Large Cases Unit

Approach for dealing with multi-national enterprise groups

Main objective of an LCU

- Define the population of MNE Groups that should be managed by the LCU

- Develop and maintain regular communication and good working relationships with the selected MNE Groups

- Coordinate data collection for various statistical domains by designing common questionnaires and carrying out centralised data collection

- Analyse all aspects of data submitted to the NSI including the delineation of statistical units

- Carry out consistency checks of the various surveyed and administrative data, within and between the statistical domains

- Provide all relevant statistical domains with consistent data from the biggest MNE Groups

Position of an LCU in the organisation of an NSI

- Data Collection Department
- Business Register
- Business Statistics Department
- National Accounts Department
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Size of the LCU and the required skills

- The size will depend on various factors
    - number of selected MNE Groups
    - size and complexity of the MNE Groups
    - number of surveys per year
    - staff resources
- The following skills and experiences are desirable
    - good communication skills
    - knowledge about the business models & practices in MNE Groups
    - expertise in accountancy
    - knowledge of the statistical system
    - proficiency in statistical techniques and data engineering
    - investigative and data problem resolution skills
    - administrative & IT skills
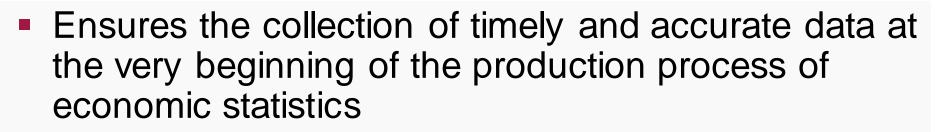   - experience from different areas

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Working procedure

- Regular contacts with the MNE Groups (official & informal)

- Good preparation for the meetings by reviewing the company structure, company data and notes and actions of previous meetings

- Service-minded attitude to all statistical domains whom the LCU will provide data

- Intra-institutional and international cooperation, including the contacts with LCUs in other countries

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Benefits of an LCU

- Ensures the collection of timely and accurate data at the very beginning of the production process of economic statistics

- Have the skills and capability of understanding complex global MNE Groups, their accounts, and the underlying global issues

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International aspects

- To fully understand MNE Groups and to better compile data on their global business activities, it is important to understand their structure and their ownership chain internationally

- A proper treatment of MNE Groups requires cooperation between concerned NSOs in the form of exchange of relevant information

- An international network of LCUs seems to be the right answer to facilitate the necessary exchange of relevant information.

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Role of LCUs in statistical production

National accounts

Communicate across domains

Prices | Sales, employ-ment | Foreign trade and BoP | Financial data | Other business statistics

LCU in the NSO

Check data consistency and coordinate

Global Groups Register | Business register

Review data and structures

EuroGroups Register

Participate in profiling
In Europe and other international fora

Exchange experience in the global LCU network

Collaborate with Central Bank, Customs, Tax authority, Other Producers...

Build relations with **MNEs:**
- Complex structures
- Large size / impact
- Rearrangements and relocations
- Global production arrangements