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 2019-2023 panel, eligibility2023 reports status as of 2023 of all firms interviewed in 2023
- Variable status<year> reports the status of eligible firms as to whether they have been selected in the sample to be interviewed or the interview was a refusal.
- 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. _2023_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
- 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		
	2019	2023	Total
2019 only	754	0	754
2023 only	0	699	699
2019 and 2023	308	308	616
Total	1062	1007	2069

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
673225	673225	2019	2019 and 2023
1189500	673225	2023	2019 and 2023
673227	673227	2019	2019 and 2023
1189310	673227	2023	2019 and 2023
673228	673228	2019	2019 and 2023
1189231	673228	2023	2019 and 2023
673234	673234	2019	2019 and 2023
1189221	673234	2023	2019 and 2023