

Eurostat Activities in the Area of MNE Groups

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Early Warning System

Purpose:

- Early knowledge of important MNE group restructuring
- Agree on treatment among countries concerned
- Ensure consistent statistics and coordinated implementation and communication
 - Business statistics, national accounts, balance of payments



Early Warning System, cont.

When triggered:

- As soon as restructuring of MNE group is known
 - More than one country affected
 - Restructuring is e.g.:
 - Change of group structure (e.g. creation of branches)
 - Move of assets
 - Change of global production arrangements
- Not all facts need to be available at beginning



Early Warning System, cont.

When a case is reported:

- An ad-hoc Task Force will be convened
- TF will provide agreed opinion on treatment of the case
- Opinion is shared with other countries



Early Warning System, cont.

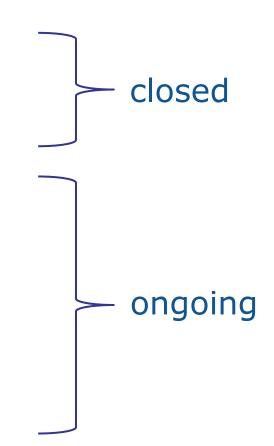
Information exchange:

- Limited to what is necessary for the purpose
- Information on specific case only shared among Eurostat and affected countries
- Secure channels for exchange of information



EWS, overview of current cases

- 1. Online retailer
- 2. Online media content seller
- International restaurant chain
- 4. Low cost carrier
- 5. Social network
- 6. Oil and gas (1)
- 7. Oil and gas (2)
- 8. Consumer goods manufacturer
- 9. Tobacco manufacturer





GNI MNE Group Pilot Exercise

- GNI: used for own resources of EU
- GNI Committee: verifies reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness of GNI of EU countries
- Globalisation identified as a risk area



Aim:

- Evaluate the recording of a selection of MNE groups across Member States
- Primary: assess the plausibility and consistency of distribution of value added of these MNE groups within the EU
- Secondary: look at R&D, IPP



- 25 MNE groups selected
 - > 10 for 2018
 - > 15 for 2019
- 2018 MNE groups already profiled
- 2019 MNE groups to be profiled in 2018, if possible



- Process steered by joint TF Business Statistics and Macro-Economic Statistics Directors
- Kick-off meeting with Member States:
 19-20 April 2018
- Extensive guidelines prepared
- Draft templates prepared
- Secure exchange of information and microdata



For each MNE group:

- Determine all countries concerned (EuroGroups Register (EGR) as prime source)
- Global Decision Centre (GDC) country takes the lead
- Collects qualitative and quantitative information from all partner countries
- Comparison with published data for the MNE group as a whole (e.g. annual reports)
- Identification of inconsistencies



Thank you very much for your attention!