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### **Abstract**

Statistical Business Registers have very important role for production of economic statistics. Quality of statistical products depends directly on the quality of Statistical Business Register, because the survey frame is derived from the register and data that is collected by and stored in the register itself is used for statistical calculations.

Business register in Georgia covers approximately 633 000 entities (included active and non-active entities). Almost full coverage of legal entities in Business Register is ensured, but full coverage of local, local kind-of-activities and enterprise units is not yet achieved.

In the process of maintenance of an SBR data from several sources is collected, processed, stored and provided to users.

Generally business register in Georgia is updated using administrative sources (In business register Geostat collects approximately 25 variables, of which 80% comes from administrative sources); Therefore quality of administrative data is very important for business register.

In database received from administrative sources actual address and kind of economic activities are indicated only for limited number of enterprises. Sometimes indicated information on economic activities are incorrect, which is huge problem for business register and hence for all business survey.

That's why GEOSTAT conducts every month computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI) for the companies in the business register to update information about status, kind of economic activities and data on local units of the companies.

High quality of business register should be done by improved access to administrative sources of information; Introduction/improvement of more effective and cost efficient surveys (CATI, etc); Improvement of the qualification of the staff; Also cooperation with international institutions and experts, share experience of developing countries will be useful for this reason.

It is also important to investigate requirements of users; asses data sources, identify challenges as well as approaches to face current problems.

For assessment of quality, Geostat conducts every year Business Register Quality Assessment Survey.

Suitable documentation is also really essential for the users of the business registers and part of the overall quality of the service that the business register provide.

In cooperating with experts from statistics Sweden, Geostat created metadata for business register, which contains all information about business register and briefly description on all variables, production and update procedures, maintenance etc.