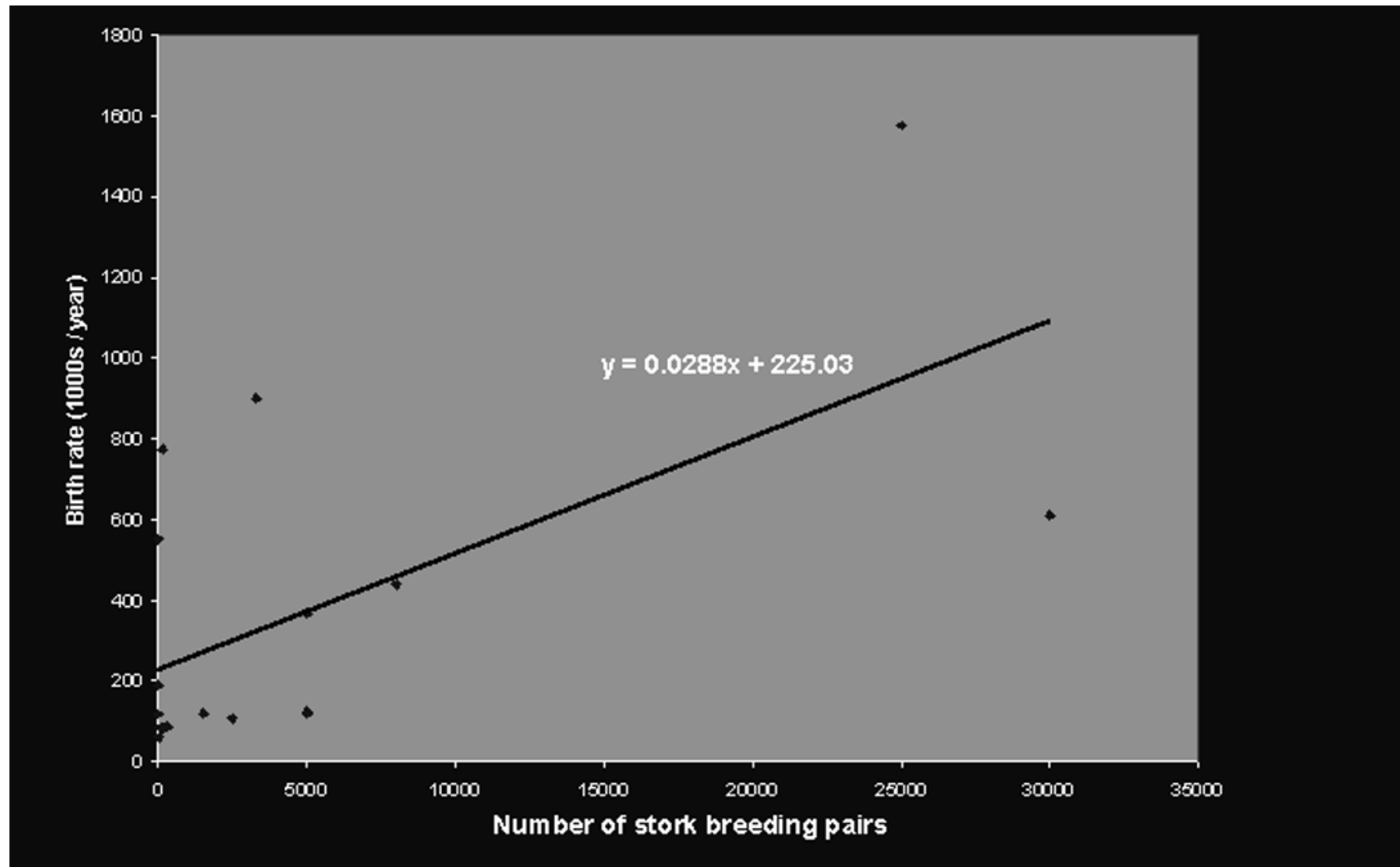
# Estimates, estimates, guesses

12%  
6.8 billion  
8.4%  
240 bill USD PFM  
8.44 billion  
Gold  
4.5-19.6 billion inward  
2019  
Copper  
21.9 million Partner Country Method  
10 - 18%  
88.6 billion USD  
24.3-38.6 billion  
2022  
8% GDP  
40.4 billion USD outward  
Diamonds  
3.5  
6.8  
38,175.7 million EUR  
212.8 bill USD PCM  
EPZ  
65 billion

Various estimates of illicit financial flows, or related concepts, for Egypt



# ➤ Reality check?



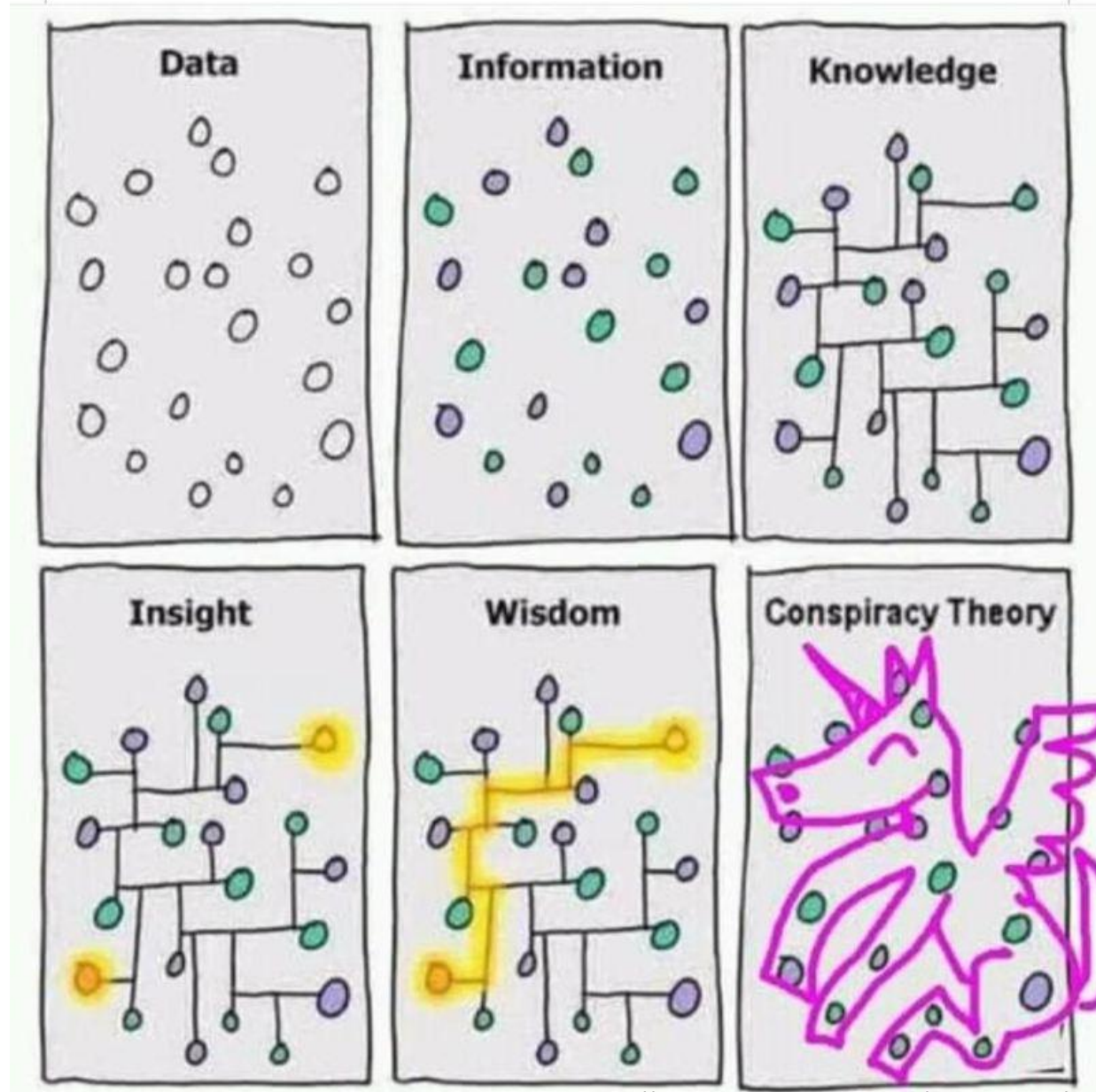
**Fig 1.** How the number of human births varies with stork populations in 17 European countries.

# **Validation**

- Data sources
- Data
- Methods
- Results

## **Why are data (on IFFs) important?**

# ➤ From data to wisdom





# **Statistics on tax and commercial IFFs**

## ➤ IFF metrics can:

- Be essential tools for **guiding policy makers** and **monitoring progress** on SDG 16.4 (A/RES/78/140)
- **prioritize efficient allocation of resources**, pointing at which source is most prone to originate IFFs
- unlock **analytical potential** of existing data
- help **prevention, detection, investigation**
- support **national risk assessment** on money laundering and financing of terrorism (ML/TF) and mandatory Mutual Evaluation processes
- enhance **transparency and accountability** at both institutional and market levels.

# **Statistics on tax and commercial IFFs**

 **Policy action: data?**

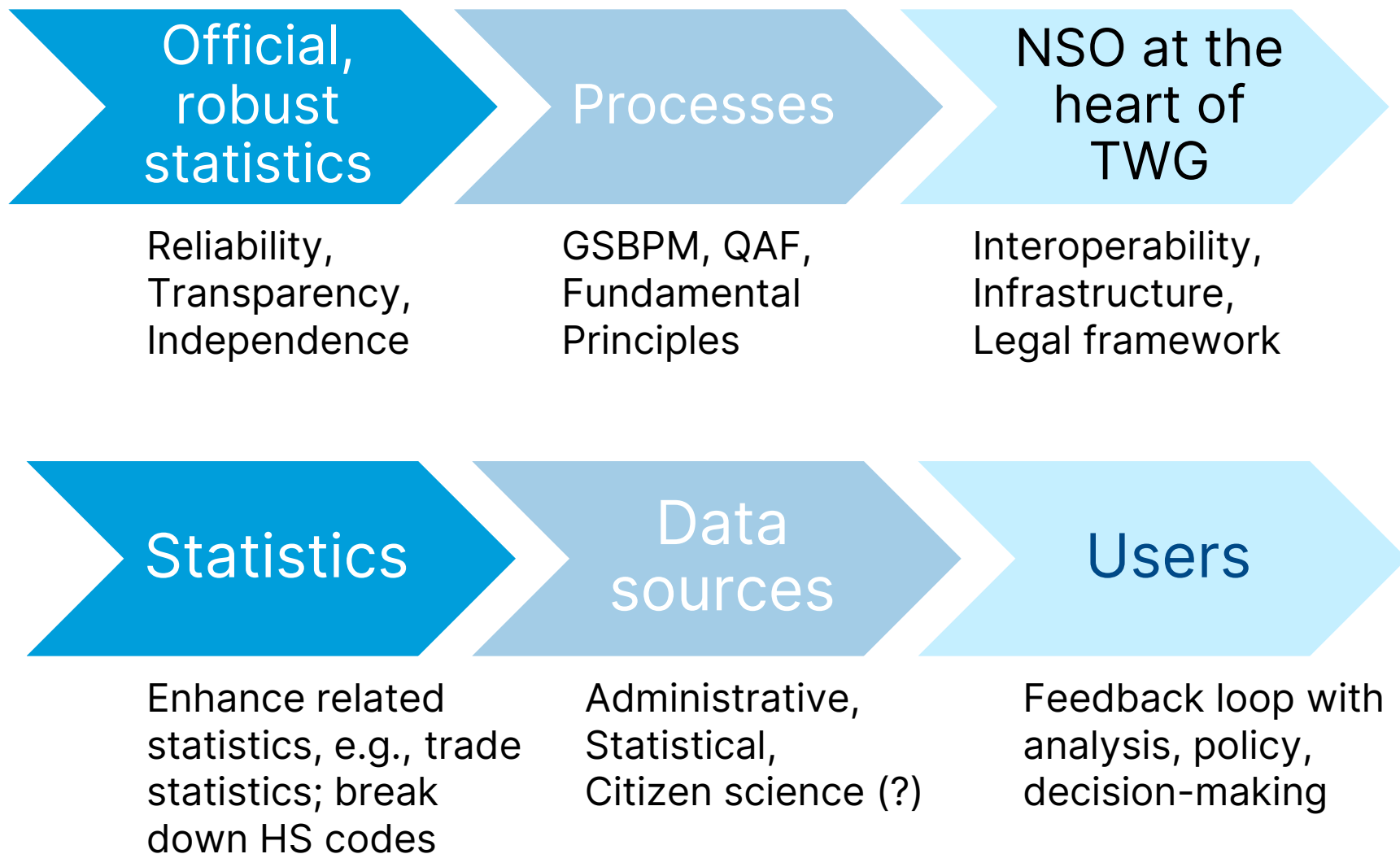
 **Policy action: data!**

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Allan Mukungu,  
ECA  
5 Feb 2025

**Data is there**

# ➤ Policy decision, what does it take?



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Fast or Far?



**If you want to go fast, go  
alone.**

**If you want to go far, go  
together.**



# ➤ Let's go together

- Awareness raising
  - Conferences
  - **Action plan**
  - Results
- **Communication (3x)**
  - Action plan
  - National coordination mechanism
  - International collaboration
- **Political will (3x)**
  - National coordination mechanism
  - International collaboration
  - Champions

**<https://unctad.org/statistics/illicit-financial-flows>**

