

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

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Republic of Macedonia

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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 Structural Business Statistics is a part of Sector for Business Statistics, Agricultural Statistics and Statistics on Environment

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

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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 enterprises* in the register at the end of 2015

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

Enterprises: 70 139

Legal units:

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

Enterprise groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The SSO is constantly in search of new ways in order to improve quality of the SBR data as well as constantly improves its cooperation with administrative sources in terms of SBR updating, especially updating of enterprise groups database. Thus, Enterprise groups database for reference year 2013 which has been created in 2015, was updated by using of new source of administrative data - Central Securities Depository. By updating of the enterprise groups database with the data received from the Central Securities Depository, the coverage and quality of the enterprise groups data were improved.

2. Short title of work which was done

Producing business demography data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Business demography data for active, birth and death enterprises for the reference years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 (series 9A) have been prepared and for the first time have been sent to Eurostat

3. Short title of work which was done

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 were determined and allocated by institutional sector code (new algorithms have been prepared)

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

Enterprise groups

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Creation of database of multinational and all resident enterprise groups for 2014 will be done. For improving the level of compliance of our BR with the Regulation (EC) No 177/2008 and recommended methodology, further development and improvement of the data quality and coverage of units in the Statistical Business Register, especially for enterprise groups, will be continued and will be the main task in the planned future activities (explore some new sources for updating of EGs).

2. Short title of work planned

SBR data quality and Quality Report

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

- In order to improve the SBR data quality, continuous checking, updating and correcting of the SBR data will be performed, especially of activity codes and address data, with data collected through the regular statistical surveys.
- Attention will be paid to the need for producing a new SBR Quality Report (2016 or 2017), because the last one was prepared within IPA 2007 project, with the expert from Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, comparing 2011 SBR data with the other statistical surveys data. The QR should be prepared in order to show the quality of SBR data, comparing them with the other statistical surveys, and their coherence and consistence, and in order not only to provide users with explanation of the quality of the SBR data, but also to detect internal weaknesses of the data.

3. Short title of work planned

Producing business demography data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

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 will be done (some missing data related to Business Demography will be provided and published).

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

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.

2. Main challenge 2

Testing profiling methodology on 3 EGs in RM

Description of the challenge

The exercises (activities) planned within Business statistics-profiling project which is planned under the IPA 2014 Multi-beneficiary statistical cooperation programme (the SSO has submitted an application in 2015) are quite challenging tasks for the SBR team (to become familiar with the methodology of profiling, to learn how to start an analysis of the financial and organisational relationships between legal units through a “profiling” approach in order to build real enterprises, especially to test profiling methodology on 3 EGs which has the UCI in Macedonia (performing studies for intensive profiling by visiting one selected multinational enterprise group and conducting desk studies for the two selected enterprise groups of light profiling).

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge