GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE ENTERPRISE SURVEYS PANEL DATASETS

The Enterprise Surveys panel datasets have the following common format:

- Variable panel allows easy identification of panel observations
- Variable panelid is the same across the waves for the same firm
- Variable eligibility<year> reports eligibility status of all firms interviewed in the previous wave as of the <year> of the latest wave
    - e.g. in 2013-2016 panel, eligibility2016 reports status as of 2016 of all firms interviewed in 2013
- Wherever possible variables are matched across waves. If needed, matches are made by converting variable names in older waves to variable names in the most recent wave
- Due to methodological changes and evolution of the survey instrument it is not possible to match all variables in the datasets
- Variables that are not matched across waves are named as _<year>_<variable>, with the year in which the variable was collected (e.g. _2013_date)
- It is recommended that users thoroughly familiarize themselves with the questionnaires from each of the years contained in the dataset before proceeding with analysis
- Some monetary unit variables in 2002 and 2005 surveys (in US currency) are converted into the local currency units (LCU) using the market, period average, exchange rates. The sources of the exchange rates are the International Financial Statistics (IFS - IMF) websites.
- Weights are representative of the universe for the year that the firm was interviewed. They are **not** panel weights.

To understand more about the panel structure, please type in Stata: **tab panel year**

Panel: Firm interviewed in these years	Year of survey 2009	2013	2019	Total
2009 only	311	0	0	311
2013 only	0	263	0	263
2019 only	0	0	152	152
2009 and 2013 only	54	54	0	108
2013 and 2019 only	0	58	58	116
2009, 2013 and 2019	15	15	15	45
Total	380	390	225	995

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
445012	445012	2009	2009, 2013 and 2019
529589	445012	2013	2009, 2013 and 2019
706541	445012	2019	2009, 2013 and 2019
445018	445018	2009	2009, 2013 and 2019
529615	445018	2013	2009, 2013 and 2019