Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers -
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Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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

1. Name of the register

    EuroGrops Register (EGR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

    Eurostat, Unit G3 (Business cycle, tourism and registers)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

    Unit G3 is part of Directorate G (Global Business Statistics)

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

    6

5. Primary goal and use of the register

    The EGR is a network of registers consisting of a central register at Eurostat and local registers in the European Statistical System (ESS = EU and EFTA Countries). It contains structural economic information about multinational enterprise groups (MNEs) with an interest in Europe and their constituent units. The primary goal of the EGR is to offer coordinated frame populations for the production of statistics on globalisation.

6. Year of establishment of the register

    2008

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

    2013 to 2015

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.

    MNEs: 61.000   Enterprises: 613.000   Legal units: 781.000

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

    Development of EuroGroups Register version 2.0 and Interactive profiling tool (IPT)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> All applications of the EGR version 2.0 were put into production statistical production. The EGR 2.0 system became complete, having now integrated the EGR Identification Service (identification of units), the EGR Interactive Module (to browse and modify data), the EGR FATS interface (end-user interface) and the EGR Core system (to process data). EGR 2.0 produced data on 61.000 MNEs for reference year 2014 only with the new applications. Also the prototype of the Interactive profiling tool was developed (launched in March 2016) to support the data exchanges of profiling activities in EU Member States.

2. Short title of work which was done

> Data quality program for ESS statistical business registers

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> The quality of the EGR is highly depending on the quality of the national statistical business registers in the European Statistical System (ESS). An annual SBR Data Quality Program (DQP) has been launched in 2015B61B25B47B72B60, aiming at monitoring, assessing and improving SBR (national SBR and EGR) quality. The EGR DQP builds on the traditional ESS standard quality pillars: quality reporting, quality standards, quality assessment and quality improvement. Some results are already expected in 2016 (implementation year) and more substantial results are expected in the following years.

3. Short title of work which was done

> Work on business architecture

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> In the framework of the ESBRs project (European System of interoperable statistical Business Registers) a business architecture (BA) document has been developed. It describes how the future systems should operate in response to the identified drivers. This includes how to integrate the profiling results into EGR. The BA is expected to guide the process of improving and making more efficient all SBR in the ESS, including EGR.

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

> Developments on EuroGroup Register version 2.0 (methodology)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> (1) Process improvements, small changes in production timetable. (2) EGR coverage will be improved, more records will be uniquely identified, in addition the methodology will be improved to cover more foreign controlled units. (3) Analysing how to publish statistical data tables from EGR

2. Short title of work planned

> Developments on EuroGroup Register version 2.0 (applications)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> (1) EGR applications will be improved to better support NSIs in EGR production (new functionalities, more feedback flows to NSIs in the production phase) and to better support Eurostat EGR Team in the production. (2) Performance improvements in EGR CORE

3. Short title of work planned

> Publication of EGR aggregated information

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Some reflections and pilot tests are going on concerning the possibility of using EGR not only to produce frames for statistical users but also to produce directly some aggregated information.

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 EGR for statistical production

Description of the challenge

Achieve a stable and satisfactory level of quality in order to allow EU Member States statisticians to user the EGR frames population for their statistical activity in production.

2. Main challenge 2

Profiling process and IPT integrated in EGR

Description of the challenge

The results of the profiling activity have to be integrated in the EGR process. This will require to integrate the procedure of profiling and the Interactive Profiling Tool (IPT) with the EGR.

3. Main challenge 3

Produce aggregated EGR tables

Description of the challenge

Produce useful information of good quality, respecting data confidentiality, satisfying specific user needs and creating feedback leading to further quality improvements.