

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

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

Georgia

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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 (Headcount employees)

7 persons

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Coverage of 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, 2015 years

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2015

*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises: Legal units: approximately 160 000

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. 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 was carried out also in 2015 year regarding this issues: surveys, investigations, working with administrative data, active cooperation with administrative data providers, trainings etc.

2. Short title of work which was done

Create Online Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since December 2015, business register is available on Geostat's web-page online and is accesable for various users.

3. Short title of work which was done

Changes in the Law on Official Statistics of Georgia

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since 1 of June 2015, according to the law on Official Statistics of Georgia, legal entities registered in the register of entrepreneurial and non-commercial legal entities are obliged to provide Geostat, upon Geostat's written request, including such request in electronic form, with the available information (including confidential information) in paper or electronic form (however before 1 of June 2015, enterprises were not obliged to cooperate with Geostat; It was voluntary process and that's why additional efforts needed to be undertaking from Geostat.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) 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 (Tax Office) and from National Agency of Public Registry (registration authority). Main problem is kind of economic activity and actual address, which are only indicated for limited number of enterprises. Also in some cases indicated kind of economic activities are incomplete and incorrect.

2. Short title of work planned

Improve quality of business register based on administrative sources, surveys and investigations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For improve quality of business register (especially information related actual address and kind of activity), we are going to conduct Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) on regular basis. Also we are going to use more and more administrative data sources for improve quality of business register, because high quality of statistical products in most cases can be received by combining administrative and survey data.

3. Short title of work planned

Conduct specific surveys, investigations and develop business demography indicators

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We are going to conduct specific surveys and investigations, which will be focusing for identify relations between various legal and local units and establish enterprise groups in business register. Also we are going to improve business demography statistics and develop business demography indicators.

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. 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

Not sufficient financial recourses

Description of the challenge

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

3. Main challenge 3

Not enough experts working on business register

Description of the challenge

It is necessary to increase number of statisticians, who will work on maintenance of business register and improve its quality.