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Report

- The issue of knowledge economy indicators (KEI) is a cross-cutting issue for all KEN Tables
- Acknowledge the progress in KEI by various institutions (WB, OECD, EC, national level)
- Number of KEI has increased significantly, tendency towards broader capture of knowledge and composite/synthetic measures
- Economic, social and environmental indicators are being added - knowledge is aimed for people!
- The largest gap is evident in capturing and measuring intangible and uncodified knowledge

Report

- Data collection and improved quality of data for KEI is essential
- Make use of existing public databases; minimize additional burden on firms regarding data collection
- A focus on key indicators is needed to better inform policy makers
- Different approaches to presentation of data to alert policy makers (standardized approaches, time distance, traffic lights)
- Monitoring of progress with KEI and benchmarking not sufficient
- Adequate policy mix and cooperation between different stakeholders in addressing major problems is needed to avoid the implementation gap