

Video: What does the Banco de España's data laboratory (BELab) offer the research community?

Transcript

Mindful that economic research is increasingly reliant on granular information, in 2019 the Banco de España created its BELab data laboratory.

The laboratory provides access to high-quality microdata in an environment that guarantees data confidentiality.

Caption: What microdata are available in BELab?

Researchers can find microdata from various departments of the Banco de España.

The datasets available include:

- Information on:
 - Firms
 - Fintech entities
 - Spanish non-financial groups
- Debt security issues (those made in Spain or abroad by Spanish issuers)
- Loans granted by financial institutions to legal persons
- General government debt
- Qualitative data from the Banco de España Survey on Business Activity (EBAE) (among other data)

All of the information is highly detailed (firm-by-firm, loan-by-loan, security-by-security).

Caption: How does the laboratory work?

Researchers access the microdata, usually remotely, through a secure environment.

If necessary, the data can also be accessed in-person at the Banco de España's premises in Madrid and Barcelona.

Caption: Who can access BELab?

Any researcher from a recognised research institute to conduct scientific projects or PhD students wishing to use BELab data to write their doctoral dissertation.

Caption: How can BELab be accessed?

Researchers must submit an application form and their CV via the Economic Analysis and Research section or the Statistics section of our website.