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

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Germany

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

- 1. Name of the register Unternehmensregister-System Neu (URS-Neu)
- Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register
  Federal Statistical Office of Germany and the 14 statistical offices of the Laender (federal states)
- Position of the register unit in the organisation
  Federal Statistical Office of Germany Division E1: Business Register, Classifications, Earnings, Cross Sector Business Statistics
- 4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees) approimately 200 in 15 statistical offices

# 5. Primary goal and use of the register Infrastructure for business statistics, data combination and for publishing structural and regional data about enterprises and their demography

6. Year of establishment of the register

1995

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineeering(s) of the register 2014

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: Legal units: about 3.800.000

## 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

enlarged possibilities of data storage for domain statisticians in the Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The implementation of the new databank for the German statistical business register (URS-Neu) was successfully implemented mid of year 2014. In 2015 the new data base "URS Neu" has been expanded to allow the storage of additional variables of statistical surveys. This contains additional unit structures below legal and local units and for these units a set of additional variables.

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

## 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 profiling of enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

In order to implement the EU definiton of the statistical unit "enterprise" the Statistical Offices in Germany set up procedures for the profiling of enterprises as new task of the German Statistical Business Register. A special working group of Business Register experts has been set up for this task.

### 2. Short title of work planned

enlarged functionalities for the maintenance of statistical enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The new data base "URS Neu" is beeing expanded to allow the maintenance of the statistical unit "enterprise" according to the European definition.

### 3. Short title of work planned

From reference year 2018 on we intend to provide the final copy of the business register within year t+1.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To achieve the objective of timeliness we streamlined the work, put the focus on faster processing, made new data sources available and developed routines for their processing. After a transition period we plan to reach the goal in 2019 (reference year 2018).

## 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

Description of the challenge

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge