Country Progress Report on SBR 2021

Session 5: Country Progress Report
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Outline

1. Reports received by continent and country
2. Organization, Population and Use of the Statistical Business Register
3. Progress and Developments in 2021
4. Future plans
5. Main challenges
6. Progress, future plans and main challenges related with COVID-19
Reports Received by Continent and Country
Countries that responded by continent

55 countries responded the CPR 2021

- **Europe (27)**
  - Albania
  - Austria
  - Belarus
  - Croatia
  - Denmark
  - England
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Greece
  - Hungary
  - Iceland
  - Ireland
  - Italy
  - Lithuania
  - Macedonia
  - Moldova
  - Netherlands
  - Norway
  - Poland
  - Serbia
  - Slovakia
  - Slovenia
  - Spain
  - Sweden
  - Switzerland

- **America (12)**
  - Argentina
  - Belize
  - Brazil
  - Canada
  - Chile
  - Costa Rica
  - Cuba
  - Dominican Republic
  - Ecuador
  - Mexico
  - Panama
  - Surinam

- **Asia (11)**
  - Armenia
  - Azerbaijan
  - Cyprus
  - Indonesia
  - Japan
  - Kyrgyzstan
  - Mongolia
  - Myanmar
  - Palestine
  - Singapore
  - Turkey

- **Africa (3)**
  - Botswana
  - Maurice Island
  - South Africa

- **Oceania (2)**
  - Australia
  - New Zealand
Organization, Population and Use of the Statistical Business Register
In general, they are small organs, 74.55% of them functioning with less than 18 people.

The countries that report operating with fewer staff are:
- Surinam and Iceland (1)
- Botswana, Argentina, Belize and Palestine (2)

The countries that report operating with the most staff are:
- Germany (200)
- Canada (75)
- Mexico (73)

Number of headcount employees in the register unit

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<td>41 to 200</td>
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Average: 18.8 employees
Median: 8 employees
Uses of the register

- Surveys: Survey frame, to support collection activities, to monitor and control response (46)
- Production of economic statistics (20)
- Business demography (16)
- Tool for coordination and integration of administrative data (9)
- National accounts (5)
- Basis for elaborating censuses (3)
- To keep economic records (2)
- Data exchange with government agencies (2)
42.6% of the SBRs emerged in the current century.
SBRs have been re-engineered in more recent years. 2008 stands out as the year that countries began to reengineer their SBRs. In 2011 higher percentage of countries implemented a re-engineering.
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Number of enterprises in the SBR

- Less than 500,000: 25
- From 500,000 to 999,999: 9
- From 1,000,000 to 2,999,999: 7
- From 3,000,000 to 5,000,000: 6
- More than 5,000,000: 3
Number of legal units in the SBR

- Less than 500,000: 18
- From 500,000 to 999,999: 8
- From 1,000,000 to 2,999,999: 10
- From 3,000,000 to 5,000,000: 4
- More than 5,000,000: 4
Number of local units in the SBR

- Less than 500,000: 18
- From 500,000 to 999,999: 7
- From 1,000,000 to 2,999,999: 5
- From 3,000,000 to 5,000,000: 5
- More than 5,000,000: 5
SBR Coverage

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<td>Households</td>
<td>17</td>
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Legend:
- Complete or near complete coverage (>90%)
- Partial coverage (<90%)
- No coverage
Updating data sources

- Administrative data: 53
- Censuses and surveys: 48
- Statistical registers: 27
- Big data: 5
- Others: 9
Geographical reference available in the SBR\(^1\)

52.7% reported the availability of the geo-reference of the observation units in their SBR, either directly in the register or through the link with other registers.

\(^1\) Directly registered or through a link to another registry
Progress and Developments in 2021
Percentage of countries reporting progress and development during 2021 by category

- **Data sources**: 36.4%
- **Maintenance**: 36.4%
- **Units**: 34.5%
- **Quality**: 23.6%
- **Coverage**: 20.0%
- **Roles of the SBR**: 18.2%
- **IT considerations**: 16.4%
- **Dissemination**: 14.5%
- **Survey frame methodology**: 12.7%
- **Planning and governance**: 10.9%
- **Others**: 10.9%
Future plans
Percentage of countries reporting future plans by category

Data sources: 34.5%
Units: 29.1%
Quality: 29.1%
IT considerations: 27.3%
Coverage: 25.5%
Maintenance: 20.0%
Dissemination: 20.0%
Planning and governance: 20.0%
Roles of the SBR: 14.5%
Survey frame methodology: 9.1%
Others: 16.4%
Main challenges
Percentage of countries reporting main challenges by category

- Data sources: 43.64%
- IT considerations: 32.73%
- Maintenance: 27.27%
- Quality: 21.82%
- Roles of the SBR: 18.18%
- Units: 18.18%
- Planning and governance: 18.18%
- Dissemination: 10.91%
- Coverage: 9.09%
- Survey frame methodology: 3.64%
- Others: 16.36%
Progress, future plans and main challenges related with COVID-19
Number of countries that report activities, plans or challenges related with the COVID-19 pandemic

1. There are 10 countries that report progress in activities during 2021, future plans or challenges related with the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The counties that report progress in activities related to COVID-19 in 2021:
   - America: Costa Rica, Mexico
   - Asia: Indonesia
   - Europe: Germany, Serbia
   - Oceania: Australia, New Zealand
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