

# Standardizing metadata: a MISSY use case

## German Microdata Lab at GESIS

Our scientific service addresses researchers who work with official statistics microdata.

The service includes tools for data analysis, metadata and knowledge transfer (not the dissemination of the data itself).

The service is provided in cooperation with the Federal Statistical Office (destatis) and Eurostat.

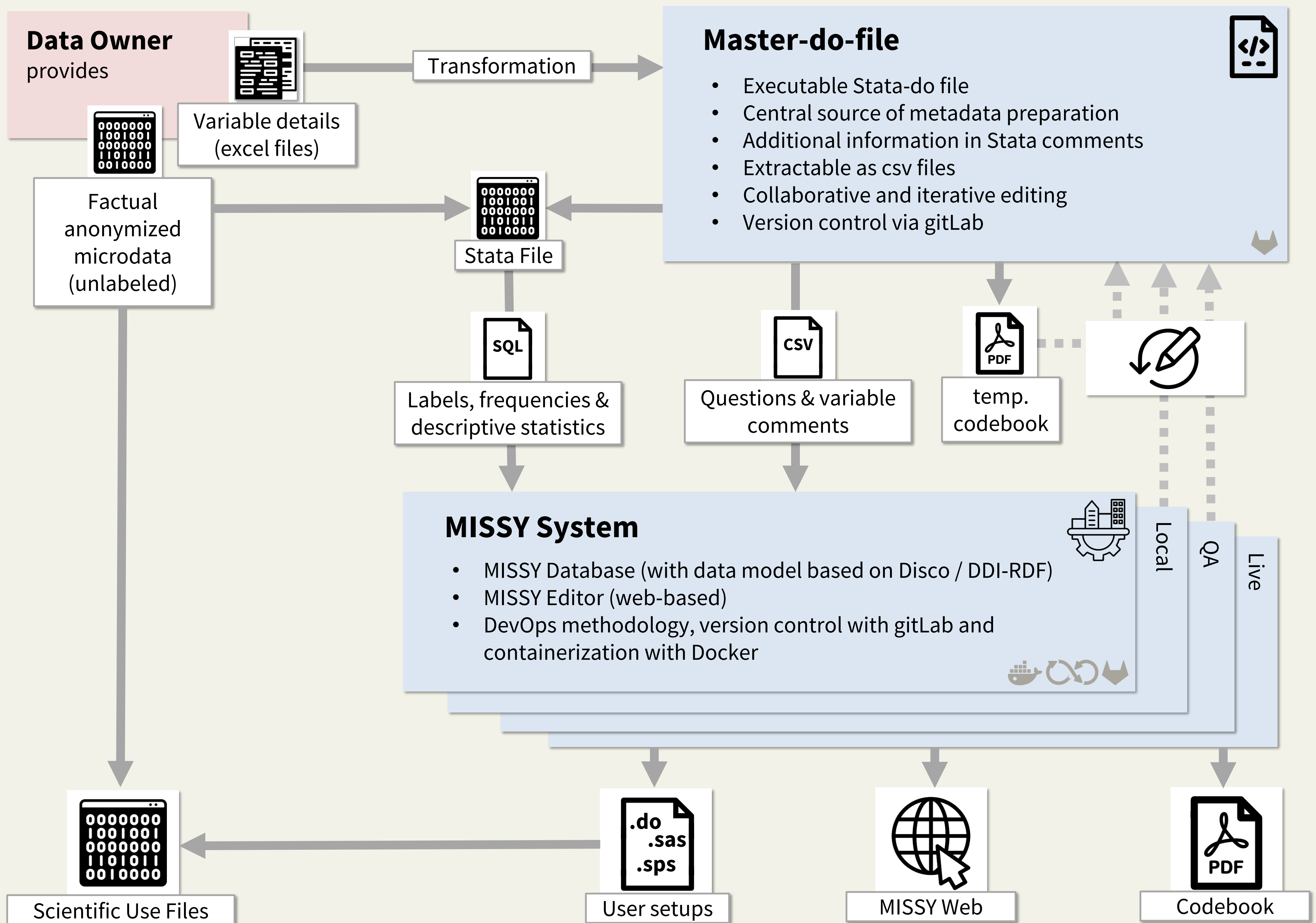
## Microdata Information System *missy.*

The MISSY web portal provides structured metadata to facilitate the use of official microdata.

The documentation covers metadata on study, country and variable level for the German Microcensus, EU-SILC, EU-LFS.

At the same time, MISSY offers a technical infrastructure that supports the internal process of metadata preparation.

### Metadata process for the Microcensus Scientific Use File



## Bottom line: strengths of the process

- ✓ Avoidance of redundant structures by deriving all output formats from one central resource
- ✓ Modular export-formats

- ✓ Reduced (time) costs for iteration loops
- ✓ Full control & transparent development thanks to version control via gitLab