

# **EG SBRs 2015 - Session 1**

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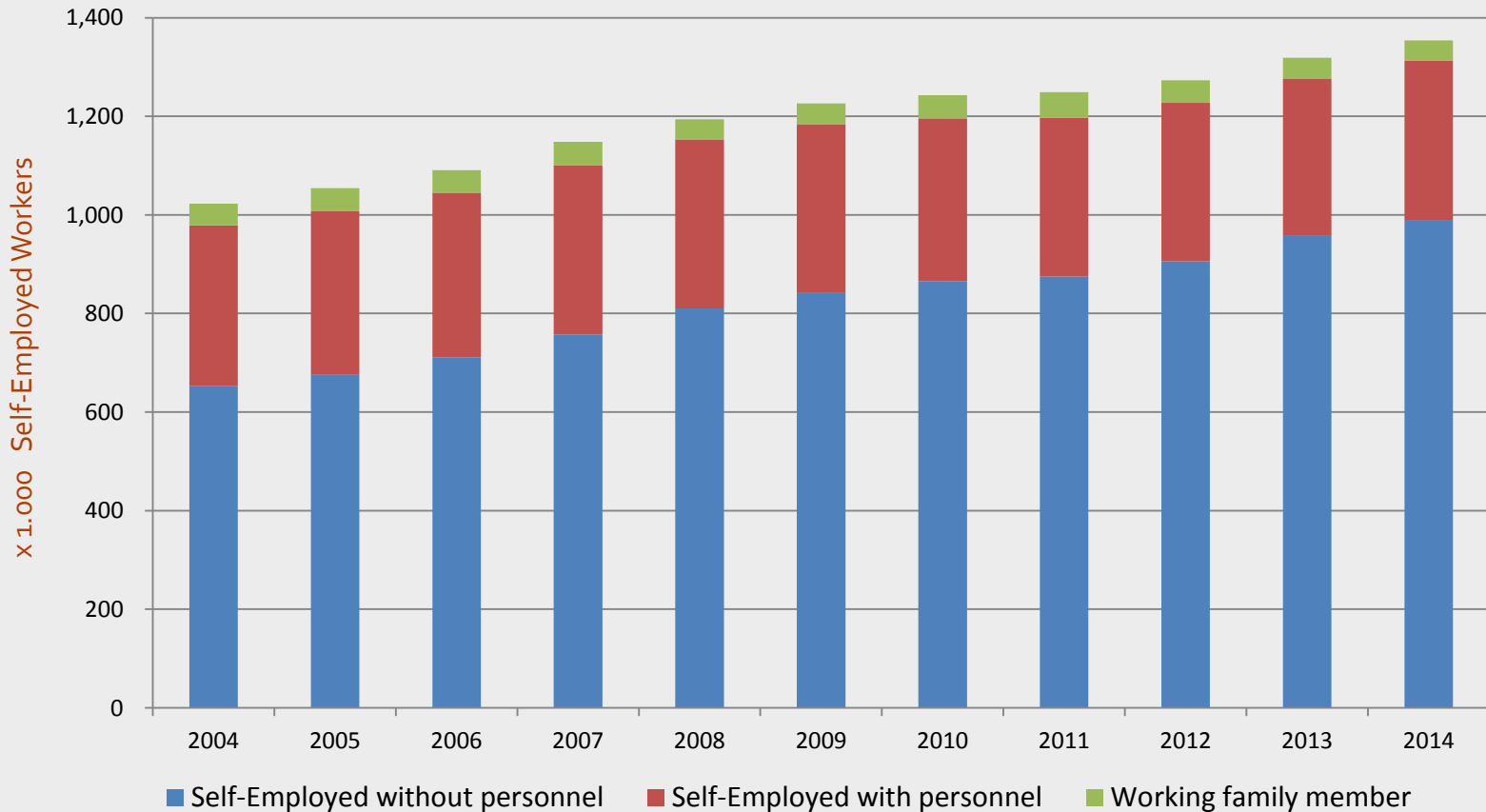
**Satellite of Self-Employed (SOS)**



**Statistics  
Netherlands**

# Self-Employment 2004 - 2014

## Number of Self-Employed Workers in the Netherlands



# Profile of a Self-Employed Worker

## Characteristics

1. He often works **alone**
2. He offers his own services to the **labour** market.
3. He offers his services to **more than one contractor**.
4. The size of his income depends on his **profit**.
5. He is legally responsible for his own assignments and debts with his **personal assets and savings**.

# Importance of Self-Employment

## Advantages of Self-Employment

1. It is supposed to help **innovation** by bringing new concepts or products on the market.
2. It is considered to be the simplest kind of entrepreneurship, which might lead to the **creation of new jobs**.
3. It is supposed to stimulate some **competition** in a market.
4. It is supposed to increase the **labour flexibility**.
5. It is supposed to be an opportunity to **prevent unemployment**, when an individual gets a notice of dismissal.



# Importance of Self-Employment

## Advantages of Self-Employment

5. It is an opportunity to earn **more money** when they determine their own strategy and apply their own business concept on the product they want to sell.
6. It is supposed to improve the feeling of **self-reliance** and well-being of the self-employed worker.
7. It might be an advantage for a business to hire a self-employed worker to do some activities **temporarily** instead of paying personnel permanently.



# Importance of Self-Employment

## Disadvantages of Self-Employment

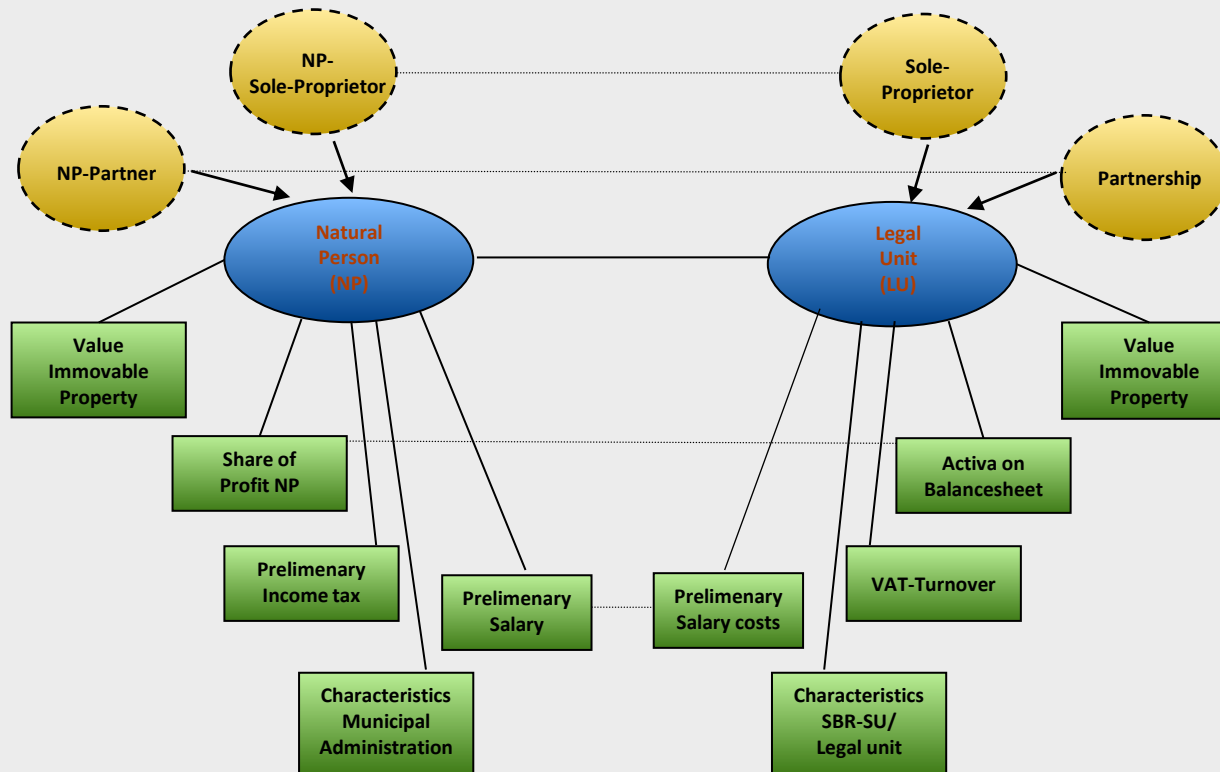
1. Ineligible for **unemployment** insurance
2. Pay extra for **health** insurance
3. **Dependency** of new assignments
4. **Unsteady** pay
5. Financially responsible for any **mistakes**
6. Special **capabilities** related to multiple disciplines to run a business



# Research Questions

1. What is the **definition** of a Self-Employed Worker?  
Individual who accomplishes labour at his own account or risk:  
In his own business or office; In the business or office owned by a member of the family; As a professional (e.g. craftsman); As a DMS
2. What are the main **characteristics** of a Self-Employed Worker?  
Gender, Age, Employee Relation with contractor, Kind of Self-Employed Worker, Activity, Size-class of enterprise
3. What is the **income** of a Self-Employed Worker?  
Income-tax , Salary, Profits, Turnover, etc.
4. What are the **assets** of a Self-Employed Worker?  
Movable property, Immovable Property

# Satellite of Self-Employed (SOS)



Coordination of information on Self-Employment



# Use of the SOS

1. Characteristics of Self-Employed Workers
  - Gender, Age, Employee Relationship, Main activity, With or without Personell
2. Statistics on Income & Wealth
  - Impute missing values for profit variables of a Self-Employed Worker
  - Information on Immovable and Movable Property
3. Benchmarking Monitor of Self-Employed Workers
  - Compare your personal business-results with the competitors in a market
4. Self-Employed Worker as a serial entrepreneur
  - Natural Person which owns more than one enterprise at any moment in time

# Challenges

1. The treatment of the so-called 'Hybrids'.
  - People who work part-time as an employee and part-time as a self-employed.
2. Linking fiscal data to the statistical units in the SBR
  - Coverage issues lead to inconsistencies with the statistical units in the SBR
3. Distinguish different kinds of self-employed workers
  - Treatment of a special group called 'Result-Enjoyers'
  - Director and Main Shareholder (DMS)
  - Distinction between a 'classic' and a 'new' self-employed worker
  - Distinction between a self-employed worker with or without personnel
4. Timeliness of administrative information
  - Timeliness and the completeness of the source that keeps information on the balance-sheet

# Questions

Thank you!

