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

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

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I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

> Business Register for statistical purposes (Unternehmensregister für statistische Zwecke)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

> Statistics Austria

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

> The Austrian business register is placed within the Registers, Classifications and Geoinformation Division of Statistics Austria, which is reporting directly to the Directors General (http://www.statistik.at/web_en/about_us/organisationstructure/index.html)

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

> 32

5. Primary goal and use of the register

> Providing a comprehensive, good quality framework for surveys; for grossing-up economic data, for classifying economic units, providing links between various administrative sources

6. Year of establishment of the register

> 1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineeering(s) of the register

> 2013

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.

> Legal units: 523.009 (including non profit and governmental units, 503.962 LU without those)

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

> Implementation of Enterprise Groups into the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Continuation of the work regarding improvement and preparation of the statistical unit "Enterprise group" in the BR and for the introduction of the statistical unit "Enterprise" in the upcoming year.

2. Short title of work which was done

Improvement of the register maintenance application

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The register maintenance application has been made more userfriendly and some features for easier maintenance have been implemented (most of these amendmens are GUI-related and include functions like "enter change in all month which are open for maintenance").

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

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

Implementation of the statistical unit Enterprise

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The objectives are to implement the statistical unit "Enterprise" into the BR and to implement IT processes for the delineation of the statistical unit enterprise which are to be treated automatically and to create IT tools for manual maintenance.

2. Short title of work planned

Implementation of new automatic concepts regarding new units and deletion of units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Several new maintenance concepts (including automatic procedures for the treatment of new units and automatic deletion of no longer active units) have been finalized from the business side of view, IT implementation is still pending due to lack of ressources.

3. Short title of work planned

Further improvement of the BR application and WEB-View

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A list of new features for the BR application has been discussed with IT, implementation is still pending. The BR WEB-View tool will be made more userfriendly and will feature more characteristics of units in order to make use of the WEB-View easier and the content more comprehensible for internal users (who are not maintenance users).

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

Different requirements

Description of the challenge

Having to deal with the different requirements of the different administrative sources (each admin. source has its own understanding of enterprises, legal units, of the relevant address, of the economic activity etc). Dealing with the business register for adminstrative purposes (which is a source for the Austrian BR, as the admin. sources are linked within the BR for admin. purposes), and providing a heterogene definition of the units.

2. Main challenge 2

Ressource problems

Description of the challenge

> Programmers as well as clerks are subject to ressource problems. Therefore even if e.g. concepts may be finished from the register point of view, their implementation into the system takes a very long time

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge