

**Information provided by Poland about the following topic discussed in the
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**INBOUND TOURISM AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP): BOP developments
("travel" and "passenger transportation" items)**

**1) Present situation of administrative records and expenditure surveys used for
estimating the “travel” and “passenger transportation” items.**

The BOP “travel” item is compiled using data of the Institute of Tourism. National Bank of Poland receives data on travellers’ expenditures: foreigners in Poland and Poles abroad. Since 2004 those data are provided to the BOP compilers quarterly with the required geographical breakdown. Data are also broken down by the reason of travel (business, personal, education related, health related and so on) .

In case of inbound tourism “travel” item, data come from surveys. There is a separate survey for tourists and for same-day visitors. Institute of Tourism collect also information about number of foreign visitors (before Poland joined Shengen this data were delivered by the border guard).

For “passenger transportation” data are provided by the banking system on payments and by the surveys on enterprises for transportation services.

**2) Does your present information system allow for distinguishing visitors from
travellers?**

In our questionnaire there is a question about the purpose of visit, so we can distinguish visitors from travellers.

**3) Initiatives that you might be considering for improving the estimation of these BoP
items.**

National Bank of Poland is currently working on new data collecting system for BOP purpose. This system allow to collect information directly from enterprises which provide passenger transportation services.

4) Is there any discussion about the credibility of the “travel” item data?

There are bilateral discussions between National Bank of Poland and Institute of Tourism about the “travel” item. There are also some meetings and discussion about the mirror data with representatives of other country.