

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

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

Kosovo

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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 (KAS)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department of Economic Statistics and National Accounts

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

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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, 2015-2016

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: 35,148

Legal units:36,849

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

Built of new SBR database system for automatic updates of SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

During the 2015 year we have built a new database for updating SBR both from administrative sources (Kosovo Business Registration Agency and Kosovo Tax Administration) as well as statistical sources (Business Register Survey, SBS and STS).

2. Short title of work which was done

Built of SBR Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The graphic user interface makes possible to browse the register for both legal and statistical units based on several search criteria and to perform update of the units. It includes special procedures to handle unfinished transactions during the automatic process and it is being used for both, for the use and maintenance of SBR. Further an Excel tool has been developed that can produce extracts and summaries of data from SBR that a most commonly asked for by the users.

3. Short title of work which was done

Improving data quality of SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Inclusion of Local Unit in SBR mainly based on administrative units (Legal Local Units)

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

Improve of data quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

KAS initiate a project to improve the activity codes in SBR for units that are used in the survey frames with special focus on large and complex units. It should be a goal that there is a set of activity codes that is used by and agreed by all business surveys and the National Account System.

2. Short title of work planned

Pilot project on Enterprise Group

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The objective of this pilot project is to improve the national statistical business register, focusing on the registration of enterprise groups in the register.

3. Short title of work planned

Further improve of statistics produced and published

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

During this year (2016) we are also working on improving of statistics produced (especially Business Demography) and also we are trying to use PX Web for publishing data on web.

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 for business surveys due to the fact we don't have any software tools and resources for easy and fast sampling extraction, so we are drawing samples usually manually so it is quite challenge for our team.

2. Main challenge 2

Limitation on human resources and budget

Description of the challenge

We are suffering from lack of staff 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