

Large Cases Unit - LCU

Proposed approach for dealing with multi-national enterprise groups in statistical offices



The Challenge, the Approach and the Benefit

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- The impact of globalisation through MNE Groups = the single largest “measurement” challenge facing producers of economic statistics
- Beneficial to establish a unit in NSIs to deal with MNE Groups where such groups are significant
- A multi-skilled team would ensure:
 - timely collection of data
 - use of accurate and coherent data from the beginning
 - prompt reaction to data changes
 - resolution of anomalies before processed by statistics

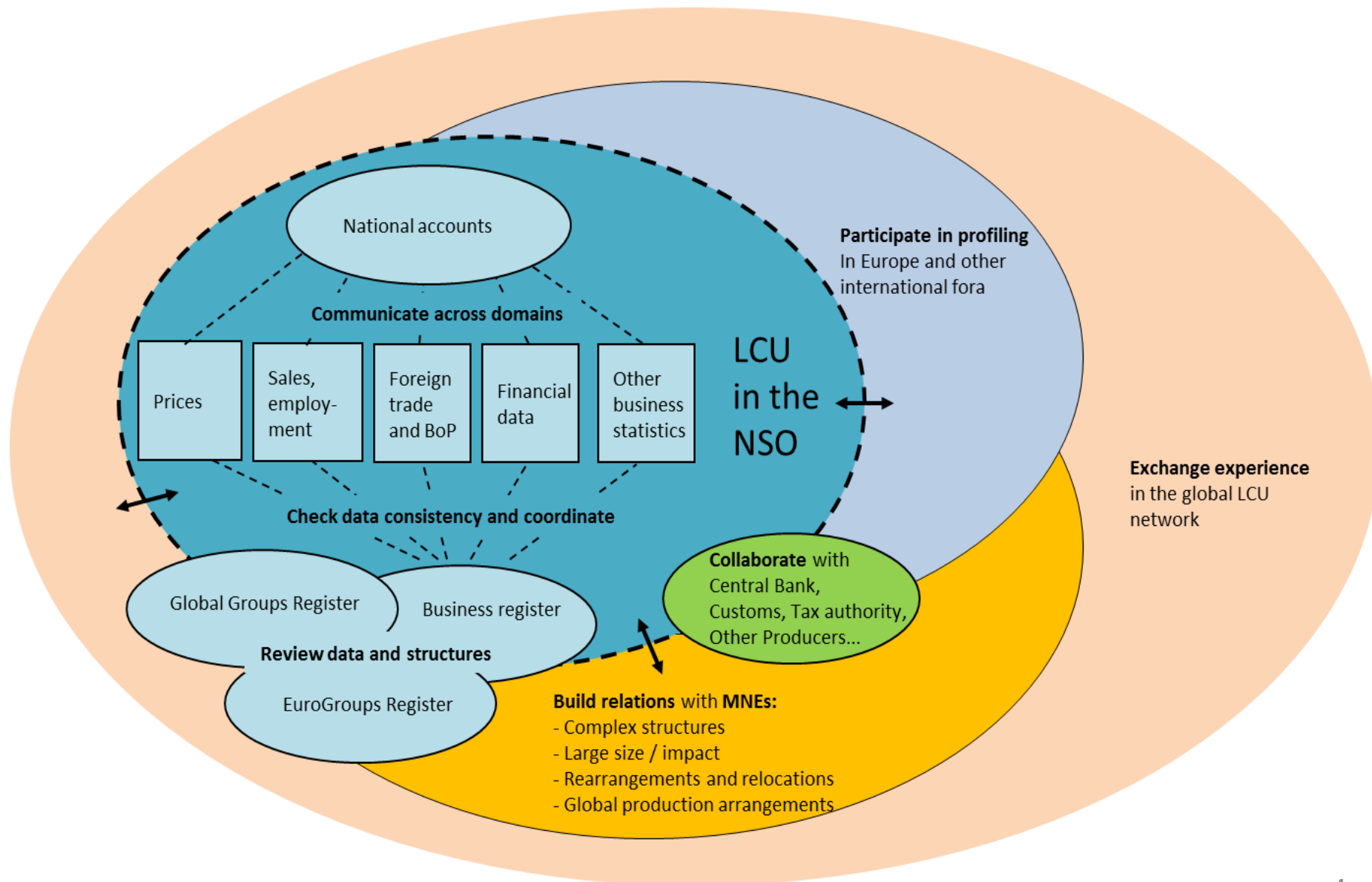
Large cases / consistency / international business – unit

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- Should manage data & relations with MNE Groups
- Organisationally close to where data are collected or be responsible for data collection of MNE Groups
- Should adopt an account management approach with the MNE Groups – customer relationships
- Should improve the quality, consistency and coherency of data at the national level
- Should carry out data sharing, data exchange and data reconciliation with other NSIs

Role of LCUs in statistical production



Stakeholders of an LCU

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A collaborative work method towards:

- Large enterprises
- Key administrative data providers
- Senior management of the NSI
- Other producers of official statistics
- NSIs of other countries
- International organisations
- Users of statistics

Aspects discussed in the paper

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- Benefits of an LCU to data quality & capabilities
- Main tasks of an LCU
 - define, analyse, adjust, coordinate, communicate
- How to place an LCU in the NSI organisation
- LCU size and the required skills
- Working procedures
- International aspects

International aspects

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- It is important to understand MNE Groups' structure and their ownership chain internationally
- This requires cooperation and exchange of relevant information between the concerned NSIs
- Several on-going international initiatives
- An international network of LCUs would facilitate the necessary exchange of information and experience

Network of LCUs

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- Requested by over 60 Heads of NSIs in the Conference of European Statisticians (CES)
- Network would consist of the representatives of all existing LCUs + other experts of MNE Groups data
- First tasks of the network:
 - Nominate a focal point to the network
 - Comment on the LCU paper and apply as relevant
 - Provide input to the guidance on data sharing
 - Organize a one day seminar as part of the next meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts, April 2019
- UNECE to provide the secretariat to the LCU network