

Quality issues and coverage of business registers

**Implementing NACE rev.1.1 in the
Danish statistical business
register**

The Danish activity classification

- One of the most important variables in the BR
- Changes in NACE involve:
 - Changes in the national classification
 - Updating of activity codes in the BR
- Danish classification is rather detailed
- Standard groups for publishing purposes
- Limitation of breaks in time series

Adaptation of the BR to the updated activity classification

- Split-ups, joinings, re-numbering
- Rather limited number of changes
- Split-ups most time-consuming
- 18 classes involved - 20,000 Legal Units
- Number of questionnaires restricted to 10,000

Quality as regards activity codes

- The process serves at least two purposes:
 - Improvement of the quality
 - Evaluation of the quality
- Measurement of quality has to be taken with certain reservations
- More than 90 per cent of Legal Units were correctly classified

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- Whether 90 per cent is satisfactory, depends on the level of ambitions
 - The most important Legal Units are regularly checked
 - The next project is to set up a method for continuous checking and improving of the quality



Administrative use of Activity codes

- The Danish model – Administrative BR vs. Statistical BR
- Act.codes are used for an increasing number of adm. purposes
- This is an advantage to the quality
- ...but has some negative effects as well
- Can cause a one-sided pressure on the activity codes



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- **Examples:**
 - Insurance premiums to The Danish Labour Market Occupational Diseases Fund
 - Parking licences
 - National working environment authority

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- The insurance premiums form the most serious threat
 - Try to take precautions
 - Intended to prepare a definite analysis on the figures on activity code changes