

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 14: Summarising and presenting the accounts**

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1. Sections B and C describe the derivation of the most common macro-economic aggregates.

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2. Section D mentions the need to present the accounts in time series format.

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3. Section E describes the place of volume measures in the accounts.

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4. Sections F to I describe briefly other possible dimensions to the accounts.

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The wide spectrum of the SNA users include ones asking for detailed disaggregating of SNA indicators at sub-regional level. A paragraph would be very useful emphasizing the necessity of a prudent approach in this field. I would highly appreciate including a paragraph reflecting this point, something like follows:

[14.72.bis] The mentioned above conceptual difficulties related to regional accounts are seriously stronger at sub-regional level. The more disaggregated are regional indicators, the more difficult problems can arise. Trying to compile any SNA data on sub-regional level one might face substance inconsistency.

Comparison between two local entities is problematic when one of them has only non-market production (e.g. local authorities' office) and the other one has only market production (e.g. department store). Both of these local entities are important for the economy, but they have quite different characteristics in terms of GVA. There may be no universal approach to comparison of local entities, so the use of the universal concept of value added might be difficult at sub-regional level.

5. Section J describes alternative presentations of the accounts.

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