

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

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Republic of Serbia

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

1. Name of the register

Group for conceptual and methodological development and maintenance of statistical business register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Part of Data Integration Department, Sector for Development and Information

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

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5. Primary goal and use of the register

Used in order to be a mainframe for all business surveys

Aim is to be more incorporated in business (and other) surveys in order to provide feedback information on statistical units. To motivate all statistics to use standardized units according to EU regulation

6. Year of establishment of the register

2005

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

2010

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: 400411

Legal units:420898

### 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

Work on standardized use of statistical units in Serbian statistical system

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Internal working group established with task to prepare implementation of Regulation 696/93 standards in statistical system.

2. Short title of work which was done

SBR survey on local units is conducted

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Population of large and medium sized Enterprises was investigated (response rate 98%)

3. Short title of work which was done

Producing statistics on Enterprises groups, reference year 2013

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

Further work on implementation Regulation 696/93 standards

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Preparation of Implementation plan, adjusting methodologies of different surveys in terms of statistical units, assigning internal ID for statistical units in address lists.

2. Short title of work planned

SBR as a frame for employment statistics

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

First time ever SBR will prepare territorial and activity code structure for administrative data on employment.

3. Short title of work planned

Introduction of top-down method

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Top-down method for determination of activity code will be calculated by using data on employees (to update SBR current version) and by using data on value added (to update SBR frozen frame).

### 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

SBR is not unique base (frame) for all business surveys

Description of the challenge

Some surveys use SBR as consultative database only and still rely on their own address lists

2. Main challenge 2

Slow process of unit standardization

Description of the challenge

Not all surveys are aware of necessity of using standardized statistical units

3. Main challenge 3

Lack of SBR experts

Description of the challenge

Retirement of two experienced SBR experts