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Abstract

Enterprise Group Register and delineation of Enterprise units

Due to many and various factors, and in particularly globalization, it has become increasingly difficult to measure the economy of business. Production of goods, trading and services, within an enterprise, can be distributed over several units and sometime outsourced to subcontractors. The flow of financial transactions can differ from the supply of goods to the customer. The role of national borders is less important as Enterprise Groups choose to allocate the different factors of production in a way that is most efficient from an economic, quality and from a customer perspective.

To face those challenges, statisticians have to develop and implement new approaches. Business profiling will be important as an activity to identify and delineate statistical units and for better understanding of large and complex Enterprise Groups. For purposes of profiling there has to be a high quality business register containing necessary information, including the information on enterprise groups.

To address the challenges Statistics Sweden has launched a program with the aim to increase consistency and to improve the quality of Business Statistics (BS).

The initiatives aim to improve the coherence and coordination between Structural Business Statistics (SBS), Short Term Statistics (STS) and National Business Register (NBR). Examples are development of a common production environment for all surveys and a new quarterly survey aiming to improve quarterly GDP estimates.

The NBR serve as the backbone of business statistics production and will, in the context of the consistency program, be subject to several major initiatives for improvements.

A major improvement will be a review of statistical units: Kind of Activity Unit (KAU) and the Enterprise unit (ENT). The work will be closely related to the establishment of the EuroGroup Register, in collaboration with Eurostat, and the establishment of multinational groups (EGR population). The ambition is to, in parallel, to construct and maintain a national Enterprise Group Register including also domestic groups.

Further initiative is an intention to improve population of enterprises and achieve a better compliance with European Commission regulations on SBS and NBR. Currently, a work to find a way of automatic delineation of enterprise unit based on legal structure of enterprise groups is ongoing. The purpose is to implement a combination of manual and automatic profiling. A project to investigate how manual profiling of large enterprises can be integrated into the production business statistics is also foreseen within the program. This will lead to a better coherent economic statistic on national level and possibly increase opportunities for comparisons at European Union and international level.

What will be learned?

- An overview of ongoing developing in national Enterprise Group Register
- Experiences and issues from business profiling
- Presentation of a Swedish approach for delineation of Enterprises from Enterprise Group automatically