# **Motivation in business surveys**

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## Strategies for burden reduction

- Reduce actual burden
  - perceived burden may not be affected
- Simplify questionnaires and data collection processes
  - increasing demand for data
- Encourage cooperation from enterprises
  - work to change negative perceptions



## Positive and negative incentives

## Negative incentives – "force"

- Statutory inquiries legislation
- Fines for non-response
  - trivial for large businesses
  - serious cost for small businesses
- Prosecution of serial offenders
  - time-consuming and costly
  - no guarantee of victory



#### **Positive incentives**

- Less tangible than negative incentives
- We can't give financial rewards
- Simplification of questionnaires
  - Reduce volume (replacement data, imputation)
  - Simplify questions
  - Improve design
  - "Survey holidays"
- Make relevant reports available links to newest results – branch-related



## **Changing perceptions**

#### Communication is the key

- Liaison groups with stakeholders
  - present new developments, contextualize actions, get feedback from data providers
- Public seminars on selected topics
- Publishing articles thematic
- Marketing data usage and literacy
- Use of social media

