

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

ALBANIA

Reporter:

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Institution:

Institute of Statistics, INSTAT

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Institute of Statistics, INSTAT

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Manage Databases and Metadata Sector

4. Number of employees in the register unit

3

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main goal is to set up a national business register harmonized and based on BR Regulation. SBR has to: permit the collection of information about them via administrative sources, provide a sampling base for surveys, coordination of surveys, and for grossing up survey results.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1994

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2005

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

112537

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Signing of MoU with General Directory of Taxation

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

MoU included more information than we take from Tax, especially for local unit. That information will allow us to improve quality of business register to update local unit register with administrative source. In this manner we will insure coverage of enterprises with multi-locations and coverage of local unit register.

2. Short title of work which was done

Set up a list of enterprises with strategic economic activity

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A list of enterprises was prepared from SBR 2013, which include enterprises that carried out some specific economic activity and activities (such as air transport, freight rail transport etc...) where are only 1 or 2 enterprises. Also list include and biggest enterprises. This list was consulted with expert from SBS, STS, PPI and NA and was approved by NA and Economic Statistics Directors. The list will be frozen and if some information is coming for changing economic activity, the group will study and approve or not changes in NACE.

3. Short title of work which was done

Provide detailed information for employment

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Provide and used for updating statistical business register the dataset coming from social insurance, which include micro data in employees level for each enterprises

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Treatment of EG and demographic events

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

some questions are added in SBS questionnaire for firstly to identify EG:
During 2014, did your enterprise:

- Merge with or take over another enterprise
- Sell, close or outsource some of the tasks or functions of your enterprise
- Establish new subsidiaries in (your country) or in other European countries
- Establish new subsidiaries outside of Europe

2. Short title of work planned

Update automatically statistical business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Finalize and use the data model of business register is setting up in collaboration with Swedish Expert and set up an IT application /interface that will be integrated with data model. Business Register 2014 is updating in automatically way used datamodel and final result will compare.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Set up the EGR

Description of the challenge

Results coming from SBS will treat following Eurostat recommendation and implementing act , in collaborations and technical support from NSI and Eurostat.

2. Main challenge 2

Create a live register

Description of the challenge

Using datamodel and interface of SBR by internal users and automaticaly update will create a live register that will used by National Accounts and Economic statistics for their purposes.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Republic of Armenia

Reporter:

Vardan Arevshatyan, Head, Business register, sampling and classifications division

Institution:

National Statistical Service of RA (NSS RA)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

NSS RA

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Structural unit of NSS RA

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Upgrading statistical data on legal entities and individual entrepreneurs and implementing statistical sample

6. Year of establishment of the register

1999

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2002

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

26932 (all active legal entities and individual entrepreneurs)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

For the purpose of receiving information from administrative registers, the data exchange agreement has been signed between NSS RA and Ministry of Finance of RA.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

According to the agreement, the Ministry of Finance will provide the NSS RA with the summary statistical data on legal entities and individual entrepreneurs for the last year since 1 June 2015.

2. Short title of work which was done

The continuous improvement of the quality of the business register database was carried out

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Data from administrative registers were compared with the relevant information from the business register for improvement of data accuracy and completeness.

3. Short title of work which was done

Work to reduce the response burden has been done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In order to reduce the response burden the frequency of reporting and number of questions of the questionnaires have been reduced .

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Business Registry data integrity

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Addition of business registers data by more and more using information from administrative registers.

2. Short title of work planned

Continuous reduction of the response burden

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Reducing the response burden using more techniques of statistical sampling

3. Short title of work planned

Systematic addition of the business register database with the data on new organizations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Systematic addition of business register database with the data on new organizations using data from the State register (online) and Tax service register (yearly updated) databases.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Development and maintenance of the integrated system of administrative registers

Description of the challenge

To invest a single individual identification code into all administrative registers, which will allow to get the necessary information on legal entities and individual entrepreneurs for any period of time.

2. Main challenge 2

Continuous improvement of the indicators included in the database of the business register

Description of the challenge

To include the new indicators to the questionnaire on business register taking into account demands of statistical work and statistical information users.

3. Main challenge 3

Continuous development of analysis of the demographic dynamics of statistical units.

Description of the challenge

Analysis of demographic dynamics of statistical units according to internationally accepted standards and classifications.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Australia

Reporter:

Jenny Foster

Institution:

Australian Bureau of Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

ABS Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Australian Bureau of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Economic and Environmental Statistics Group

4. Number of employees in the register unit

56 (FTE)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frames and Business demography

6. Year of establishment of the register

1970s

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2002, 1998, 1985

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

2.16M

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

New process to create the Common Frame and Survey Frame

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The common frame and survey frames were previously produced using a system known as the Frames Production System (FPS). Frame requirements are hard-coded into FPS and consequently any frame data item changes require FPS remediation. BRU staff have written the code to produce the common frame in SAS. The development is an agile solution and enables a more timely frames response to changing survey and business register requirements. The new approach was implemented into production in March 2015.

2. Short title of work which was done

Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA migration)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The STA was recently redesigned and it was an opportune time to migrate the collection to the ABSBR. The survey approaches accommodation establishments. The generalised collection object functionality was used to flag the Type of Activity Units that 'own' accommodation establishments.

3. Short title of work which was done

Linking Government Finance Statistics (GFS) units to the ABSBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The GFS units are generally high level consolidations that do not equate directly to units on the ABSBR. The high level controlling entity associated with the GFS units has been flagged on the ABSBR. A second and related project has commenced that will identify public sector units and establish the definitive public and private sector boundary on the ABSBR.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Migration of the Survey of International Investment (SII)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The SII is a legal entity based collection. For convenience the SII requests consolidated data from all Legal Entities within an Enterprise Group that are classified to the same institutional sector. This work will involve matching SII units to the ABSBR, remediating the ABSBR to include SII stratification variables and populating the ABSBR with the SII information. This is the first migration of a legal entity-based collection to the ABSBR.

2. Short title of work planned

Location statistical units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The revised version of the ABS Economic Units Model released in 2013 reinstated the location. An external source of business locations is currently being assessed to ensure that it is fit for purpose. Future work will involve remediating the ABS information warehouse to store location information and later to remediate the ABSBR. Location information will be used in enhancing the geospatial aspects of ABS statistical series.

3. Short title of work planned

ABSBR re-engineering

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A broad transformation program is planned for ABS. This will include re-engineering of systems and processes related to the ABSBR (timing to be confirmed, but possibly commencing in 2016). In preparation, the focus in 2015 is on updating the current business process maps and metadata, and engaging with key stakeholders on future requirements.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Staffing availability

Description of the challenge

The ABS budget is tight and there has been little recruitment in recent years with capable staff in demand throughout the organisation. There is an emerging requirement for BRU staff to have strong analysis and technical skills. The BRU needs to attract competent staff and to retain them.

2. Main challenge 2

Quality of source stock information

Description of the challenge

Legal entity-based industry and some other coding are maintained by the Australian Business Register (ABR) which is part of the Australian Taxation Office. The BRU has worked with the ABR to improve the quality of the flow of coding of ANZSIC. The challenge for the BRU is to work with the ABR to identify areas of miscoding more broadly and to develop a remediation strategy.

3. Main challenge 3

Transformation program

Description of the challenge

Organisational transformation, including re-engineering of the ABSBR will be complex and will need to be delivered within a fixed budget and timeframe while maintaining the core work program. Expected challenges include project managing multiple work streams and building staff capability in shorter timeframes than the current expectations.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Austria

Reporter:

Nadine Bachholz

Institution:

Statistics Austria

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register for statistical purposes (Unternehmensregister für statistische Zwecke)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Austria

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The Austrian business register is placed within the Registers, Classifications and Geoinformation Division of Statistics Austria, which is reporting directly to the Directors General (http://www.statistik.at/web_en/about_us/organisationstructure/index.html)

4. Number of employees in the register unit

29

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Providing a comprehensive, good quality framework for surveys; for grossing-up economic data, for classifying economic units, providing links between various administrative sources

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2013

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

active legal units total: 468.211 (including non profit and government), active local units total: 593.793

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Adjustments to the BR application

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Further developments to the new BR application have been implemented. These include adaptations because of changes in the administrative sources and increased usability.

2. Short title of work which was done

Concept changes

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Various changes in the concepts for BR maintenance have been implemented (active vs. inactive, a higher degree of automation, addition of new legal units, addition of new local units...)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of the statistical units Enterprise Group and Enterprise into the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Currently, the work on a first version of a register on national (and multinational) enterprise groups, acc. to the European Regulation on business registers, is in progress. It uses data from different national administrative sources as well as data from EuroGroups Register (EGR) and FATS. At the moment enterprises and legal units are identical within the BR. Therefore Statistics Austria is working on the implementation of the statistical unit enterprise in accordance with the methodology, proposed by Eurostat and customized by BR experts.

2. Short title of work planned

Business Demography

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Further adaptation of the concepts is planned for 2015. These changes include harmonization of the Business Demography data with the data resulting from the Structural Business Statistics. Some conceptual changes will be made. New sources such as information of the Austrian Economic Chamber will be taken into account.

3. Short title of work planned

Classification notification

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics Austria is by Austrian law legally obliged to inform legal units about their NACE-coding. In the past the feedback given by the businesses has become a highly valued source. Plans for 2015 include to expand the online part of this information system to the local units, including a possibility to inform Statistics Austria about cessation of the local units and the corresponding month of inactivity.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Data consistency

Description of the challenge

Inconsistency of the data within the sources and even within surveyed data is a problem, as most sources and surveys follow different rules and have different requirements.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country:

Belarus

Reporter:

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Institution:

National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistical Register Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

6

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To provide the uniform recording of respondents and statistical units to organise and conduct state statistical surveys.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1999

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2001, 2013

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

145 106 legal entities, except house-building cooperatives, housing cooperatives, gardening associations, garage cooperatives and cooperatives operating car parkings; political parties and their local units, trade unions (associations of trade unions) and their local units and primary organizations; religious organizations (associations).

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Introduction of the new version of the Nationwide Classification of Economic Activities (OKED) based on NACE rev.2 in the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In 2014 the introduction of the new version of the Nationwide Classification of Economic Activities (OKED) based on NACE rev.2 in the Statistical Register was in progress. The second survey of medium-sized and large for-profit organisations was conducted according to the two OKED versions. Conversion matrices were developed for carrying out probabilistic recoding of the principal economic activity of organisations. To date, all organisations (for-profit and non-profit) have been recoded in the Statistical Register snapshots as at November 1, 2013 and November 1, 2014 by using various methods of recoding (automatic, survey-based, combined, manual, probabilistic).

2. Short title of work which was done

Modernization of software for the administrative part of the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In 2014 modernization of software for the administrative part of the Statistical Register was in progress. Requirements specification was developed and modification of software tools for the compilation and maintenance of the administrative part of the Statistical Register at the territorial (regional) level began.

3. Short title of work which was done

Review of the methodological documents which regulate maintenance of the two parts of the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In 2014 rules for compilation and maintenance of the administrative part of the Statistical Register and the statistical one (statistical register of the Integrated Information System of State Statistics) were revised and approved.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Completion of introduction of the new version of the Nationwide Classification of Economic Activities (OKED) based on NACE rev.2 in the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is planned to recode the principal economic activity of all organisations (for-profit and non-profit) in the Statistical Register snapshot as of November 1, 2015. Beginning from January 1, 2016 the new version of OKED based on NACE rev.2 will be completely introduced in the Statistical Register.

2. Short title of work planned

Modernization of software for the administrative part of the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is planned to complete modification of software tools for the compilation and maintenance of the administrative part of the Statistical Register (at the national and regional levels). There is a plan to put new software into operation in 2016.

3. Short title of work planned

Expansion of information base of the Statistical Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

There is a plan to include data on individual entrepreneurs in the Statistical Register in 2015-2017. It is planned to change the regulations that govern issues of interaction of registration authorities with other public administration authorities on state registration and liquidation (cessation of activity) of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs using an automated information system (AIS) «Interaction». In addition it is planned to modify the AIS «Interaction» and the software tools for compilation and maintenance of the administrative part of the Statistical Register in order to enable the statistical bodies to process information cards on individual entrepreneurs.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Introduction of the classification of institutional units by sectors of the economy in the Statistical Register

Description of the challenge

In 2015-2017 there is a plan to develop a nationwide classification of institutional units by sectors of the economy in accordance with the System of National Accounts 2008 (SNA 2008), to design algorithms of automated determination of codes of institutional units by sectors of the economy and to introduce the classification of institutional units by sectors of the economy in the Statistical Register.

2. Main challenge 2

Creation of special tool for selection of respondents

Description of the challenge

There is a plan to create a tool on the basis of the administrative part of the Statistical Register allowing for the selection of a list of respondents for the organisation and conduction of a specified state statistical survey for a specified period of time according to the uniform selection criteria.
At this stage we have problems with complete formalization of conditions of selection of respondents for certain statistical surveys taking into account the characteristics available in the Statistical Register.

3. Main challenge 3

Establishment of Business Demography

Description of the challenge

At this stage we have methodological difficulties relating to the design of a separate business demography database where the information from the Statistical Register and other sources will be uploaded as necessary. Moreover, we have difficulties relating to the design and further development of special software producing the necessary calculations.

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Country:

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reporter:

Dzenita Mustafic

Institution:

Agency for Statistic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Agency for Statistic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The Unit for Business Register and Economic Classifications is a part of Business Statistics Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4 (together with employees for economic classifications)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The primary goal of the SBR is to be the frame for statistical surveys, source of units and their basic characteristics, source of business population and a tool for analysis of business population in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2008

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

59.110 enterprises (without entrepreneurs/crafts)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Improving the quality of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Last year, SBR have performed special quality survey focusing on the enterprises to ensure correct activity codes and also to validate addresses, names and activity status. SBR will continue to conduct special quality survey this year with focusing on the enterprises to ensure correct activity status. We will continue to work on providing VAT data. More efforts was made to insure agreement with Directorate of Finance, Sector of Tax Authority in Brcko District about exchanging employment data. Implementation of this agreement is in force from this year. We will continue find the source for improving employment and financial variables for entrepreneurs/crafts.

2. Short title of work which was done

Improving the system of feedback from statistical surveys (survey side)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The system of feedback from statistical surveys (survey side) of SBR was improved for Brcko District. It was agreed that required informations for updating SBR data from surveys should be kept centrally. We will continue to improve the survey side of SBR in order to get better feedback information from statistical surveys.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Basic Business Demography Events

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Draft Methodology for linking SBR with the compilation of SBS business demography (BD) is in progress. Currently preliminary data for BD on births and deaths is being prepared, even though we are not satisfied with quality of data from administrative sources. This activity is implemented through IPA 2012 Twinning Project.

2. Short title of work planned

Institutional sector codes

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Together with National Account we will begin to prepare methodology and practical guidelines to be used for determining and allocating institutional sector code to all SBR units, and for regular standard updating. Some of these activities will be carried out with the support of IPA 2012 Twinning Project.

3. Short title of work planned

Preparations for the introduction of enterprise groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Through the IPA, we plan to start development of methodology for establishing enterprise groups in SBR: rules for construction, observation and updating of EG characteristics in SBR. First step of this activity will be carried out next year.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Introduction of enterprise groups

Description of the challenge

Because of too many different administrative laws and many different administrative sources with insufficient data quality level. In line with that introduction of enterprise groups will be the challenge for us in the next period.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country:

Bulgaria

Reporter:

Iliyana Iskrenova

Institution:

National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

"Register of Statistical Units" / Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register Department in the Business Statistics Directorate

4. Number of employees in the register unit

7

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main goal of the register is to create sampling frames for statistical surveys and to produce statistics on enterprises, enterprise groups and local units.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

In 2005 the main re-engineering of SBR was done. In the middle of 2015 another huge upgrade of the register will be finished.

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

At the moment we don't have final data for the number of active statistical units for 2014 and provide preliminary, as estimated data. The number of active statistical units in the SBR up to end of 2014 are estimated to 425 648 (419 698 - Enterprises without local units; 6 950 - Enterprises with local units). The number of legal units is 1 386188 (registered in Trade register).

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of statistical unit "Enterprise group" in the Register of Statistical Units (SBR).

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Register of Statistical Units (SBR) has been re-engineered and software has been developed for delineation and updating of Enterprise groups (EGs). The re-engineered SBR will be put in production in May 2015.

2. Short title of work which was done

Active participation in the EGR Project

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Perform activities on regular annual data exchange in the scope of the EGR on MNEs. Testing of the EGR IS application and a new EGR application, namely the "EGR FATS".

3. Short title of work which was done

Participation in two ESRs projects from the Eurostat Grant Programme 2014

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BNSI participate in two ESRs projects: "Delineation of Statistical Units and Testing Profiling" and "Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling". In the framework of the projects are implemented the following activities: Adaptation of the national SBR to store the unique identification numbers of foreign units (foreign direct parents and/or foreign subsidiaries); The unique identification numbers, the LEID numbers are collected from the EGR IS; Applying methodology of profiling for initial intensive profiling as the country of the UCI and methodology of profiling for initial light profiling as the country of the UCI; Testing initial profiling as main profiler of a non-EU global enterprise group. Development of algorithm for automatic delineation of TEN's; Simulation of automatic delineations of TEN's from EGR 2012 population; Simulation the computation of SBS variables (turnover, value added and number of persons employed); Testing and implementation of method for automatically delineation of DEG and their variables; Testing the Eurostat methodology for delineation of TEN's and DEG's for automatically treatment and possible improvements linked to the obtained results; etc. The work on the two projects will finished at the end of 2015.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Further studies to find more effective way to maintain the information in SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Further studies and implementation of more effective methods to maintain the information in SBR. Improve compliance with the existing Statistical Unit Regulation.

2. Short title of work planned

Participation in ESRs projects

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Future projects are planned to increase SBR and survey area interactions. Optimize SBR potential for data linking.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

National business register SBR better perform its backbone role for all business statistics

Description of the challenge

To make the SBR a fit and reliable tool for all survey areas and to improve comparability and accuracy of national and European estimates.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Canada

Reporter:

Jamie Brunet

Institution:

Statistics Canada

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Canada

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistical Registers and Geography Division under the Statistical Infrastructure Branch

4. Number of employees in the register unit

170 employees in the new Division with 75 dedicated employees to the Business Register

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The Business Register is used by the economic programs as a frame to determine the in-scope population, to select a sample, to support collection activities, to monitor and control response burden and to support business demographics analysis.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1987

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2006-2008

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

6 million active units (enterprises)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Analysis of enterprise self-coding to the 'Holding Company' Industry

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As part of on-going initiative to make use of self-selected industry codes provided on electronic corporate tax forms, we are assessing the very high incidence (20%) of self-coding to the 'Holding Company' industry. A sample of 10,000 of these enterprises has been contacted to a) assess the validity of the self-selection to Holding Company and b) test hypotheses that would permit the usage of auxiliary financial variables from tax reports to accept or reject it on an automated basis. Our research indicates that some of these units these units are actually 'flow-through' investment companies with no physical capital or employment and therefore no real value-added, and should be classified accordingly on the Register.

2. Short title of work which was done

Development of integrated quality assessment framework

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have implemented a new mechanism for assessing the reliability of industry codes. A "Confirmation Date" is now in place whereby, according to intricate processing rules, the code assigned to an industry is compared with the code received from other coding sources for the same enterprise to determine whether a classification can be considered as "confirmed" on a specific date. This is being used both to indicate whether an update should be applied if a new source with a different code is received and also as a basis for coding quality metrics. This is a key part of a new set of quality indicators to be included in a quality annual report to be produced by the SBR team.

3. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of a response burden control module.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics Canada has implemented a response burden control module on the Business Register System in December 2014. The objectives of this module are to reduce the response burden for small, simple enterprises as well as calculate the potential accumulated response burden for all active enterprises on the Business Register System. This is calculated over a three year period. Depending on the class size of the enterprise and the total amount of hours spent completing questionnaires we determine if an enterprise has exceeded its response burden limit. If an enterprise is overburdened for its class size it will receive an exclusion from all surveys for a duration of one calendar year.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

q Increased automated usage of administrative data in maintenance of small to medium businesses on the statistical register to increase focus on profiling and analysis of large complex structures

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Enterprise Profiling Unit has been evolving. With the increased automation in small to medium simple business structures using Administrative Data, there has been an increased need of analytical staff with accounting or business background to fully maintain the large and complex enterprises in Canada. The increased automation allows for an increased allotment of resources to the large enterprise profiling unit and therefore increased quality and coherence of business register data. The strategic review of the profiling program has brought to light specific weaknesses in the current program and we have begun putting in place recommendations of the review. The increased capacity of the profilers enhances their impact on the register with full analysis and coherence of critical units to the statistical program which while increasing the quality of the data, it reduces the corporate costs of economic survey programs.

2. Short title of work planned

Quality Assessment Framework - further improvements

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have made good progress in developing quality metrics for key variables on the frame, in particular industry coding and business activity status. A crucial aspect that we are now pursuing is metrics on the quality of the enterprise profiles for complex structures. Provincial and industrial statistics depend on having a complete and accurate picture of the establishments within an enterprise, along with well-maintained frame variables for them. Statistics Canada invests heavily in maintaining profiles for large corporations. We are looking to expand the quality metrics that assess this work.

3. Short title of work planned

Survey frame assessment tool re-design

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We continue to work towards an improved Frame Assessment tool for the client subject-matter specialists of the BR. It has taken some time to define the requirements, we are now moving into the development phase.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Integration with activities of the former Geography Division

Description of the challenge

In early 2015, it was decided to merge the Business Register Division organizationally with the Geography

2. Main challenge 2

Entrepreneurship stats

Description of the challenge

We continue to work on how the Business Register supports the provision of business demographic statistics. We are working with various partners within Statistics Canada to identify ways to improve the timeliness, frequency, coherence and time-continuity of Statistics Canada's products that inform analysis of business entries, exits, growth patterns and their impact on employment and macro-economic trends.

3. Main challenge 3

Integration with SNA sector concepts

Description of the challenge

We are increasingly focussed on ensuring the Business Register is adequately classifying units for the purposes of the sectoring framework of the System of National Accounts (SNA). The BR team is working with SNA officials to address issues related to: the numerous enterprises classified on the BR as Holding Companies; the need to break-out the financial services that are consolidated within large enterprises that are primarily non-financial, and the general clean-up of units of the frame belonging to the non-profit sector.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Costa Rica

Reporter:

Odilia Bravo

Institution:

Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Directory of Enterprises and Establishments (DEE)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Area de Estadísticas Continuas

4. Number of employees in the register unit

9 (project coordinator, 2 intelligence analysts, 5 interviewers and a system engineer)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Having an organized database of enterprises and establishments resident in the country with their characteristic variables as location, size, economic activity and identification.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2008

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

41939 enterprises and 10748 establishments

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Digitalization of enterprises and establishments

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Management approval for hiring two cartographers for the digitization of a 40% of the registers of the DEE, at a geostatistic minimum unit level. This project brings helps to the process of diffusion and sampling of the DEE.

2. Short title of work which was done

Mergers and takeovers Database

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Getting quarterly the database of mergers and takeovers by the Legal Registry

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Application of new criteria for the development of variables to determine the inactivity of enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the case of the inactivity of the enterprises is to apply the criterion of ECLAC and Eurostat indicating that a company has continuity and maintains its identification number (consecutive) in the database, if it resumes its activities within 24 months (2 years) following the temporary suspension of activities.

2. Short title of work planned

Digitalization of enterprises and establishments

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Digitization of the total of enterprises and establishments of the DEE in a period of at least three years.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Signing of Agreements

Description of the challenge

Is expected to sign the respective agreements with the administrative sources of social security and the Ministry of Finance

2. Main challenge 2

Updating the economic activity variable of the Directory according to ISIC Rev.4

Description of the challenge

Change entire directory of ISIC Rev. 4 from ISIC Rev. 4 nationalized

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Croatia

Reporter:

Zrinka Pavlović

Institution:

Croatian Bureau of Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Croatian Bureau of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistical Business Register Unit within Statistical Infrastructure Directorate

4. Number of employees in the register unit

6

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Statistical Business Register is a frame for statistical surveys and a tool for analysis of business population. It should provide good coverage of businesses and all necessary information that is needed to conduct surveys and to describe business population.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2004

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008-2010

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

190.407

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Improvement of data on enterprise groups and starting of profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As Croatia is participating in the Eurostat's grant "Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling", a lot of effort has been put into the updating and improvement of the quality of the data on enterprise groups that are registered in the SBR. Several administrative sources are used for updating the EG's and this work has been done manually. Profiling activities also started by establishing the profiling team which consists of SBR and SBS statisticians. We established good cooperation with the GEG which is subject of intensive profiling and the first visit was made. Also, we exchanged the first version of PR and PT with the partnering countries.

2. Short title of work which was done

Compliance with ESA 2010

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Work on upgrading of SBR data base and application in order to comply with ESA 2010 was finished by the end of second quarter in 2014. New algorithms were prepared in order to use additional data for more precise classification of institutional units.

3. Short title of work which was done

Establishing the production of business demography data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Business demography data were produced for the first time according to the EU methodology.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Applying definition of statistical units in SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

So far legal unit was equal to enterprise in SBR due to extensive use of administrative sources. Although data base was created in a way that enables registration of complex enterprise units consisting of several legal units, due to limited resources that we have at disposal, this functionality has not been in use so far. In order to become compliant with EU regulation 696/93 we plan to start analysis and preparations that will enable creating enterprise units during 2015 and more extensively in 2016. This will include as well adjusting of data base in order to enable proper linking of legal units, enterprises and enterprise groups.

2. Short title of work planned

Enterprise groups and profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Improvement of data on EG will be continuous work. We will continue with the profiling activities, and focus on national part of EG's.

3. Short title of work planned

Project on merging statistics and geospatial information

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the project funded by EU grant, we plan to supplement SBR with geocode and street code for every unit. For that purpose a tool will be created that would enable coding of existing streets in SBR and those that are entering in SBR from administrative data files. Besides, selected statistics from SBR are going to be presented in Web using appropriate tools for that purpose.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Work on development and maintenance of SBR with very scarce resources

Description of the challenge

Requests towards SBR and needs for further developments are increasing but it is not supported with necessary resources. For that reason, greater use of administrative sources for the purpose of updating of SBR and development of tools for replacing manual work with automated procedures is seen as only solution.

2. Main challenge 2

Coding street names in SBR

Description of the challenge

Coding of street names will be challenge due to different versions of same street name existing in administrative sources. No administrative source has implemented street codes in its records. Various forms can be expected and it will be demanding task to code it for SBR purposes.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

CYPRUS

Reporter:

Thomas Gregoriou

Institution:

Statistical Service of Cyprus

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistical Service of Cyprus

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Methodology, Statistical Dissemination, Prices, Labour Market, Labour Costs and ICT Surveys

4. Number of employees in the register unit

5

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Keep data on Legal Units, Enterprises, Local Units, Kind of Activity Units, Local Kind of Activity Units and Enterprise Groups. Furthermore, to provide the sampling frame for all the business surveys contacted by the Statistical Service of Cyprus.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1986

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2005, 2008

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

89830 enterprises, 99999 local units, 343821 legal units (Reference Year, 2013). The results for 2014 will be available in July 2015.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Administrative data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Data from administrative sources is now received on a monthly basis.

2. Short title of work which was done

Common Legal Units Register with the Central Bank of Cyprus

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A common Legal Units Register has been created by the Statistical Service of Cyprus and the Central Bank of Cyprus.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Profiling of large enterprise groups

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Statistical Units Definitions

Description of the challenge

Fully utilize the administrative sources data and the data provided by the surveys contacted by the Statistical Service of Cyprus, in order to implement the new definitions of the Statistical Units.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Denmark

Reporter:

Steen Eiberg Jørgensen

Institution:

Statiscs Denmark

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Danish Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Denmark

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register division, Department of Business Statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

App. 18 (incl it-staff)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main purpose of the SBR is to make the statistical frame for any business related statistics produced by Statistics Denmark.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1999

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008, 2011, (2013)

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

677000 enterprises

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Handling complex Enterprise Groups nationally.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A project has been set up for analysing and starting national profiling using a Top-Down method, including establishing a system for dataconfrontation.

2. Short title of work which was done

Extend the registration Business Demography

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics Denmark follow LKAU over time and register splits and merges etc. at this level. On this basis the business Demography is formed. Statistics Denmark want to extend the registration to a registration on the National Enterprise level.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Change the exchange of data with the Administrative Business Register to a WEB solution.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The existing platform for exchange of data is out-dated and as the Administrative Business Register plans to change to a WEB-platform, Statistics Denmark has to be able to receive data in this way.

2. Short title of work planned

Include new administrative sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Some accounts-data are available for all companies in the SBR. And can be used in the work to make complex enterprises.

Data on shareholders will be available from autumn 2015, they will be used for group-registration.

3. Short title of work planned

New adress format

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We need a change in the address-exchange because a common agreement covering the whole public administration has resulted in a new format including x,y coordinates.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

External changes.

Description of the challenge

A lot of initiatives is taken by different partners who deliver data to Statistics Denmark. Many of these will influence the SBR. In some cases the changes are carried out without informing Statistics Denmark which causes quick and unplanned changes, other changes are known (eventually not in details) and make it possible to plan the changes.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Dominica

Reporter:

Prayma Carrette, Chief Statistician

Institution:

Central Statistics Office

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Establishment Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Central Statistics Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Surveys Unit

4. Number of employees in the register unit

being updated

5. Primary goal and use of the register

For establishment surveys; have record of establishments in country; for economic surveillance

6. Year of establishment of the register

1970

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2002; 2012; 2015

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

4,323 provisional (excludes institutions- Institutions are registered in a separate register; excludes informal and informal own account activity- Informal Sector has a separate register; excludes farmers-Farmers are registered in a separate register)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Revising the Establishment Form

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

to include owner's name, operational status (closed/open), ownership status, business start date, financial reporting period, email address, contact information

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Arab Republic of Egypt

Reporter:

Iman Ahmad Ahmad Elhitta

Institution:

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics (CAPMAS)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Establishments Census.

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics (CAPMAS).

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

IT Sector.

4. Number of employees in the register unit

10 Employees.

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Collecting establishments data to be a basic frame for regular statistics conducted by CAPMAS and updating this data continually.

6. Year of establishment of the register

Year 2006.

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

Year 2011.

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

About 2.4 million live establishments.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

continuing the rest of census mapping for year 2016.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Update the maps according to the lowest level of geographical codes to identify the geographical area used on the fieldwork in census 2016. CAPMAS is planing to build geographic data base according to data of establishment census 2016.

2. Short title of work which was done

A project to link the data of some establishments on GIS (will be finished at 2015).

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

collecting data on schools, hospitals, post offices, and facilities in the government sector and loading them on the geographic database.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Signing a memorandum of understanding with National Authority of Insurance.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Receiving detailed data of establishments each 3 months.

2. Short title of work planned

Setting up a national committee for business register.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Submit a proposal to the Prime Minister in order to issue a resolution for setting up a national committee for business register.

3. Short title of work planned

continuing the rest of census mapping for year 2016 (Will be finished in 2015).

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Update the maps according to the lowest level of geographical codes to identify the geographical area used on the fieldwork in census 2016. CAPMAS is planing to build geographic data base according to data of establishment census 2016.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

There isn't unified registration in Egypt

Description of the challenge

Every administrative agency have own identified number because we haven't unified registration. Any enterprise/ establishment must do registration at Tax Authority, then at chamber of commerce and finally at commercial register. There is not enough information from one data source and also, there are problems to receive data about revenue of enterprises from Egyptian Tax Authority according law.

2. Main challenge 2

There is problem to deal with location of establishment from administrative registers.

Description of the challenge

Establishments address that are found in the administrative records are not clear and detailed enough to be suitable for fieldwork.

3. Main challenge 3

There is no real relation between administrative registers.

Description of the challenge

For example: the Tax ID is existing in all other registers but in some registers isn't an mandatory field and for that it's not exist for all records of administrative registers.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

ESTONIA

Reporter:

Ms Svetlana Shutova

Institution:

Statistics Estonia

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business register for Statistical Purposes

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Estonia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Data Processing and Registers Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

5

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The goal of the register is to create the sampling frame for statistical surveys and to produce statistics on the demography of enterprises and statistics on enterprise groups.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1994

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2002, 2011-...

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

146.643

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Participation in Eurostat projects on the themes of profiling and the new definition of enterprise.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SE participates in two Eurostat projects — “Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling” and “Delineation of statistical units and testing profiling”. Tasks include: Identification of the foreign legal units stored in BR, describing the BR using GSBPM and GSIM, testing the follow-up of profiling and the implications of profiling at the national level, delineating the population of enterprises to be treated automatically etc

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Further development of the System of Statistical Registers.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is planned to implement the statistical population register and a module for samples of persons into a statistical data production process in 2015. It is also intended to develop the rest of the system according to the plan by the year 2018.

2. Short title of work planned

Participation in Eurostat project “Merging statistics and geospatial information in member states”

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SE participates in Eurostat project “Merging statistics and geospatial information in member states” from the beginning of 2015. One of the main goals of the project is full linkage of statistical business register and statistical register of agricultural holdings to the Address Data System (ADS) and through this the geo-referencing of the data of statistical units in the register.

3. Short title of work planned

Data collection on registrations and bankruptcies

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics Estonia has agreed to participate in Enterprise Demography data collection on registrations and bankruptcies. First datasets will be transmitted to Eurostat in October 2015 for 3rd and 4th quarters of 2014 and 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Furher development of the System of Statistical Registers

Description of the challenge

Further development of the System of Statistical Registers and integration of it into the rebuilding info-technological system of organization. The main challenge is to keep the register maintained and running smoothly in new organizational and information technological developments.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

European Central Bank

Reporter:

Peter Neudorfer

Institution:

Directorate General Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

RIAD ('Register of Institutions and Affiliates Database')

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

European Central Bank

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Directorate General Statistics (DG-S)

4. Number of employees in the register unit

~2.0 FTE

5. Primary goal and use of the register

- Based on Regulation (EC) No 1071/2013 (ECB/2013/33), Regulation (EU) No 1073/2013 (ECB/2013/38) and Regulation (EU) No 1075/2013 (ECB/2013/40) maintain and publish lists of financial institutions (i.e. the reporting population for euro area financial statistics).
- Identifying and maintaining the list of banks and/or banking groups relevant for the 'Single Supervisory Mechanism' (SSM).
- Supporting monetary policy operations by identifying relevant intra-group relationships (according to the rule defined in the 'General Documentation').

6. Year of establishment of the register

1998

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2013 (May)

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2013

~150,000 (~170,000 mid-2014)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Finalise the ESCB wide implementation of the new data model

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In its second year of operation the focus was to align all contributing ESCB members to implement the new data (exchange) model and to ensure that all compulsory reference data are provided.

2. Short title of work which was done

Further develop the functionality and usage of RIAD.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The system was enhanced to improve its usage for Market Operations and Banking Supervision purposes. Concerning the latter this implied in particular a further enlargement of the data model.

3. Short title of work which was done

Deepen the ESCB wide data quality management.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Much attention was given to strengthen the ESCB wide data quality management, starting with deepening the communication between all stakeholders (in particular on the expert level at NCBs).

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2014) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Increase the number of (lists of) entities relevant in the context of ESCB statistics.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As of 2016 RIAD will also include European insurance corporations. The efforts to built up a list of European Holding Companies (HC) and Head offices (HO) fed by NCBs and NSIs will continue (which will in turn allow compilers and reporting agents to rely on a joint and aligned sector classification of these entities, in particular in the context of cross-border ownership situations).

2. Short title of work planned

Banking Supervision

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since the ECB has in Autumn 2014 been assigned with important competences in banking supervision, RIAD will have to continuously increase the support of this area, for instance enhancing the data model wherever needed to process supervisory relevant data.

3. Short title of work planned

Closer link with Eurostat's 'EuroGroups Register' (EGR).

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To the extent feasible within the legal framework, RIAD will retrieve (relationships) data from the EGR and in turn feed information on financial corporations back to the EGR.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Legal obstacles to exchange information between (supra-national) registers.

Description of the challenge

A recurrent bottleneck are legal constraints to retrieve information from other (statistical) registers and use them for purpose not explicitly characterised as "statistical". (Not to speak about making the data freely accessible or even publish them.)

2. Main challenge 2

Unique identification of units in a cross-border context.

Description of the challenge

While RIAD allows to build-up list(s) of 'alias' codes, i.e. store multiple identifiers of different origin and format describing the same unit the number of commonly used IDs among users and producers is not standardised nor legally enforced. The biggest problems are in this context caused in the field of cross-border relations, in particular to entities outside the EU, tax heavens etc...

3. Main challenge 3

Timely and exact recording of corporate actions and other reference data updates.

Description of the challenge

Even in a data model like the one of RIAD, which allows the exact recording of specific corporate actions, the correct update of the status of an unit (e.g. 'under liquidation' or already 'closed') is not always trivial. In addition even official statistical classifications, such as recoding of an unit under the private or government sector, require a complex governance procedure among (occasionally multiple) stakeholders.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

European Commission (EC)

Reporter:

Zsolt Volfinger

Institution:

EUROSTAT - Statistical Office of the European Union

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

EuroGroups Register (EGR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Eurostat, Unit G1 (Business Statistics - coordination and registers)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Unit G1 is part of Directorate G (Global Business Statistics)

4. Number of employees in the register unit

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The EGR is a network of registers consisting of a central register at Eurostat and local registers in the EU and EFTA Countries. It contains structural economic information about Multinational Enterprise Groups (MNEs) with an interest in Europe and their constituent units. The primary goal of the EGR is to offer coordinated frame populations for the production of statistics on globalisation.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2008

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2013-2015

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

49,000 MNEs; 630,000 legal units (companies)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Development of IT environment of the EGR 2.0

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Remote access IT platform was launched by the Commission for on-line access to EGR.

2. Short title of work which was done

IT and process development of EGR 2.0

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The EGR Identification Service (EGR IS) module was launched with on-line access for users. This module assigns unique EGR identification numbers for legal units worldwide, called the LEID numbers. The LEID number is the compulsory identifier for all legal units in the whole EGR process.

3. Short title of work which was done

IT development of EGR 2.0

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Further EGR modules were under IT development including the central EGR processing module (EGR core) and EGR on-line browser tool. These developments are continuing in 2015.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

IT development of EGR 2.0

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

All missing EGR 2.0 modules will be finalized and put into production by Spring 2016, incl. EGR core and EGR on-line browser tool. IT development of an interactive module for EGR with on-line functionalities for editing and validation of EGR data. Developments will be finished by the end of 2015.

2. Short title of work planned

Evolutionary maintenance of EGR modules

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Evolutionary maintenance of the EGR modules (e.g. EGR IS) based on users' needs.

3. Short title of work planned

Interactive profiling tool developments

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IT development of the Interactive profiling tool, an on-line tool for storing and exchanging data of enterprise groups which are profiled by National Statistical Offices.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Production of EGR output with changing IT tools

Description of the challenge

The new IT modules (e.g. EGR IS) are incrementally inserted into the EGR production cycle; in 2014 the EGR output was produced with a hybrid system based on EGR 1.0 and on the available part of EGR 2.0.

2. Main challenge 2

IT development of EGR 2.0

Description of the challenge

The main challenge will be to synchronise all new modules of EGR 2.0 and to put the complete EGR 2.0 system into production by the end of 2015.

3. Main challenge 3

Use of EGR for statistical production

Description of the challenge

Achieve a stable and satisfactory level of quality in order to allow FATS users to use the EGR frames population for their statistical activity in production.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Finland

Reporter:

Hanna Heljala, Jukka Pakola

Institution:

Statistics Finland

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Finland

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Data Collection Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit

20

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frame, base register in statistics production: source of units and their basic characteristics, source of business statistics population and business demography statistics, enterprise respondent register

6. Year of establishment of the register

1968

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2013. Implementation of the revision project of the Business Register and Business Statistics started in November 2013 and the implementation has continued throughout the year 2014.

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

773 000 Enterprises (legal units), 803 000 Local kind of activity units, 6 400 Enterprise Groups

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Active contribution in the development work on Statistical Units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Finland has actively participated both in the conceptual development work of statistical units through the Task Force on Statistical Units as well as the testing of implementation of the units by taking part in all of the four topics of the Grant "Steps towards implementing the revised definitions of statistical units for business statistics". Moreover, Finland participates in all of the three Work Packages of the Essnet on ESBR; including e.g. profiling.

2. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of an Integrated Business Statistics Production System

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The implementation of a new Integrated Business Statistics Production System has continued throughout the year 2014. Year 2014 has included e.g. first annual releases from the Data Warehouse and harmonisation of concepts and working practices between the different statistical domains.

3. Short title of work which was done

Data Warehouse

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Integrated Business Statistics Production System includes a Data Warehouse, where Business Register as well as all the central business statistics are connected. Finland is also engaged in sharing its knowledge and expertise on the subject by participating in the Centre of Excellence on Data Warehousing.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of the statistical units Enterprise and Kind-of-activity-unit

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Finland continues the development work towards the implementation of the statistical unit Enterprise as well as the KAU both nationally and via participating actively in the international work; e.g. the Grant agreement "Steps towards implementing the revised statistical units for business statistics" and the Essnet on ESBR.

2. Short title of work planned

Implementation of FRIBS and taking into account ESBR requirements

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

FRIBS requirements will impose a need to check the contents of certain variables in order to ensure their compliance. The ESBR requirements will affect especially the EGR interfaces.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Adaptation to the tightening budget and the diminishing resources

Description of the challenge

The diminishing resources as a result of retirements as well as the budget cuts is a challenge; especially when seen together with the increasing requirements.

2. Main challenge 2

Implementation of Enterprise Unit and KAU

Description of the challenge

Production processes will have to be revised. Impacts in e.g. surveys and sampling methodologies will still need to be assessed. The implementation will most likely result in increased manual work, which will be a challenge.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

France

Reporter:

Pierrette SCHUHL / Olivier HAAG

Institution:

INSEE

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

SIRUS

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

INSEE

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Direction of business statistics, Department in charge of SBR, Profiling, and Structural Business Statistics; but also of the SIRENE Administrative BR and of the LEI (this part of the NSI works under specific non-statistical regulation)

4. Number of employees in the register unit

3 for SIRUS, but also 250 to update the administrative BR SIRENE, with which SIRUS is very largely interlinked.

5. Primary goal and use of the register

- Register Enterprises (including Manual Profiled Enterprises), Legal units, Corporate groups (which form the basis for profiling enterprises), local units, and the networks and links among them all (ownership).
- Describe statistical units on the basis of their constituent units
- Define reference populations for statistical surveys ("frames") and for using administrative data (including the basis for estimating "enterprises" data from Legal units). SIRUS defines especially the legal unit which are productive units and have market activities.
- Construct sampling frames or bases (according to the parameters set by the survey designer), whether the unit of interest be the enterprise, the group or the local unit
- Record the statistical burden (at the micro-level)
- Calculate the category of enterprise in terms of size (SME, etc.)

6. Year of establishment of the register

In the inter-administrative register SIRENE many units are still administratively active, but they have no longer effective economic activity. SIRUS register determines a statistical closure for every unit which have no activity sign for the 3 last years from business survey and administrative sources.

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

Creation of SIRUS: 2011; main events for inter-administrative register SIRENE: creation 1973, re-engineerings: 1990, 2005; and also, beside SIRENE, creation of the French LOU for LEIs: 2013.

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

4 460 000 enterprises (including 100 profiled enterprises), 4 970 000 legal units, 6 430 000 local units

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Define in SIRUS the concept of statistical inactivity.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the inter-administrative register SIRENE many units are still administratively active, but they have no longer effective economic activity. SIRUS register determines a statistical closure for every unit which have no activity sign for the 3 last years from business survey and administrative sources.

2. Short title of work which was done

Define all business survey frames for French services in charge of business statistical processes.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

With the objective that SIRUS becomes the reference register for all business statistics (in place of SIRENE), the survey frames for all business survey are defined and built by SIRUS. The statistical units of this frame can be enterprise, legal unit or local unit.

3. Short title of work which was done

Calculate the enterprise response burden for almost 200 business surveys

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The French Government made compulsory to include a question on reponse time in all the business statistical surveys from January 2012, with the aim of reducing the entreprise reponse burden. In 2013, all business surveys already routinely ask about the response burden and the answers from almost those surveys are recorded in SIRUS. This information is especially used to in order to make negative coordination and reduce the global response burden for the enterprises.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Connect SIRUS to the European Group Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The intended connections are of 3 types:
- be able to identify the French units (enterprise groups operating in France, concerned enterprises and legal units) and their links in other countries in accordance with the EGR;
- be the priority source (so-called "authentic store") of French originated data for the EGR;
- monitor in the same way the changes and the continuity of both registers.

2. Short title of work planned

Define a barometer about the statistical burden

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In order to prove the effort implemented to reduce the statistical burden of the enterprises, Insee is going to establish a barometer about the statistical burden. This barometer will be produced from the informations about the statistical burden collected by the BR.

3. Short title of work planned

Calculate the indicators of the business demography from SIRUS

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For the moment, the indicators of the structural business demography are estimated from the ABR (SIRENE). This situation produce a difference of scope between the SBS scope defined by SIRUS and which take into account the statistical inactivity and the demographies' scope. In order to correct this problem, the indicators of the business demography are going to be calculated from SIRUS.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

To put on SIRUS as the heart of business statistics.

Description of the challenge

SIRUS must become the reference register for all business statistical sources. So SIRUS must take into account the needs of all these sources and dialog with them.

2. Main challenge 2

To integrate SIRUS in the future ESBR.

Description of the challenge

Eurostat launches a next ESSnet project : ESBR (European system of interoperable business register). So Insee must adapt SIRUS to this goal. SIRUS must be consistent with the future European system .

3. Main challenge 3

To improve the quality of the statistical inactivity

Description of the challenge

This indicator enables today to identify some entreprises which are not closed but haven't any economic activity yet. But the definition of this indicator is too rough at the moment and the number of enterprises without a real economic activity is underestimated. This problem generate non-response in our surveys and a reduction in quality of our statistics. We have to use more informations to improve the quality of this indicator.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Georgia

Reporter:

Gogita Todradze

Institution:

National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Entire State Register of Enterprises and Organizations of Georgia

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Business Statistics Division, National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register Subdivision under Business Statistics Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit

7 persons

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Coverage all entities (legal and physical persons) registered in country and assigning of unique identification number for each entity.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995 year

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2006, 2012 years

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

approximately 118 000 entities.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Modern structure and software for business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Geostat created new database for Business Register, which covers all registered economic entities including physical persons. Structure is in accordance of international standards and recommendations. Also new software was developed, which is user friendly. Database is operating in MS SQL Server and interface in Web application (PHP).

2. Short title of work which was done

Automatized and improved procedures for update of business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Main source for update of business register is data received from administrative sources (National Agency of Public Registry and Revenue Service (Tax Office));
From Public Registry Geostat receives information about newly registered and liquidated (closed) companies, also information on changes. From Revenue Service (Tax Office) Geostat receives information on active taxpayers. Update procedures are automated. Therefore, received data from administrative sources is automatically reflected in BR.

3. Short title of work which was done

Improved quality of business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Working on quality of business register is one of main priority of Geostat. Therefore essential activities were carried out also in 2014 regarding this issues: surveys, investigations, working with administrative data, active cooperation with administrative data providers, trainings etc.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Active cooperation with administrative data providers and working on quality of administrative sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Main source for update of business register in Georgia is data received from administrative sources, namely from Revenue Service and from Public Registry. Main problem is kind of economic activity and actual address, which are only indicated for limited number of enterprises. Please note, that sometimes indicated kind of economic activities are incorrect.

2. Short title of work planned

Improve quality of business register based on surveys

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For improving quality of business register (especially for determining actual address and kind of activity) we are going to conduct Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) on regular basis. Also administrative data sources can be used for improving the quality of the business register.

3. Short title of work planned

Conduct specific surveys and investigations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are going to conduct specific surveys and investigations, which will be focused for identify relations between various legal and local units and establish enterprise groups in business register.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Quality of data and methodology

Description of the challenge

Quality of administrative sources (especially kind of economic activity, actual address etc) is one of main challenge of Geostat. Also based on information received from Revenue Service (Tax Office) Geostat has prepared methodology, which defines status of enterprise (enterprise is active or non-active), but it works not properly, due to the quality of administrative data.

2. Main challenge 2

Lack of legislation and non response

Description of the challenge

According to the law on Official Statistics, enterprises are not obliged to submit questionnaires or cooperate with Geostat. It is voluntary process and that's why additional efforts need to be undertaken by Geostat.

3. Main challenge 3

Not sufficient financial recourses

Description of the challenge

Economic census has never been carried out in Georgia, because of not sufficient financial recourses.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Germany

Reporter:

Roland Sturm

Institution:

Federal Statistical Office of Germany

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Unternehmensregister-System Neu (URS-Neu)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Federal Statistical Office of Germany and the 14 statistical offices of the Laender (federal states)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Federal Statistical Office of Germany - Division E1:
Business Register, Classifications, Earnings, Cross Sector Business Statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

app. 200 in 15 statistical offices

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Infrastructure for business statistics, data combination and statistical evaluation

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

3.807.993 legal units and 4.036.611 local units

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Migration to a new IT infrastructure

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The implementation of the new databank for the German statistical business register (URS-Neu) was successfully implemented mid of year 2014. After some years of development, the new, central database replaced the "URS 95" in July 2014. The URS-Neu is a database run as centralised server-client architecture. All participating 15 statistical offices - at federal and at Laender level - will communicate as clients of the up-to-date database at any time. The workload to update and maintain the register is shared, the hosting of the database is borne by just one office and the financial cost by all.

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Strategy to implement profiling of enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

According to the plans of Eurostat to develop the European system of business statistics and to implement the EU definition of the statistical unit "enterprise" Germany sets up procedures for the profiling of enterprises as new task of the German statistical Business Register.

2. Short title of work planned

enlarged data storage of domain statisticians in the Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The new data base "URS Neu" is being expanded to allow the storage of additional variables of statistical surveys. This contains additional unit structures below legal and local units and for these additional variables.

3. Short title of work planned

enlarged functionalities for the maintenance of statistical enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The new data base "URS Neu" is being expanded to allow the maintenance of the statistical unit "enterprise" according to European requirements.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

set up a profiling procedure

Description of the challenge

Profiling and especially participating in a European multinational profiling procedure will be demanding for Germany since 15 statistical offices in Germany will be involved

2. Main challenge 2

participation in EuroGroupsRegister v2.0

Description of the challenge

participating in the European multinational interactive maintenance of the EuroGroupsregister is demanding for Germany since 15 statistical offices in Germany plus the German Central Bank are involved.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Hungary

Reporter:

Mr Miklós Juhász

Institution:

Hungarian Central Statistical Office

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Hungarian Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Hungarian Central Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Statistic Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

It serves the basis of data collections, data processing and data dissemination

6. Year of establishment of the register

1978

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1998 (new IT architecture),
2001 (online 'One Window System' for incoming administrative data sources),
2011 (live Enterprise Group Register)

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

896.385

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Participation in both Business Register (BR) and Statistical Unit related Eurostat Grant development projects

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the 'Steps towards implementing the revised definition of statistical units for business statistics: Delineation of Statistical Units and Testing Profiling' grant HCSO applied for Topic (1) Identification of foreign legal units stored in the national statistical BR as well as set up a methodology for the maintenance; and for Topic (3) Automatically treating the simple enterprise group (EG) in SBS, in this project the BR related tasks was the preparation of the input resident LEU (legal unit) files on DEG (all resident groups) and GEG (multinational groups) for the SAS application provided by Eurostat. After the testing of updated version of the SAS applications arising errors were corrected and the input files were recompiled repeatedly. The 'nace_2012' variable was added and the four digit level NACE codes of LEUs were selected from the BR.

In the 'Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling' grant HCSO applied for Topic (6) Confronting current methodology to treat large enterprises with the proposed methodology on profiling. Our office compared the current SBS methodology with the methodology proposed by the ESSnet on profiling and identify common points and differences on treatments and on expected impact on SBS statistics. To facilitate the comparison the results of the previous profiling actions was used as a starting point and a new special enterprise level pilot survey is under way for the largest and most complex enterprises.

2. Short title of work which was done

Administrative data utilization project

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

This project is a general HCSO level development including the Business Register field of statistics. The main goal is the development of IT tools to support the management of centralized reception and transfer of data files as well as data preparation of data taken over from secondary sources. The IT system development was finished in 2014 and the implementation started in 2015.

3. Short title of work which was done

Development of the Address Register System and the link with the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the frame of the Address Register System development the algorithm which puts together the different parts of the addresses in BR were taken over from the new Address Register. The aim of project to get automatically the correct latest available addresses to all organisations incorporated into the Business Register.

4. Short title of work which was done

Development & harmonization of the administrative data transmission systems

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The cooperation of individual IT sub-systems of the Hungarian Court Office and Hungarian Statistical Office was negotiated. The online data transfer reached the testing phase on non-profit organisations which register themselves at the Court Office. With implementation of this project the BR will be regularly updated with the data on non-profit organisations directly from Hungarian Court Office online.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Participation in the ESRs Steering Group of Eurostat

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In line with the new EU high level Vision 2020 concepts we should elaborate the detailed business model of the ESSnet ESRs project taking into account the implementation possibilities of the different work packages including the potential shared IT services, profiling and EGR harmonisation with the new IPT IT tool.

2. Short title of work planned

Development of the Address Register System and the link with the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Future ultimate aim of project to automate fully the address handling system of the BR in a way that the BR only contains the linking code to the address items of Address Register System.

3. Short title of work planned

Participation in both BR and Statistical Unit related Eurostat Grant development projects

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the 'Steps towards implementing the revised definition of statistical units for business statistics: Delineation of Statistical Units and Testing Profiling' grant HCSO have to finalize Topic (1) Identification of foreign legal units stored in the national statistical BR as well as set up a methodology for the maintenance; and Topic (3) Automatically treating the simple enterprise group (EG) in SBS.
In the 'Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling' grant have to finalize Topic (6) Confronting current methodology to treat large enterprises with the proposed methodology on profiling. A new special enterprise level pilot survey for the largest and most complex enterprises should be carried out and evaluated.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Development of the identification system of foreign legal units

Description of the challenge

The development aims to improve the statistical BR based on utilization of the LEID codes of EGR Identification Service system with the storage of unique identification codes of the registered foreign legal units. The action aims to improve the consistency between the Hungarian EGR and Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS) datasets regarding the data on foreign direct parents and the data on Global Decision Centers (GDC) or Ultimate Controlling Institutions (UCI). However, the automatic matching system of Eurostat, the EGR-IS is under development. The current automatic matching ratio is very poor (around 10%) and the most part of the foreign unit data set (90%) should be proceeded manually. This manual matching is very resource intensive task even for an average size country with relatively low number of units (around 30 000).

2. Main challenge 2

Implementation of the EC 696/93 Statistical Unit regulation of the EU in our BR

Description of the challenge

In 2014 a new in house HCSO Statistical Unit Task Force was established to investigate the possibilities of the implementation of the Statistical Unit regulation. Up to now 9 meetings were held. It was decided to start the testing of the implementation of the complex enterprises with the BR and SBS. At the BR field the main challenge is the development of the Enterprise Group Register in a way that the enterprise units could be stored and maintained at least for the most meaningful legal units and for the automatically consolidated small units.

3. Main challenge 3

Administrative data utilization project

Description of the challenge

The implementation of the project needs the changing of the related file structures (i.e.: incoming XML schema) which should be fully tested prior to the actual implementation.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

India

Reporter:

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Institution:

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoS&PI), Govt. of India

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

National Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

NAD, CSO, MoS&PI, Govt. of India

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Overall responsibility of NAD, CSO, MoS&PI, Govt. of India in collaboration with States/UTs.

4. Number of employees in the register unit

There are approximately 600 employees/officials spread across States/UTs engaged in preparation of National Business Register.

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To provide a reliable, adequate and up to date sampling frame for various economic surveys.

6. Year of establishment of the register

An attempt was made to create a BR during the year 2005. But it could not succeed due to shortage of resources and gaps in data collection during the operations. Now with the special grant of Govt. of India, this activity has been taken up in India since April 2011.

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

N/A

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

There are approximately 22 million active units across the 29 States and 7 UTs of India

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Development of methodology for BR and training to field staff

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

CSO has prepared a manual on BR. This manual contains basic concepts, definitions, methodology and layout of BR. It has been circulated to all the stakeholders as a reference document for preparation of BR. Besides, training on "Preparation & Maintenance of BR" is being provided to the entire field staff engaged in compilation of BR.

2. Short title of work which was done

Listing of Enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

(a) Ideally the BR should be exhaustive and include all enterprises and establishments in India. Due to the presence of vast informal sector, in the initial phase enterprises registered under 7 Acts/ Registering Authorities (i. Companies Act, 1956, ii. Factories Act, 1948, iii. Shops and Commercial establishments Act, iv. Societies Registration Act, v. Cooperative Societies Act, vi. Khadi and Village industries Board and vii. Directorate of Industries (District Industries Centre)) have been identified and kept in focus. Moreover, all the States/ UTs have been given a free hand to include more enterprises registered beyond the seven acts, if any, in their respective states. In this respect, we are preparing a list of all the State/District level registering authorities along with the various units registered thereunder with complete official addresses and designation of the officer responsible for providing information.

3. Short title of work which was done

Computerization of Records

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are developing a database in electronic form for consolidation of all the available information related to BR. For this purpose, a software has been prepared and this has been circulated to all the States/UTs so as to have a uniform database. The layout of BR will contain basic details of enterprises like their location, National Industrial Classification Code- 2008 activity code, registering enterprises under which they have been registered etc. All the States/UTs will provide their BRs in this format.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2014) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Development of Business Registration Centre

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are exploring the possibility to develop/set-up a Business Registration Centre(BRC) in each district. The BRC will provide Business Registration Number(BRN) to the entrepreneur who wish to establish any enterprise in the district. All the entities already registered, would be requested to file an application and obtain a BRN. Such BRC's would be set-up either by an act of legislature making it mandatory on the part of registering authorities or establishments to accept any request for providing basic facilities like electricity, water connection or environment clearance etc only if the BRN is provided by the entrepreneurs.

2. Short title of work planned

Development of web-page for updation of business register.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A web-page is proposed to be developed facilitating all registering authorities having access to the related database of various State Directorate of Statistics & Economics and vice-versa. Each registering authority will be given the access to the database through user code and password. They will update information in respect of the fields meant for them/their area of operation. They would have the facility of generating all type of reports based upon the information so entered.

3. Short title of work planned

Better National Accounting and effective policy formulation

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

India is a very large country having more than twenty **million** establishments. But at present an up-to-date frame of enterprises at the National level is available only in respect of the units that are covered through the Annual Survey of Industries under the Factory Act 1948. For the other sectors, no such updated and satisfactory frame of enterprises exists at present. Apart from this although economic census (EC) captures the information on all the enterprises engaged in economic activities in the country but that is conducted quinquennially and regular annual update is not possible. Taking these problems into consideration India is preparing a business register which will not be static. This BR will be updated annually for any addition of new units and deletion of non-operating or closed units, as well as changes if any in their activity, address and characteristics etc. This BR will provide an ideal frame for conducting various sample surveys and undertaking studies of various economic activities for finding their pattern and trend in the country. This will in turn lead to effective policy formulation, monitoring and planning.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Preparation of National Business Register having more than twenty million enterprises by end of 2016

Description of the challenge

Under the special grant of Govt. of India, CSO has provided the methodology for preparation of BR to all the State/UTs. At present, all the 29 States and 7 UTs are preparing their BRs. Integrating all these State level BRs, a national business register is expected to be prepared by end of 2016

2. Main challenge 2

Regular update of business register

Description of the challenge

Once established, the BR should be updated on a regular basis. In this respect, a web page will be designed through which all the registering authorities would update the BR as and when required. It will require huge amount of physical and financial resources.

3. Main challenge 3

Setting-up of the Business Registration Center (BRC)

Description of the challenge

Explore the possibility to develop/set-up a Business Registration Centre (BRC) in each district which will provide Business Registration Number (BRN) to the entrepreneurs. It is proposed that BRC's would be set-up by an act of legislature making it mandatory on the part of entrepreneur to obtain BRN before starting any economic activity.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Ireland

Reporter:

Patrick Kelleher

Institution:

Central Statistics Office (CSO)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Central Statistics Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Structural Business Statistics (SBS)

4. Number of employees in the register unit

14

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Maintenance and record of all enterprises within the state as well as providing a sampling frame for business surveys

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1998, 2002, 2009

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

258.062

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Coherence between SBS, BR and National Accounts

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The CSO has undertaken a project to increase the coherence between SBS, BR and National Accounts. The project is nearing completion and will result in revised datasets being published in SBS and Business Demography by the end of 2015.

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Italy

Reporter:

Monica Consalvi

Institution:

The National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

The ASIA system (in Italian, Archivio Statistico delle Imprese Attive)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

The National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register Section, in Censuses and Statistical Registers Directorate, in Censuses, Administrative and Statistical Registers Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

31 (8 researchers, 23 clerical staff)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

A centralized frame for SBS/STS surveys and for grossing up survey results; the official statistical source for information on the structure and the demography of the business population

6. Year of establishment of the register

1996

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2006, 2012

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

about 4.9 million of active enterprises

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

First phase of the logical and technical re-engineering of the new BR system

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The first phase of the re-engineering of the whole system of BR is concluded: check procedures, implementation of a new web software for viewing and updating the BR, the safety of the most of the procedures for the variables estimation.

2. Short title of work which was done

Testing the Automatic profiling for domestic EGs

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Italy has already tested a method to delineate automatically the enterprises and to consolidate Revenues: 79.3 % of groups are 'mono-activity' and can be considered as a single enterprise, 20.7% groups have to be treated as they are 'multi-activity'. The method, on the basis of some hypothesis, breaks the 20,7% of multi-activity groups in sub-groups through an iterative algorithm, based on the existence of an articulated structure of links and control levels, that take into account the typology of the head of the group: in case of five typologies (Foreign units; Not active LeUs; Not in SBS scope LeUs; Natural persons; Public Administration-S13) the EG structure is broken into sub-groups, namely potential ENTs. The process is iterative, it is repeated each time the condition is satisfied in the succeeding level below.

3. Short title of work which was done

New variables in the BR: HC/HO identification

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Istat participated in the Task force on the classification of Holdings and Head Offices according to NACE, under the Classification Working Group, to contribute to a more harmonized and consistent classification of these entities, taking into account also the main conclusions of the ECB, Eurostat and the OECD Task Force. Working together with National Accounts colleagues and Central Bank experts, a new methodology was developed (a set of rules and a simple flowchart with relatively simple criteria), together with indicators and thresholds to help the correct classification of HC/HO according to NACE. The new classification procedures has been implemented in the BR.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Second phase of the logical and technical re-engineering of the new BR system

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The second phase will include the safety of all the procedures for the variables estimation, implementation of a new web software for BR internal users to get data from BR (micro-data regarding their survey, statistical figures, newsletter with updating), exchange of information with the Business Portal.

2. Short title of work planned

Set-up of the new TEN-ENT Register – First part

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

First part of the 3-years project for the implementation of the statistical units regulation, the set-up of the new register on Truncated Enterprises and ENT (TEN-ENT Register). In 2015 it is planned: (1) an overall revision of the EG part of the BR production process, to align it in the whole BR process; (2) To historicize the relationships in the EG part of BR, to view them in a historical perspective as most of BR variables are; (3) revision of the EG updating process using administrative sources (available at different time) in order to anticipate output (live BR) needed for the enterprise delineation

3. Short title of work planned

Set-up of the new TEN-ENT Register – Second part

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Second step for the set-up of the new TEN-ENT Register. During 2015 some activities for planning a new IT architecture for the identification of Enterprises will start: (1) design a new database for TEN-ENT; (2) scheme for ensuring interoperability with EGR

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Participation to the ESSnet ESBR

Description of the challenge

Italy intends to be involved in all three WPs and in six individual grants.
For the intensive and light profiling, the success of the methodology is affected by the availability of having access to the right persons (high managers) and to the right data (with the new foreseen structures), as it is based on voluntary communications and exchanges.

2. Main challenge 2

Reorganising the National Institute of Statistics

Description of the challenge

During 2015 Istat is facing a new plan for a completely revised organizational structure, under the new Business Architecture theories and with a look to the GSBPM. It will be based on a strong and structured governance and production lines modeled on registers, with two poles, statistic production and cross-cutting divisions. The NSIs of Northern Europe (where the use of statistical registers is more advanced) have been the primary point of reference. The outcome is an enhanced central role of the BR, nevertheless the risk is to have a long period of transition for arrangement which provide possible delays or difficulties to the statistical production

3. Main challenge 3

Need for a revision of the Agricultural enterprises employment assessment in the BR

Description of the challenge

After the implementation of the agricultural sector in the BR and the arrangement of a prototype of a Farm Register, new data are available related to farmed areas and cultivated lands. Having available these new data comes the need to test a new model for estimating the "self-employment/household workers" component of the agricultural sector total employment. It should be a tailored model as in this sector enterprises have not similar behavior to the rest of the business economy.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

JAPAN

Reporter:

IOKA Takashi

Institution:

Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Establishment Frame Database (EFD)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Economic Structure Statistics Division, Statistical Survey Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

12

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To provide sampling frames to other ministries and agencies, local governments as well as incorporated administrative agencies, etc., and to reduce reporting burdens of survey objects by avoiding excessive selecting as survey samples.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2002

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008, 2012

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

6.34 million local units (establishments), 1.84 million enterprises (companies) as at September 1st 2013

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Conducting the Economic Census for Business Frame 2014

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Economic Census for Business Frame 2014 was conducted as of July 1st 2014. The results of the Census, which will be released after June 2015, will be used as the basic data source for the EFD.

2. Short title of work which was done

Providing the Annual Business Register Frame (2013 Frame)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As we reported in the previous year, we have started to provide the Annual Business Register Frame (the 2012 Frame of the Business Register) from 2013. And then, the 2013 Frame of the Business Register was produced in August 2014 and is available now as the newest Annual Business Register.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Updating the population for the EFD mainly by using the results of the Economic Census

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We will update the population for the EFD mainly by using the results of the Economic Census for Business Frame 2014 and will also produce and provide the 2014 Frame of the Business Register at the earliest possible date.

2. Short title of work planned

Preparing for the upcoming 25th meeting of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are pleased to host the 25th meeting of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers in Tokyo, Japan in 2016. We'd like to prepare thoroughly for the meeting.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Studies on profiling methods

Description of the challenge

We will consider profiling methods to grasp the structure of complex enterprises exactly and efficiently.

2. Main challenge 2

Creation and Provision of the Business Register Statistics

Description of the challenge

We will create and provide the Business Register Statistics based on the EFD.

3. Main challenge 3

Using additional administrative records and geographical information

Description of the challenge

We will consider what kinds of administrative records and geographical information could be useful for the Business Register.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

JORDAN

Reporter:

ALI JAMIL HAMED MISLEH, The Head of administrative records / supervisor Al-Manar project

Institution:

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS (DoS)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Establishments frame

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS (DoS)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

As a Section of Directorate of Economic Surveys

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4 Employees

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Design and select economic surveys samples

6. Year of establishment of the register

1999

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

Census in 1999, 2006, 2011

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Completion of the inventory stage of the administrative registers in Jordan

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have visited 132 ministries & institutions in the public sector ... and obtained data concerning the following:

1. The extent of using the administrative records by these parties.
2. Basic data on the administrative records; their format, the available information, their coverage and comprehensiveness.
3. Exploring the readiness extent of these parties to cooperate with the (DoS) to establish national records.

2. Short title of work which was done

Analyzing results and writing the final report

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have completed analysis of the data collected from the public sector concerning the administrative records.
Grouping of the records by specialization, collection unit or data completion unit.
Pinpointing the points of weakness & strength in each record through completeness & comprehensiveness.
Writing the final report.

3. Short title of work which was done

Approval of the plan to build social register in Jordan in association with (UNDP)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Signing an agreement with international institutions in partnership with the Jordanian government to establish a social record to be implemented through the (DoS) ... Duration of the Project: 10 years to be divided into three stages:
The First Stage: to start in 2015 ... for training of the staff from the (DoS) and to construct the infrastructure in the (DoS) as a host for this project

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Establishments Census 2015

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A decision has been taken to implement a census for the economic establishments accompanying the Population Census in the last quarter of 2015.
A special questionnaire for the economic establishments' census has been prepared parallel with the Buildings & Housing Units listing stage in the Population Census of 2015. The aim is to update the frame of the obsolete economic establishments frame.

2. Short title of work planned

Implementation of the first phase of social register in association with (UNDP)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To start implementing the First Stage of establishing the Social Register ... provided that the (DoS) becomes the host for this project.
Training of the project workers from the (DoS) to establish the national records.
Establishing the infrastructure of the Administrative records in the (DoS).

3. Short title of work planned

Start to build business registers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To utilize the acquired expertise and to have the infrastructure in the (DoS) to establish a business register parallel with the work to establish a social register.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Updating Establishments frame

Description of the challenge

Until the completion of establishment census, there is no framework updating during that years after the census establishment, Number of establishments gradually decreases; due to exit from the market establishments and to the lack of knowledge about entering new establishments.

2. Main challenge 2

Shift from censuses to administrative registers in building the establishments framework

Description of the challenge

Cooperation between the institutions, laws and legislation, difficulties in convenient for business registers to statistical purposes, experience and knowledge in the construction of National registries, the weakness of financial and human resources

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Kazakhstan

Reporter:

Institution:

Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Committee on Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Committee on Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistical Business Register is supported by Registers division of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Committee on Statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

7 persons on central office + about 40 persons in regional divisions

5. Primary goal and use of the register

A tool for conducting statistical surveys;
Source of information for statistical analysis of statistical units and their demographics

6. Year of establishment of the register

1997

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1997 - establishment of the State statistical register;
2004 - creation of a new information system for maintaining a registry and transition to registration of legal entities by the "single window" (one-stop-shop);
2010 - conversion to Statistical Business Register (in connection with the adoption of the new Law on State Statistics).

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

Legal unit (active):
legal entities and structural subdivisions of legal entities - 135 817
individual entrepreneurs - 1 001 923
Statistical units (active) - 1 305 857

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Interaction with other governmental bodies

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Rules of information interaction with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan are reapproved; Procedure for information exchange with the Ministry of Finance to obtain additional information on the subjects of individual entrepreneurship and legal entities is currently being revised as well as procedure for information exchange with the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan to obtain information about payroll and number of employees.

2. Short title of work which was done

Undate of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistical forms for updating the statistical business register are revised; Changes in the rules of updating the statistical business register and forming catalogs survey units were introduced; Corresponding work on the creation of statistical units "group of companies" are currently in the process.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of the Project for Strengthening the National Statistical System of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Committee on Statistics with the World Bank in 2012-2016

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Improvement of SBR
a. creation of statistical units "group of companies"

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Kosovo

Reporter:

Muhamet KASTRATI

Institution:

Kosovo Agency of Statistics - KAS

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Kosovo Agency of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department of Economic Statistics and National Accounts

4. Number of employees in the register unit

2

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The SBR is primarily used for sampling and grossing-up of survey results (SBS, STS, etc), production of business demography statistics and as input source for production of GDP.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2004-2005

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008, 2015

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

50,227

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of NACE Rev.2 in SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Intruduction of NACE Rev.2 on SBR frame for reference year 2013, so for this year (2013) are kept both versions of NACE (Rev.1 & Rev.2). From July 2014 is just NACE Rev.2 hold in SBR, also from that time all businesses (legal units) are registered based on NACE Rev.2 in Kosovo Busines Registration Agency, which is responsible for registration of all bussiness in Kosovo.

2. Short title of work which was done

Production of Statistics on Business Demography

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In 2014 for the first time statistics on business demography with respect to regulation No. 295/2008 - Annex IX for structural business statistics, and Eurostat – OECD Manual on Business Demography Statistics are produced.

3. Short title of work which was done

Business Register Survey

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

During the April 2014 for the first time Business Register Survey as Pilot and on September 2014 is conducted full BR survey was conducted. The main goal of the BR Survey was to collect information on economic activity and contact details (name, address, telephone, mail etc) and for the first time is estimated the quality of SBR with respect to economic activity and other indicators kept on SBR.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Development of SBR database system and GUI

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are working under the EU twinning project for development of SBR database system which should make enable automatic updates and maintenance of SBR with administrative and survey data.

2. Short title of work planned

Further improve of statistics produced and published

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are planning and working on improving the quality of business statistics produced by KAS, especially improving quality of business demography statistics, and being compliant with EU recommendation.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Use of SBR for survey sampling

Description of the challenge

The main challenge we are facing is especially related to sampling design and data editing for business surveys due to the fact we don't have any software tools for easy and fast sampling extraction, so we are drawing samples usually manually (using Excel), so it is quite challenge for our team.

2. Main challenge 2

Limitation on human resources and budget

Description of the challenge

We are having limitation on human resources and budget which is a big challenge in order to explore and further analyse complex enterprises (with respect to economic activity and other statistical indicators).

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Latvia

Reporter:

Sarmite Prole

Institution:

Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register Section is a part of Business Statistics Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

11

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Source of statistical units (legal unit, enterprise, local unit and enterprise group)
Source of business population for statistical surveys, business demography statistics and enterprise groups
Source for profiling large and complex enterprises

6. Year of establishment of the register

1992

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2003, 2007, 2009

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

168025

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

The work with enterprise groups and profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The CSB of Latvia continued the work with large enterprises and has established a profiling team, which works close to Statistical Business Register in close co-operation with Large Enterprises' Collection and Processing Section and also as a network among different business statistics domains. The main goal is to improve the quality and consistency of the data of large enterprises and to promote good co-operation between CSB and data providers.

2. Short title of work which was done

Participation in Eurostat grant projects

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Participation in Eurostat grant projects "Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling" and "Delineation of statistical units and testing profiling". Tasks include identification of the foreign legal units stored in Statistical Business Register, testing the follow-up of profiling and the implication of profiling at national level, delineation the population of enterprises to be delineated automatically.

3. Short title of work which was done

The use of administratieve data sources in Statistical Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Improved data update procedures and matching of statistical units between Statistical Business Register and administrative data sources.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Development of Statistical Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is planned revised Statistical Business Register functionality accordance with created new data update procedures and for inclusion additional information for improving data quality on enterprise groups.

2. Short title of work planned

Development and harmonization of the statistical data among different business statistics domains

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The cooperation between Statistical Business register and aother business statistics domains will improved. It is panned to revise methodological documents and describe all data flows.

3. Short title of work planned

The work with profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To plan to continue work with large enterprise profiling.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Implementation of profiling of large enterprises

Description of the challenge

Participation in a European profiling procedure and implementation at national level.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Luxembourg

Reporter:

Mike Hartmann

Institution:

STATEC

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

STATEC

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The BR is part of our Business Statistics Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

6.5 FTE (31.12.2014)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main goal of the BR is to collect basic data on legal units from different administrative sources and the survey on economic activities in order to classify units by NACE and institutional sector and compile business statistics (e. g. business demography) and enterprise populations for different survey frames or samples (e. g. structural business statistics).

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2003 (enterprise unit), 2007 (NACE Rev. 2), 2014 (new database)

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

57 187 enterprises

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

New BR database

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The new BR database has been finally implemented in 2014. A lot of testing work by the BR team was necessary in order that the new database become again fully operational.

2. Short title of work which was done

Enterprise Groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The development work started in 2012 of the database on enterprise groups continued throughout 2014 and will probably finished in 2015. The matching process of data from different sources (FDI, EGR, BVD, NA, SBS,...) was one of the main challenges. Data on ownerships made available for the first time for reference year 2014 from the LU Trade Register has been analyzed and compiled in order that it can be used as a new data source for relationships and enterprise groups.

3. Short title of work which was done

EGR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The necessary analysis, programming and compilation work has been done in order to be able to send relationship data for the first time and data on enterprises to EGR 2.0. A lot of manual identification work to identify foreign legal units in EGR IS was necessary.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

BR database

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The implementation of the new institutional sector codes (SEC2010) in the BR database will be done in 2015.

2. Short title of work planned

EGR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The data on ownerships from the LU Trade Register will be used for the first time to add relationships to the EGR 2014 cycle. The identification of foreign legal units from this relationships in EGR IS is again necessary.

3. Short title of work planned

Enterprise Groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The development works of the new enterprise group database should be finalized in 2015.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Human resources

Description of the challenge

2 employes working fulltime will retire in 2015 and/or 2016 and have to be replaced.

2. Main challenge 2

Eurostat

Description of the challenge

One of the main challenges in future will be to fulfill the mandatory requirements from Eurostat as regards FRIBS, EGR and business demography (mainly quarterly data).

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Republic of Macedonia

Reporter:

Mirjana Bosnjak and Liljana Vlajik

Institution:

State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia (SSO)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

State Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department for Statistical Business Register and Economic Classification is a part of Sector for Business Statistics, Agricultural Statistics and Statistics on Environment

4. Number of employees in the register unit

8 (together with employees for economic classifications and business demography)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Main goal of the SBR is to keep the record on statistical units on the basis of the EU regulation EC 177/2008 and providing good coverage of businesses with all necessary information that is needed to conduct surveys and to satisfy national statistical needs. SBR is used as a tool for the preparation and coordination of all business statistical surveys, with two exceptions, SBS survey which is based on administrative sources, and PPI survey for which the target observational unit is product, not business entity. SBR is also used as a source of information for the statistical analysis of the population of business entities and its demography and for the identification and construction of statistical units.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2007

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

70 659

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

SBR Survey for Local Units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Processing and analysis of data obtained from the local units survey were done and SBR was updated with data received from this survey (especially status of activity, number of employees, email address, phone number)

2. Short title of work which was done

Enterprise groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Data received from additional administrative source (Central Securities Depository) was analyzed and was adjusted for using them for updating of EG's.
Creation of database of multinational and all resident enterprise groups for 2011 and 2012 was done. A lot of effort has been put into the improvement of the enterprise group coverage and data quality. There is no single register where this unit is registered, so several administrative sources were used and a lot of manual work was done in order to delineate and creation of database of multinational and all resident enterprise groups.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Improving the quality of SBR data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Further development and improvement of the quality of the Statistical Business Register by continuous checking, updating and correcting of SBR data, especially activity codes and address data, with data collected through regular statistical surveys. We plan to improve the system of feedback from statistical surveys.

2. Short title of work planned

Enterprise groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Futher improvement of enterprise group coverage and data quality using data received from additional administrative source (Central Securities Depository).
Creation of database of multinational and all resident enterprise groups for 2013 will be done.

3. Short title of work planned

Improvement of data on sector classification of institutional units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In close cooperation with National Account department newly born enterprises will be determined and will be allocated by institutional sector code (new algorithms are being prepared).

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Improving the quality of SBR data

Description of the challenge

Further development and improvement of the quality of the Statistical Business Register will be continued.

2. Main challenge 2

Enterprise groups

Description of the challenge

Improvement of enterprise group coverage and data quality. Since there is no register or single administrative source that would cover enterprise groups, delineation of enterprise groups is quite challenging task. It requires combining the information from several sources so further IT procedures are planned to be established which would process data from available sources and this will help to reduce to some extent manual updating.

3. Main challenge 3

Producing business demography data

Description of the challenge

Further development and improvement of producing data related to Business Demography in accordance with the Annex IX of Structural Business Statistics (SBS) Regulation No.295/08). SSO will be sent the BD active, birth and death series to Eurostat for the reference years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 (for series 9A)

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

MALAYSIA

Reporter:

SITI HASLINDA MOHD DIN

Institution:

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Malaysia Statistical Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Department of Statistics Malaysia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Methodology and Research Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit

Eighteen (20) employees

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Its main role is as the backbone of economic statistics. It provides the frame population for conducting survey/census. It is also used to combine sources (identify units, prevent under coverage and avoid duplication), improve respondent relation, central storage of companies/establishments information and to optimize the quality of statistical process in the early stage.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2010

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

1,156,202 active establishments

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Strengthening business register through administrative data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To date, the department is in the preparation of Economic Census 2016. Cooperation with other agencies in providing the data (among others IRB, Company Commission of Malaysia (CCM) and Employees Provident Fund) has contributed to the comprehensiveness of the business register.

2. Short title of work which was done

Quality System and Statistical Auditing

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The department has adopted this quality programme to check how quality management in statistical departments is functioning, and how the quality of statistical products and procedures may be improved.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Integrating Trade and Business Statistics

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Trade and business statistics are based on different concepts and classification, thus using them separately may provide incoherent basis for analysing the effects of external trade on production, employment and enterprises' performances. Department has taken steps towards establishing an integrated system of economics statistics for data compilation and analysis.

2. Short title of work planned

To establish Business Profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The department has started the development of business profiling by enhancing the business register system with profiling updating function.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Unique ID Standardization

Description of the challenge

It is a great challenging to introduce a standardized unique ID to all agencies which providing a sources for the SBR. This obstacle has lead to the redundancies and might not be able to overcome within short period of time.

2. Main challenge 2

Inadequate quality of the firm information in the register

Description of the challenge

Completeness, consistency, reliability and up to date firms information in the register are important as it is going to be used as survey frame and compilation of business demography statistics. The register provides the information needed for stratifying, sampling and contacting businesses. Register inadequacies will lead to non-sampling errors and misleading interpretation of censuses/surveys results.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Mexico

Reporter:

Susana Perez Cadena

Institution:

National Institute of Statistics and Geography

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

National Statistical Directory of Economic Units (DENUE, acronym in Spanish)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

INEGI

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

General Direction of Economic Statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

64

5. Primary goal and use of the register

For it to be a unique repository that provides information on all the establishments in the country referring to identification data (name of the establishment and owner, legal name and name of the enterprise it belongs to), economic activity class according to NAICS, stratum of occupied personnel, geographical reference according to the National Geo-Statistical Framework (federative entity, municipality, locality, Basic Geo-Statistical Area and block), address according to INEGI's technical normative (type and name of road, exterior and interior number, in-between streets, name of building and floor number -if any-, type and name of human settlement and zip code), as well as contact data (telephone number, e-mail address and Web Page), date of register in DENUE and geographical coordinates of the place where the establishment is located (latitude and longitude).

6. Year of establishment of the register

2010

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

4'926,061

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

A follow up on the situation of each of the establishments registered in DENUE during the collection of the 2014 Economic Census

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For the first time in Mexico, during the 2014 Economic Census collection, the directory of all the establishments registered in DENUE was used on field in order to update the situation of each establishment during the complete walkthrough performed to collect the economic information. The surviving, dead and newly born establishments were identified this way.

2. Short title of work which was done

Publication of the updated interactive DENUE

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

With the information that was collected during the 2014 Economic Census round, INEGI published a new version of DENUE with updated information on the identification and location of all the active businesses. This update version besides having the tools and advantages offered by the previous ones, it also has: the possibility of cost-free downloading of information on all the businesses registered in DENUE, or of any subset of businesses selected by the user; now DENUE has an application on mobile devices for inquiry (mobile phones and tablets); it is also possible to find DENUE's information in the Digital Map of Mexico, which is INEGI's Geographical Information System and where the information on the natural and cultural elements that form the geographical environment are integrated, allowing its linkage to the statistical information of the country.

3. Short title of work which was done

Broadening of DENUE's scope for the development of a Business Register for statistical purposes

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

INEGI made the decision of extending DENUE's scope for the development of a unique updated information repository of the economic units in the country that will be the central statistical component in which the processes of collection and production of economic information will be based. This repository is called the Mexican Statistical Business Register (RENEM, acronym in Spanish), therefore as of 2015 DENUE will be one of its results, the RENEM besides containing DENUE's variables, it will contain the economic variables needed for survey designing, example: occupied personnel, expenses, incomes and production value. As of 2015, RENEM will be updated with the administrative registers from INEGI's internal and external sources, consequently in 2014 the tasks of homologation and linkage of the various State Unit's administrative registers related to the economic units, such as: Tax Administration Service, Ministry of Economy, the Federal Electricity Commission and the Mexican Social Security Institute, among others.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Development of the Mexican Statistical Business Register (RENEM)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The development of conceptual and procedural definitions to conform and update the RENEM as a unique information repository of the economic units in the country, and the relational data base model in which it will be implemented. Furthermore in 2015, it is planned to conform the first RENEM version, using the Statistical Business Code (CLEE, acronym in Spanish) as the unique identifier that will be used by all of INEGI's internal units, as well as by the State Units.

2. Short title of work planned

Production of economic indicators through the use of information from external sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The most important establishments for the national economy will be identified in RENEM; this subset is called Master Sample and will be linked at establishment level with its corresponding administrative register, with the purpose of producing new statistical or timely indicators.

3. Short title of work planned

Production of demographic indicators for establishments and enterprises with different levels of geographical and disaggregation

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Performance of the demographic analysis on the establishments done at national level, to provide results according to the characteristics of the establishment's geographical place, economic activity and size.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

To link the highest number possible of RENEM's economic units with the State Unit's administrative registers

Description of the challenge

To homologate and link the information of the highest number possible of RENEM's economic units with the State Unit's administrative registers, to which the CLEE will be assigned for allowing the interchange of information.

2. Main challenge 2

To have a consolidated Mexican Statistical Business Register

Description of the challenge

Once RENEM is created, the challenge will be to keep it updated with the purpose of using it as sample frame, for updating DENU and for producing economic statistics with information from it, and external sources.

3. Main challenge 3

To exploit RENEM's potentiality for statistical purposes

Description of the challenge

To benefit from RENEM's potential to increase the supply and timeliness of statistical indicators, using INEGI's internal and external information.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Moldova Republic

Reporter:

MOCANU Iurie, Head of Statistical Infrastructure Division

Institution:

National Bureau of Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register (SBR).

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Bureau of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Section of the Business Register in the Statistical Infrastructure Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Database for the organization all statistical surveys, including sampling.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

55000

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Beginning of the modernization of IT system of the Statistical Business Register (SBR) with the assistance of Statistics Norway.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Importing and processing of data from administrative sources. Data was imported through web service or csv files. Transformation of data received from the administrative sources according to the NBC rules.

2. Short title of work which was done

Double coding in NACE rev.1.1 and NACE rev.2 all statistical units from the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Data transfer from the old system (CLIPPER) in the new system ORACLE

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

2. Short title of work planned

Testing of new system

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Lack of the IT staff

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Absence of the administrative sources of information about local units

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Mongolia

Reporter:

S.Dulamsuren

Institution:

National statistical office of Mongolia (NSOM)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business register of Mongolia

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Registration and Census department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4 officers in the NSOM and total 30 officers in aimags and districts (local branches)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Primary goal: to improve data quality and coverage; Use of the register: Sampling frame for business survey and census

6. Year of establishment of the register

The NSOM conducted establishment censuses in 1991, 1994, 1998 and 2006. The censuses of 1991 and 1994 covered some parts of economic activities and have limitations to count employees of establishment. The census of 1998 covered all kinds of establishments and institutions; accordingly the business register was created.

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

The business register has fully been updated with the results of the enterprises census 2006 and 2011

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

At the end of the 2014, the Statistical Business Register database has registered 113.6 thousand establishments, of which 59.8 thousand establishments or 52.6 percent of total are operating actively.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

The guideline on Business register has updated

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The initial regulation (procedure) of Business register has been developed by NSO in 2003, then it has changed to guideline of Business register, in 2008. NSOM has updated this guideline based on International guidelines on Statistical Business Register in last year. This guideline consists of the following parts; main concept and definition, statistical unit, data source, quality issues and dissemination.

2. Short title of work which was done

Introduced new software to the Statistical Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Before introduce the new software we were used MS-Access for Business Register Database. The New Software has two sections, dynamic and static database. The dynamic section used for everyday editing and updating. The static section used for quarterly and annual result. Main advantage of this software is to profile legal units, local units and local kind of activity units seperately and more flexible to use than old one.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Establishment census

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

According to the Law on Statistics, NSOM conducts the establishment census every 5 years. NSOM will conduct next census in 2016. The census will cover all activities and its result will be used to update Statistical Business Register. One of the specific activity of coming establishment census will be to profile Enterprise groups.

2. Short title of work planned

Link to the administrative data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

NSOM has rearranged its structure in earlier of this year and set up a new department named Registration and Census Department. One of main duty of this department is to construct "Statistical register system". Therefore, there is a need to link the business register to other administrative records. In the first stage, NSO has signed memorandum with Legal Registration Authority. According to this memorandum, the statistical business register will be linked to the legal entities registration database through Data center, which is contain those administrative records.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Profile enterprises and enterprise groups

Description of the challenge

NSO is facing challenges as profiling methodology of enterprises and enterprise group in statistical unit. In addition, to register a multinational enterprise and representative offices is quite difficult. It is not able to find their register number.

2. Main challenge 2

Link to other administrative register

Description of the challenge

There are several government agencies collecting the relevant data, but no access to changing data they collect in a particular period of time.
NSO have been verifying and updating the business registers' indicators with other administrative data/records. There is having some problems such as the administrative records are incomplete and the most of those establishments are inactive. In this case, our main challenge is how to link business register to other administrative records.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Montenegro

Reporter:

Marijana Popovic-Roncevic

Institution:

Statistical Office of Montenegro

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Bussines Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistical Office of Montenegro

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department fo statistical registers and classifications

4. Number of employees in the register unit

4

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Primary goal of the our statistical bussines register is to be a frame for all statistical surveys.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2007

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2011

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

23.190

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Methodological improvements

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the past year we redesigned our questionnaire for BR survey. We add some important variables about Enterprise Groups. We also recognized some new sources for data about them. We take consolidated accounts from Tax Administration. Also, we started to use data from Central Bank.

2. Short title of work which was done

Profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We started with preparation for process of profiling of large and complex enterprises. In the past year we were together with EU expert in the phase of reading and understanding of profiling methodology. We prepared ourselves for desk profiling. We plan to make a letter with explanations for complex enterprise which we will choose for profiling.

3. Short title of work which was done

Infrastructure improvements

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We started with preparation of our BR application in a new tools. We had help from IT expert outside. Also, we changed some stability rules in our system.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We will prepare letters and send them to the complex enterprises which we choose for process of profiling. We prepare ourselves for desk profiling.

2. Short title of work planned

BR survey for enterprises which has local units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We will conduct BR survey for enterprises which have local units for the second time in our office. We need this because we don't have administrative sources for this.

3. Short title of work planned

Enterprise Groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

It is planned to improve the implemented version of a register on enterprise groups. Currently, a first version of a register on national (and multinational) enterprise groups, acc. to the European Regulation on business registers, is implemented. It uses data from different national administrative sources as well as information from enterprises.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Profiling

Description of the challenge

A new system of how to profile and implement complex enterprises has to be developed.

2. Main challenge 2

Work on Business demography

Description of the challenge

We will continue with collection of data for BD, even though we are not satisfied with quality of data from administrative sources.

3. Main challenge 3

Further improvement of the coverage of enterprise groups and updating procedures

Description of the challenge

Since there is no register or single administrative source that would cover enterprise groups, delineation of enterprise groups is quite challenging task. It requires combining the information from several sources so further IT procedures are planned to be established which would process data from available sources and this will help to reduce to some extent manual updating.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

The Netherlands

Reporter:

Rico Konen (statistical researcher)

Institution:

Statistics Netherlands

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Algemeen Bedrijven Register (General Business register)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Netherlands

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department of Registers within the Division of "Economic and business statistics and national accounts"

4. Number of employees in the register unit

42 (excluding 4 very large enterprise group's profilers in Business Statistics department)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To serve as sample frame for all economic statistics surveys and to serve as tool for linkage with administrative files with data that is to be used in compiling business statistics.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1974

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1992, 2006, 2009, 2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

1.460.552 Enterprises (2014-12)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Integration of New Trade Register (NTR)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since April 2014 the New Trade Register (NTR) has successfully been integrated as the main source for legal units in the Dutch BR. The NTR is part of a national system of official administrative registrations. At this moment 13 Basic Administrations cooperate in this system to improve the quality of administrative data in order to reduce the administrative burden caused by the Dutch Government.

2. Short title of work which was done

Unit Environment

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The BR system has been extended with a separate unit environment, which consists of register-snapshots linked to monthly derived frozen frames. This environment is separated from the Live environment of the BR and has become the portal for statisticians to extract a survey population or to link secondary data via legal units to statistical units.

3. Short title of work which was done

Sample Module

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SN developed a Sample Module (in "R") to draw samples, to keep track on the administrative burden and which accounts for different designs (e.g. panel- or random samples or combinations there-of). From an excel-inputfile, the sample module generates a XML-file to draw a sample according the input sample design requested and extracts the appropriate survey-population automatically from the unit-environment.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Interface

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SN investigates the needs and the requirements for a user friendly interface for the business to extract populations or to consult information from the Unit Environment.

2. Short title of work planned

Data Quality Management

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SN is investigating the needs and requirements the Dutch BR should fulfill according to new developments regarding FRIBS and to raise the quality of FATS- and Governmental Statistics. Also the cooperation between SN and the Dutch National Bank is explored and strenghtened with the aim to improve the statistics of the Financial sector. The aim of this project is to develop an action-plan which is to be implemented in 2016-2017.

3. Short title of work planned

Participation ESBRs VIP Project

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics Netherlands participates in the ESBRs VIP Project. SN is Workpackage leader of WP2 about interoperability, and an active participant in WP1 about the architecture and WP3 about International profiling and EGR.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Coherence in Statistics

Description of the challenge

The role of the BR to improve the coherence of statistics in different domains is an ongoing process.

2. Main challenge 2

Data collection and infrastructural access

Description of the challenge

It is a challenge for the Register Department of SN to support the optimization of the data collection by improving the linkage with all kinds of secondary sources (administrations, registers, Big Data Sources etc). SN is investigating new techniques to use this information in statistical processes and to provide access to all kinds of units and subsequent data in a "Datalake" concept .

3. Main challenge 3

Knowledge Center

Description of the challenge

The Register Department of SN wants to be the gateway of secondary data and wants to provide services to the business to use this information in statistical process.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

New Zealand

Reporter:

Stuart Pitts

Institution:

Statistics New Zealand

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistics New Zealand Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics New Zealand

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Operations Group

4. Number of employees in the register unit

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Provides a reference population for business surveys run by Statistics NZ and other NZ government agencies producing Tier 1 statistics (statistics of national importance) and is the source for the production of annual business demography statistics. Also provides the basis of an integration framework for different sources of data.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1996

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2012-2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

490000 enterprises

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Business continuity for legacy Business Frame and new Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Business Register development project delivered a new Business Register, but almost all our internal users still rely on connections to the old Business Frame. The Business Frame has been kept up to date by a process called replication that copies updates/changes from the Business Register (all statistical unit maintenance is performed on the Business register).

2. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of a new Institutional Sector classification

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Worked with National Accounts to determine the business rules and concordance with the old classification.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Integration with the New Zealand government Business Registry

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Business Register is tax based, but the New Zealand Business Number initiative will provide a centralised database of business information that can be used to supplement the tax frame with extra information in a more coherent and consistent way.

2. Short title of work planned

Expanded coverage of Māori businesses

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Increasing demand for economic statistics relating to Māori businesses requires a robust and standard definition within the Business Register that can easily be maintained. The main challenge relates to understanding and making use of different types of administrative data to identify these businesses.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Business continuity

Description of the challenge

Replication from the new Business Register to the old Business Frame has been more difficult than originally anticipated. At times the legacy Business Frame has not replicated properly and work has had to be done to determine the impact on samples the data collected from them.

2. Main challenge 2

Prioritising manual maintenance with less resource

Description of the challenge

Planned reductions in staffing have meant that we have had to stop doing some manual work related to smaller businesses.

3. Main challenge 3

Maintaining our own system

Description of the challenge

The Business register was built on Statistics NZ's Micro Economic Platform, and the vision was to provide analysts with the tools and ability to maintain the processes that transform input data into units on the register. The trade off is less access to IT resource, but getting to grips with the technical aspects of our system has been more difficult than originally anticipated.

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Palestine

Reporter:

Saleh ALKAFRI

Institution:

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Central Registrations Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

Two Employees plus the director of the department

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Sampling Frame and Quality Control of Administrative Business Register (Macro Level)

6. Year of establishment of the register

1994 - since that time, the SBR depend on Establishments Census (every 5 years) - last one was in 2012

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2005 - Under process -PCBS started to lead SBR project to start depend on the Municipalities and Government BR as the main sources of the SBR instead of conducting the establishments census (ES) every 5 years. The next ES will be conducted in 2017, between 2015-2017 will be a pilot to use the available BR in the municipalities to update the ES 2012, and to start using officially the BR's in the government and Municipalities after 2017 to do an annual update for the SBR.

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

Around 140,000 establishments depending on the ES 2012

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Data Collection of BR from some of Ministries and Municipalities

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- Meeting with the stakeholders (BR resources)
- Collect the main BR from the Municipalities and some of ministries
- Develop a template for BR specifications and specified all BR's
- Cleaned all BR that collected

2. Short title of work which was done

Data Matching

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- Matched the BR from Municipalities of one governorate (as pilot) with ES 2012 and BR of Ministry of Finance
- Using Fuzzy lookups and Duke (Java) as tools for matching
- Analysing the pilot phase of the matching

3. Short title of work which was done

Discussion with stakeholders (the preliminary results of matching)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- Discussed the preliminary results of pilot matching with stakeholders
- Develop a work plan for the next three years
- Starting with developing the preliminary guide to include the variables/classifications/ID, and to determine what we need from the next ES 2017 to serve the SBR and the annual update

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Set up SBR Strategy

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Plan to set up a clear strategy to implement SBR depending on the updating BR from Municipalities after ES 2017

2. Short title of work planned

Signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with stakeholders and computerized the data exchange

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- Signing MoU with all stakeholders to exchange the Micro data periodically and smoothly.
- Develop software for data exchange
- Training Courses for the stakeholders
- Pilot before the ES 2017

3. Short title of work planned

Establishments Census ES 2017

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- Conducting ES in 2017.
- Develop tool to match between the BR and ES data
- improve the SBR strategy after the matching
- annual update

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Legal challenges

Description of the challenge

The lack of a legal framework for an updated registration system of economic establishments.

2. Main challenge 2

Regulatory challenges

Description of the challenge

Lack of integration and evidence standard procedures for registrations establishments between the relevant institutions

3. Main challenge 3

Capacity Building

Description of the challenge

There are lack of knowledge on SBR for all stakeholders

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

POLAND

Reporter:

JULITA SWIETOCHOWSKA

Institution:

CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE OF POLAND

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER - SBR

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

CSO OF POLAND

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

METHODOLOGY, STANDARDS & REGISTERS DEPARTMENT

4. Number of employees in the register unit

14

5. Primary goal and use of the register

SAMPLING FRAME FOR STATISTICAL SURVEYS

6. Year of establishment of the register

2001

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

02, 04, 07, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

legal units: 3 111 014; local units: 3 641 524

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Development of a guide for SBR.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Guidelines is prepared for statisticians as the users of the SBR for surveys.

2. Short title of work which was done

SBR training.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Preparing and conducting trainings and meetings for SBR for users in terms of the updating and maintaining rules for the register.

3. Short title of work which was done

Modification of the SBR system.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Adaptation of the SBR to new legislation and to the changes in the administrative systems.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Methodological work to improve the quality of the register.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Reviewing the SBR population concerning different sectors of the economy in order to verify the characteristics. The use of the newly created administrative sources to verify the SBR.

2. Short title of work planned

Adaptation of the SBR for the European requirements.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Implementation of an unique identifier (LEID) for multinational enterprise groups and units included in their composition.

3. Short title of work planned

Developing of SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Development of algorithms for automatic determination of ownership sector of units registered in the National Court Register.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Implementation of the statistical unit to register.

Description of the challenge

The use of profiling as a method of extracting statistical unit (enterprise) from enterprise groups. Developing the rules for automatic profiling.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Portugal

Reporter:

Isabel Farinha

Institution:

Statistics Portugal

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register (Ficheiro de Unidades Estatísticas)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Information Infrastructure Unit

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Methodology and Information Systems Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

8 people

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Support data collection system and management system of population and samples- population frame. Classifying economic units according NACE Classification and share it for statistical and legal purpose ,with all entities in the Nacional statistical System.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1988

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1999,2008,2013,2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

1.6 million legal units

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

re-engineering of the business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The statistical business register was re-engineered in order to be in tight relation to the EuroGroup Register, according the european regulation 177/2008. The national enterprise group module application was reformulated on the year 2013 to fulfill collection of different and new variables.

2. Short title of work which was done

revision of the institutional sector classification

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Implementing on business register the new classification of the institutional sectors according to ESA 2010. The institutional sector code as assign to legal units on business register by National Account department with reference period 2013.

3. Short title of work which was done

Georeferencing of business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The use of geographic information system(GIS) allowed to test georeferencing of the local units in the BR system. The most of the establishments of the consumer price indices (CPI) sample, integrated with BR, were georeferenced based on BR segmented address.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of the statistical unit Enterprise

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Currently the enterprises and legal units are identical in the Business Register. The implementation of the statistical unit Enterprise will need be carefully implemented in order to avoid losses of relevant data from administrative source

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

implementing the profiling

Description of the challenge

implementing the rules to profile enterprises groups

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge



Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Romania

Reporter:

Liviu Ghilencea

Institution:

National Statistical Institute of Romania

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register - REGIS

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistical Institute of Romania

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Directorate of Methodology, Classifications, Business Register

4. Number of employees in the register unit

12 FTE + 1/2 FTE at county level

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Source of information for statistical analysis of enterprise population and demography; Dissemination; Tool for the preparation and coordination of enterprise surveys (drawing sample and grossing up);

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2004

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

approx. 900,000 units (market and non-market units)

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

We are participating in two projects granted by Eurostat.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The activities we have going are related with the two GRANT:

- Steps towards implementing the revised definition of statistical units for business statistics: delineation of statistical units and testing profiling (Topic 1, 2 and 3)
- Improvement of national business registers and testing of European profiling (Topic 1, 5, 6 and 7)

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of statistical units in the business statistics as delineated in the business register according to the Regulation 696/1993

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Implementation of FRIBS

Description of the challenge

Implementing the methodology for delineation of enterprises taking into account the agreed operational rules

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Russian Federation

Reporter:

Ms. Elena Zarubina

Institution:

Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistical register unit of the Statistical Surveys and Monitoring Department, units at the Rosstat Computing centre

4. Number of employees in the register unit

6 in the statistical register unit, 20 in the Computing centre

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Listing of observation units for specific statistical purposes

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1997-2000, 2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

3.6. mlo enterprises and 2 mln. private entrepreneurs

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Development of business demography statistics

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Methodology was designed, pilot calculations of indicators were made, the results are posted on the official Rosstat website

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Serbia

Reporter:

Predrag Jovanovic

Institution:

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Register (Статистички пословни регистар)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business register is one unit in the Division statistical registers and standards, which is part of the Department for business statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

6

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main goal of the register is to be a common framework for all business and economic statistics, harmonized with European Statistical System standards.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2005

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2009; 2010

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

At the end of 2014 BR have 415 249 active Legal units, 395 001 active Enterprises and 454 166 active Local units. In 2013 (it is a latest data we have) total number of (active) Enterprise groups was 7 910, of which 5562 were foreign controlled truncated groups.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Activities supported by MB IPA 2011 DCP.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

This project, after 2009-2010 reengineering, gave great opportunities for various improvements and BR development. EG as a new unit has been introduced. New variable for the ENT unit - institutional sector code - has been implemented. Survey on LoU has been designed and implemented. Survey on the needs and opinions ("satisfaction survey") of BR (internal users) have been designed and implemented. Role of BR in survey coordination have been described based on international best practices (SAMU - Sweden, Statistics Canada,..). Quality aspect of the BR have been "attacked": quality indicators - defined, quality report - designed, quality management - roughly sketched.

2. Short title of work which was done

Survey on Local units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Second survey in the row. Together with 2013 survey BR got very good data on LoUs of all large and middle ENTs. Data entry was made by reporting units based on web questionnaire. Response rate - similar as year before - approximately 98 %. Data on LoUs existence and activity status, geographical location (address data), economic activity (commercial/market oriented and ancillary), number of employed persons (as a number of all persons who work on the location), and complete contact data, had been collected.

3. Design, preparation activities and implementation of Intranet sub-portal for the needs of BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Activities on introduction of Intranet sub-portal wholly dedicated to the needs of BR producers and BR users have been launched. When finished it will be useful tool for communication and cooperation between all BR stakeholders. It will contain all needed data and metadata from all relevant sources be it administrative or other. Besides, this sub-portal is composed of the following sections: activities of the BR unit and all other who participate in maintenance (restricted - controlled access); international cooperation; classifications and codebooks; quality management; working and other papers by the unit members; glossaries; and links.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Cleaning up BR database and software development

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Having in mind that reengineering process left some unfinished tasks (reason for that is very short time in which reengineering had to be realised) a number of inconsistencies should be solved. These are concerning relationships between units, some incompatibilities between different values of various statuses of the units and between them. Special attention will be directed to recomposition and upgrading of the application interface. As a result we expect functionalities of the BR will be broadened and with much more quality.

2. Short title of work planned

Production of quality reports

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Quality reports are defined. It is left to design and realize software solutions which will be used in their future production. BR will produce quality reports on BR data and on input data from the sources by every source. Also standardized annual survey on users (internal - from the SORS) satisfaction will be web based. Introducing two more specific BR surveys: 1. Short annual survey on quality of register data, and 2. Six months after the registration of the company (or enterprise unit) every such unit will be asked to answer the questions on their activity status and some economic variables.

3. Short title of work planned

Strengthening and improvement of cooperation with administrative sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Existing number of administrative sources used and emerging of the new requires continuous cooperation with all of them. Problem we have is not their unwillingness for cooperation but undeveloped system for using the feedback information on both sides. For majority of sources SORS have signed protocols of mutual cooperation but they are not fully implemented yet because of working groups established are not yet active. So, the main task is encouragement of effective cooperation through more intensive communication and joint activities in special working groups.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Inadequate resources

Description of the challenge

In the near future (in the next year especially) BR will be confronted with fact that two most experienced staff members will leaving the unit because of retirement. This could be serious obstacle for realization of planned activities. On the other hand, BR have been faced with more and more activities arising from the harmonization with Acqui in statistics. So, great risk is expected as a result of reduction of the staff with consequences concerning quantitative and qualitative aspects of the people who maintain BR.

2. Main challenge 2

Inadequate feedback from surveys

Description of the challenge

This is the outcome of the fact that statistical units in business statistics domain of the SORS are not yet fully based on statistical unit Regulation (696/93). Until achieving harmonization of all business surveys with the SU Regulation BR, because it is completely based on the regulation, cannot be the unique source of the population for these surveys. In that case, of course, BR cannot use feedback information from unharmonized surveys, or it can do but with too much resources.

3. Main challenge 3

Inadequate cooperation with administrative sources

Description of the challenge

There is a possibility that SORS (or BR) willingness to cooperate with various sources meet all kind of obstacles. If this would be a case achievement of desirable level of BR data quality will undoubtedly suffer. The responsibility for effective cooperation between BR (SORS) and its sources is on both sides, but initiative belongs to the BR (SORS).

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Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

SLOVENIA

Reporter:

Institution:

STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Statistics - Global and Structural Business Statistics department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

17 employees in the whole unit, of those 4 working in BR

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To keep the record on statistical units, disseminate the data on statistical units and provide it for some statistical domains like SBS, Business Demography, EGR.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2003/2004

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

Started in 2011

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

217.000 legal units in 2014, 182.000 active enterprises in 2013

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Setting up an integrated S_PRS data base

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

From partial data basis the integration S_PRS data base was set up and a new statistical identifier (SIR) was assigned to statistical units. This data base is updated on a monthly basis.

2. Short title of work which was done

Statistical identifier and continuity of statistical units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

On the basis of business demography data base and special algorithms the continuation of statistical identifier was implemented where relevant. New statistical identifier (SIR) was introduced for LKAUs and enterprises. The maintenance of SIR is based on demography events (mergers, take overs etc.) and takes into account the EU Recommendation manual for BR.

3. Short title of work which was done

Relation data base (LeU-LKAU)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A relation database that introduces the relation between legal units (LeU) and LKAUs was set. It is updated on a monthly basis.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Implementation of yearly S_PRS data base

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A separate iteration will be done for annual S_PRS with the use of monthly data.

2. Short title of work planned

Relation data base (LKAU-KAU and LKAU-LU)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the relation database the relations between LKAU and KAU and LKAU and LU will be introduced. At the same time the data base to keep the records on KAU and LU on a yearly basis is planned.

3. Short title of work planned

Quality measures

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are planning to set up quality measures that will be observed yearly

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Introduction of statistical identifier SIR

Description of the challenge

Statistical identifier will enable to identify statistical units LKAU and enterprises, and to follow its continuity.

2. Main challenge 2

Technical implementation of S_PRS

Description of the challenge

From technical point of view it will be a challenge to set up a new S_PRS with the use of many administrative and statistical sources. Updating procedures will be based mainly on automatic procedures, including controls, editing and imputations.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

SPAIN

Reporter:

Valentin Llorente Garcia

Institution:

National Statistical Institute (INE)

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Directorio Central de Empresas (DIRCE)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

National Statistical Institute (INE)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department of Methodology and Development of Statistical Production

4. Number of employees in the register unit

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Updated sampling frame for surveys addressed to enterprises. Tool for analysis of business population: structure and demography.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2000 (enterprise groups were included), 2002 (enlargement of economic activity coverage), 2003 (adaptation to the future new European Regulation), 2004 (introduction of Institutional Sector according to ESA-95), 2005 (improvement in technological environment; users consultation interface tool) and 2009 (adaptation to NACE Rev. 2)

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

At the end of 2013 DIRCE had 3.550.901 legal units, 3.547.862 enterprises, 3.959.941 local units and 27.384 enterprise groups. All NACE Rev. 2 Sections considered.

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Contribution to maintain the EGR.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Participation in new exchange flows in order to generate the Eurogroups Register referred to 2013.

2. Short title of work which was done

Identification of foreign legal units stored in our national BR.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Collection of LEID numbers from the EGR IS. Adaptation of our national BR to store the unique identification number of foreign units.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of our national statistical Business Register using GSBPM.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Building up the capacity for using GSBPM to document our national statistical Business Register management processes. Description of those processes by using GSBPM and complemented with graphical representations in order to make understanding easier. For that purpose, the standard notation BPMN (Business Process Modeling Notation) was adopted, allowing a detailed and standardized description of the core processes followed when producing our statistical business register.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Assignment of Institutional Sector according to ESA-2010.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Consultation of methodological documents showing the rules to be applied. Making contacts with external sources as the Spanish Central Bank and with the Department of National Accounts. Creation of a new algorithm to allow a correct assignment of the Institutional Sector to all legal units making up our Business Register System.

2. Short title of work planned

Regional Business Demography.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Participation in the Regional Business Demography 2015 voluntary data collection for the reference years 2011, 2012 and 2013. This data collection requests a complete NUTS breakdown.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Improving the quality of data delivered to the EGR.

Description of the challenge

Implementation of several checks in order to assess the quality of the information exchanged in the processes involved to maintain EGR.

2. Main challenge 2

Moving towards a better implementation of the enterprise unit.

Description of the challenge

Assessment of the feasibility of profiling methods searching for solutions in the way to get useful statistical units for the national statistical production system.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Sweden

Reporter:

Christian Ekström

Institution:

Statistics Sweden

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register System (Public and Statistical Business Register)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Sweden

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Economic Statistics Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit

20

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frame and commission based activities

6. Year of establishment of the register

1975

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1998-2000

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

1.158.719

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Implementing version 1.0 of the new Business Register System

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

An application for checking indata from the two main sources to the BR was finalized at the beginning of 2015 and is now introduced for maintenance work. We are happy to say that the implementation worked out fine. This new application runs side by side with the old BR-application.

2. Short title of work which was done

Review of current methods for checking

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

From using a large number of indata controls - of which many are based on individual choices in the maintenance work - this process will be standardised in the future. The work during the past year focused on identifying which controls that was relevant to keep and which was not. This work is completed.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Continue to develop and implement the new business register system

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Currently, plans for the fall 2015 and the coming two years is about to be outlined. The most important task for the project management will be to prioritize between different options. However, one priority will be to move from VB6 to .Net.

2. Short title of work planned

EGR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In order to improve and re-engineer the enterprise group information, work has been completed regarding how administrative data is handled. Ongoing work regards technical support for the checking process.

3. Short title of work planned

How to display the level of quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In 2015 a short overview or statistical analysis of each survey frame (four times a year) will be produced. This will describe some of the major features and changes in the current frame. The result will then allow users to determine the usefulness of the frame for their own particular needs.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Continue to develop and implement the new business register system

Description of the challenge

This is the greatest challenge. There are several areas for development ranging from a technical solution for taking care of administrative data to arranging the application to produce process data for follow-ups. What will be realised is not yet clear, and neither when nor in which order. It may be the case that different parts will be implemented one after another instead of all at once.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Switzerland

Reporter:

Tomasini Fabio

Institution:

Swiss Federal Statistical Office

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business and enterprise register (BER) - Registre des entreprises et des établissements REE

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Swiss Federal Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The register unit is part of the register division of our office.

4. Number of employees in the register unit

40

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The register is used for statistical purposes as well as for public interest tasks.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1982

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2001 - 2014

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

847320

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Introduction of second cycle of yearly employment data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The last enterprise census took place in 2008. In 2013, the new employment structural basis statistic, based on social security data, for the reference year 2011, was prepared. From now on, yearly data on employment will be provided based on the same procedure. In 2014, final data 2011 and 2012 preliminary data have been loaded into the BR.

2. Short title of work which was done

Profiling light survey

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Large enterprises and groups are followed by the profiling team. Small and medium multi-unit enterprises are part of the yearly profiling light survey. A web-based survey provides the employment for all small and medium multi-unit enterprises not covered by profiling.

3. Short title of work which was done

Data in the agricultural sector

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The agricultural sector data are processed in a new fully integrated data transmission interface linked to the cantonal platforms. All structural and statistical information are continuously processed and loaded in the business register.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Automatic loading procedure

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The load of statistical data should take maximum advantage of automatic procedures. There is a need to provide timely data for all users.

2. Short title of work planned

Re-engineering of the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

An important re-engineering project of our BR will start in 2015 and should last at least 3 years.

3. Short title of work planned

Maintenance of the public sector

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The public sector is a very special domain and the use of administrative data in this sector is not simple. There is a need to improve the definition of employment in order to have a better connection between administrative data and profiling data.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Re-engineering of the BR

Description of the challenge

A major reengineering of the BR will begin this year. The main goal is to assure an infrastructure update of the IT solution (life cycle) and to improve the integration of administrative data.

2. Main challenge 2

Definition of employment

Description of the challenge

In administrative data there are information that are not easy to convert into statistical information. For employment, there is a need to have a consistent definition that allows to take into consideration only real jobs, all other entries, such as external services, should not be taken into account for the statistical production. This definition should be implemented in the various payroll systems in the enterprises.

3. Main challenge 3

Quality reporting system

Description of the challenge

A quality control such as the control of the economic activity code should be integrated in a reporting system. This reporting system should be integrated to the maintenance program that will be developed in the re-engineering of our BR.

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

Tunisia

Reporter:

Hassen AROURI : Head-director
Rim CHABBEH : Head of service

Institution:

National Institute of Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Tunisian Statistical Business Register (TSBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Tunisian National Institute of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Head-Direction

4. Number of employees in the register unit

Statistical Business Register : 4 employees
Local Units Register (new project) : 2 employees
Financial accounts (new project) : 9 employees

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Sampling and estimation database for economic surveys
Dissemination of statistics on enterprises

6. Year of establishment of the register

1996 (Law : Decree 94-780 of April 4, 1994)
yearly update based essentially on administrative sources

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1996 : creation of the TSBR
2009 : development and integration of statistical improvement methodologies
2014 : initiation of Accounts Register Project
2015 : initiation of Local Units Register Project

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

663.999 enterprises (employers and independents) on December 31, 2013 including :
654.524 Private enterprises
6.016 Associations
195 Public enterprises
3.264 Administrations
15.933 secondary local units (of 10.540 enterprises) on December 31, 2013

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Statistical Business Register (version 31/12/2013)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Match data collected from different sources which doesn't use the same identifier (using statistical methodologies)
Code key variables using statistical classifications (activity, address, legal form)
Estimate key variables in the SBR such as the status of activity, principal activity, address, number of employees, turnover
Update the Datawarehouse on enterprises (1996-2013)
Disseminate statistics: annual publication on number of enterprises, number of salaries, job creation, demography of enterprises (entries, exits); classified by activity, size, localization, legal form, nationality of the enterprise (tunisian/foreign)

2. Short title of work which was done

Local units Register (version 31/12/2012)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To create and manage the local units register, statistical methodologies was developed based on matching addresses of two types of units (local units files and salaries files)
To validate the results, two statistical sources are used as a benchmark (social employment survey and firms employment survey)
A first version of the local units register was established on April, 2015

3. Short title of work which was done

Accounts Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The accounts Register was initiated on cooperation with Finance Ministry, the idea is to collect the financial declarations on paper, scan them and turn them into a database.
The goals of this project are to improve the coverage of national accounts, minimize survey costs and maximize the use of administrative sources.
Actually, we have scanned declarations of around 50.000 enterprises.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Continuing update of the Statistical Business Register and Local Units Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Annual update of the SBR and Local Units
Generate employment statistics by region which was not possible before

2. Short title of work planned

Analyze of data collected in the Fiscal Accounts Project

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Developing a statistical methodology to detect the outliers
Correction of outliers
Estimation of missing values
Dissemination of key variables (add-value, investments, ...)

3. Short title of work planned

Examine the publication of new statistical variables

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

work on the quality improvement of administrative data (detection of outliers, correction)
dissemination of new statistics about turnover, wages and export of services

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Anonymisation of individual data

Description of the challenge

Many requests require individual level databases for studies
The Tunisian economy is characterized by the presence of monopolies in some sectors
The development of an anonymization algorithm of the business register is hard to do

2. Main challenge 2

Harmonization of concepts and classifications at the national level

Description of the challenge

Each administrative partner has its own concepts and classifications
The use of conversion tables for harmonization does not solve some cases
Statistical definitions and concepts do not satisfy the needs of partners in some cases

3. Main challenge 3

Analyse informal employment

Description of the challenge

Study the informal employment using a comparison between the SBR indicators which cover the formal sector and statistical social indicators which cover all the employment

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

TURKEY

Reporter:

AKÇAY, Dr. Levent - Head of Register Systems Department

Institution:

Turkish Statistical Institute

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistical Business Registers (BR) of Turkey

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Turkish Statistical Institute

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Register Systems Department - Business Registers Group

4. Number of employees in the register unit

14

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Having statistical units and variables according to international norms for survey frames and analysis.
Keeping track of units' life cycle and enabling international comparisons.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2005

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2012

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

the number of active enterprise is 3,525,431

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Improvement of Business Registers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Necessary studies on the deficiencies of BR System packages were performed by local expert. Also, studies have been continuing for necessary modules of web interfaces of BR System. Studies on compiling and usage of data from different administrative sources such as Social Security Institution, Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of Industry have been carried out. The data taken from relevant institutions have been analysed and used in BR.

2. Short title of work which was done

Enterprise Groups (EGs)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Annual survey of EGs for the reference year 2013 was completed and previous year's EGs information was updated. The integration of EGs annual survey results to the BR System was actualized.

3. Short title of work which was done

Business Demography (BD)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BD studies are now being processed in order to produce accurate BD data. Turkstat BR Group has already sent the BD birth, death, and survival series to Eurostat for the reference years 2012 and 2013. Also, the series for Employer Demography (ED) for the years 2012 and 2013 were transmitted.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Improvement of Business Registers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Negotiations with other institutions will be continued to enhance available data quality and also to increase diversity of data sources. Studies on the collection and usage of the data from different administrative sources will be pursued and integration of information derived from these sources into BR System will be actualized. BR System packages has been continuing to be developed. Studies on the preparation of the software for the missing parts of web interfaces of BR System will be continued.

2. Short title of work planned

Enterprise Groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Annual EGs data will be updated incrementally and the survey population of EGs will be extended every year as long as the administrative sources enable.

3. Short title of work planned

Business Demography

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The studies will be processed in order to produce accurate BD data. In terms of ED studies, it is aimed to increase the quality of employment figure by using other administrative sources. For this purpose, social security records will continue to be used in terms of employment figures. Negotiations with the other administrative bodies will be realized.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

New System of Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Description of the challenge

As the main administrative sources, MoF records are used for BR System. IT department of MoF have been changing their system and new system has been active since 2014. The BR System has been affected from this process. Thus, the new system of MoF has been analysed and BR System packages and related tables have been updated and developed in time.

2. Main challenge 2

Usage of other administrative sources

Description of the challenge

Available administrative sources have problems on economic activities. The addresses are usually not according to National Address Database of Turkey. Furthermore, since there is no standard in data structure of some sources, difficulties can be occurred to match and process the data in BR. There is no full and reliable list of state economic enterprises and municipality economic enterprises for classifying units according to institutional sector classification.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

United Kingdom

Reporter:

Andrew Allen

Institution:

Office for National Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Inter-departmental Business Register (IDBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Office for National Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Within Business Statistics Support Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit

75

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frame for ONS and other government department surveys

6. Year of establishment of the register

1994

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1994

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

2.3 million enterprises

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

A review of HMRC PAYE administrative data used to construct the IDBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To improve coverage of the register a review into the use of unmatched PAYE references (i.e. those with employment but no VAT reference) concluded that bringing in unmatched PAYE references would increase the size of survey universes but with only minimal duplication. Following agreement such units should be included, work has commenced to ensure the additional PAYE references are introduced with minimal disruption.

2. Short title of work which was done

EU projects: ESSnet European System of Business Registers (ESBR)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

ONS as a partner in the ESSnet has been closely involved in the ongoing review of Business Architecture required for inter-operability and with Euro Group Register (EGR) quality/ validation and international profiling methods.

3. Short title of work which was done

Review of the requirements and future needs of the Inter-departmental Business Register (IDBR)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

An ONS review of register functions examined requirements of the ONS Life Events and ONS address registers alongside the IDBR. The intention was to identify common register activities and services so that development work could be streamlined, become more efficient and services developed to meet all register users needs.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Development of a cross-government business register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

ONS is currently working with other government departments to assess the feasibility of a creating a single cross government business register which has the potential to replace the current business register.

2. Short title of work planned

Ongoing work with ESBR on business architecture, shared services, profiling and interoperability

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Maintaining the quality of the register and the service provided to users at a time of budgetary constraint.

Description of the challenge

With budget cuts the main challenge going forward is maintaining the quality of the register, with reduced resources

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

United States

Reporter:

Richard Clayton

Institution:

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

U.S. BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics

4. Number of employees in the register unit

12, plus Regional and State partners

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The QCEW business register is used to produce Business Demography data, as well as use as a sample frame, for employment survey benchmarking, research, and data sharing with other federal agencies.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1990

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1990, 2003

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

9.4 million establishments

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Business Demographics on Non-Profit Entities

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BLS has published data on non-profit entities. The scope includes the private sector for the non-profit sector known as 501(c)3's, which is the largest category of non-profits, as well as reimbursable accounts.

2. Short title of work which was done

New Variables on the Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Hirricane zone codes have been added to the database in coastal states.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Annual Business Employment Dynamics measures by firm age and firm size

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The BLS is researching ways to expand annual business employment dynamics estimates by firm size and firm age. For size, BLS will use the firm's size and apply it to all of the individual establishments within that firm. For firm age, BLS will assign the age of the oldest establishment to the firm and apply it to all of the individual establishments.

2. Short title of work planned

Development and implementation of a new statistical Weighted Match system in longitudinal linking

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BLS is working to replace a proprietary matching program with one developed in-house, to specifically address the linking of QCEW data. The program will base matches on administrative fields such as name, address, industry, and Federal tax ID.

3. Short title of work planned

Administrative NAICS Reclassification of Home Based Services for the Elderly

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BLS is working to address an administrative reclassification that occurred in 2013 data. New industry codes for units impacted by this scope change will be pushed back on the database, and all historical tabulations will be re-run.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Budget Constraints

Description of the challenge

Recent budget cuts have curtailed a small portion of the program which may delay development of some projects.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2014 and future plans

Country:

USA

Reporter:

Brandy L. Yarbrough, Operational Director for the Business Register

Institution:

U.S. Census Bureau

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register (BR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Statistical Methods Division (ESMD)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The register is supported and maintained by multiple branches and divisions organized along functional lines,

4. Number of employees in the register unit

80

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The primary functions of the register are to serve as a sampling frame and source of administrative data for the Census Bureau's economic statistical programs.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1974

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2002

8. Number of active units in the register at the end of 2014

~ 8 million employer establishments and ~22.5 million non-employer businesses

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2014) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Tax data expansion

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In the early 2014 we began receiving several additional items derived from business income tax returns that are of great use to the Census Bureau's annual, quarterly, and monthly business survey programs. Since the Business Register (BR) functions as a central repository of all administrative records these data were integrated into the database and made available to the authorized BR user community.

2. Short title of work which was done

Continue leveraging data sharing

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Efforts continued in improving BR statistical unit coverage by exploiting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data source. These data became available as a result of a data-sharing agreement between the Census Bureau and BLS. Tools were developed that allow matching of units and analysis of companies within the existing BR interactive environment. This tools have facilitated access to these data which serve as a useful supplement to the Company Organization (COS) as well as providing a valuable source for updating smaller multi-units.

3. Short title of work which was done

Expanded use of electronic data collection for the COS

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For the 2014 COS, initial contact with companies was not done using paper forms. Instead, all companies were mailed a letter containing a user ID, password, and instructions for accessing the electronic reporting instrument. While paper forms were still made available to those companies that insisted on having them, every effort was be made to encourage electronic filing. This was done not only to cut costs and improve data quality in the COS but also as a first step toward preparing for "paperless" 2017 Economic Census.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2015) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Economic Census final feedback

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The extensive data review and publication cycle for the 2012 Economic Census (EC) will conclude in 2015. Once this effort is completed, the final industrial classification (NAICS) codes assigned to establishments during EC processing and review will be applied to the BR. This update is expected to significantly improve the quality and reliability of NAICS codes on the BR, particularly those of single units currently assigned classifications based on administrative records.

2. Short title of work planned

Exclusive use of electronic data collection for the COS

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The data collection plan for the 2015 COS calls for there to be no paper reporting option offered. This is another step in a larger plan to completely phase out paper questionnaires as a reporting mode for the 2017 Economic Census.

3. Short title of work planned

BR re-engineering analysis

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

As an initial step in re-engineering the BR for the 2022 EC, a series of multi-disciplinary focus groups will be formed in 2015 to begin assessing the current state of the BR and to start prioritizing desired improvements.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Statistical units and data coherence

Description of the challenge

The BR currently supports only two types of statistical units: the establishment and the enterprise. The absence of a kind-of-activity unit (KAU) or something similar sometimes results in business activity survey reporting units being created outside of the BR environment. Without an explicit connection between these reporting units and their constituent establishments, data coherence across surveys is difficult to achieve. Resolving this issue is one of the key expected outcomes of the long-term BR re-engineering project.

2. Main challenge 2

Size and complexity

Description of the challenge

The Business Register (BR) serves many roles beyond being a sampling frame and administrative records repository. It is also the operational control system for the Economic Census (EC), the central repository of captured EC data, and the source of key data products. While there are certainly advantages to having a multi-purpose BR this, by definition, makes it complex and often difficult to understand in total. The perpetual challenge is in finding resources to work on the BR and in providing support to the user community.

3. Main challenge 3

Aging technical platform?

Description of the challenge

Interactive research and updating tools are vital to the successful maintenance of the BR. Virtually all of the existing tools were originally developed using Oracle Forms. While they have served the BR well through three Economic Census cycles, there is increasing concern about the viability of Oracle Forms even in the near term. Given the enormous amount of code that exists and its importance in the daily work of BR this is something that commands attention. The challenge will be in deciding what platform, if any, will succeed Oracle Forms and then in developing a transition strategy that does not disrupt ongoing BR production work.