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Session: Supporting LCU work in the EU and beyond

**Recent initiatives to support
the establishment of LCUs in the EU**

Eurostat

Objectives of Eurostat activities on LCUs

- Coordinated and encompassing approach to MNEs
 - **Ensuring quality of statistical output**
 - **Synergies from related activities**
- LCUs at the core nationally – promotion and support for capacity building
- Establishment of a repository of guidance material
- Establishment of a network of LCU for mutual support

Recent developments

(1)

- Workshop on LCUs addressing measurement challenges related to MNEs (11-12 September 2017)
 - 3 MSs with experience in running an LCU (NL, IE, FI) described the national LCU set-up, its objectives and processes and provided examples on addressing the consistency of data related to MNEs' activities in economic/business statistics.
 - Topics covered included: institutional arrangements, size of LCU operations, data management, relationship building and communication with MNEs, and daily operations and processes.
- ESTP course on LCUs (March 2018):
 - 3 MSs (NL, IE, IT) shared their practices and methods in contacting MNEs and ensuring consistency of the data on MNEs, used as input for different statistical domains (Business Statistics, BRs, NA).

Recent developments

(2)

- Grants for further developing LCU expertise within the ESS:
 - A multi-beneficiary grant action has commenced (January 2019) with a consortium of 5 countries (NL -coordinator, DK, SE, LU, IE), with the objective that the consortium will:
 - Support LCU activities by providing coaching, advice and non-financial support to 8 EU NSIs planning to establish/establishing an LCU;
 - Contribute to the establishment of an LCU network in the ESS by supporting Eurostat in setting up of an information/discussion forum for sharing best practice and to developing long-term LCU capabilities within the countries (link to EWS network);

Recent developments

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- Grants for further developing LCU expertise within the ESS (continued):
 - Supported activities within the grants aim to ensure consistency of MNE-related data in different national statistics and include:
 - Mapping the training needs and the 'as is state' of the participating NSIs
 - Advice on the organisational set up of the LCU, the tasks, resourcing, processes and cooperation with stakeholders (based on information collected on the NSIs)
 - Use of cases and training based on real situations
 - Proposal on a network where countries can share experiences
 - Final report from the action will be delivered end of August 2020. The results will be shared with all interested NSIs to support LCU capacity building and exchange of best practices

Recent developments

(4)

- Paper on LCUs by the ONS, UNECE and Eurostat:
 - Joint paper prepared on the approach and rationale for establishing an LCU in countries where MNEs have significant impact on the economy;
 - Submitted to EURONA (Eurostat`s scholarly journal dedicated to National Accounts and Macroeconomic Indicators).
- ESTP course on LCUs (16-17 September 2019)
 - All interested Member States can receive further training and share experiences

Thank you for your attention!

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