

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

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Sweden

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

1. Name of the register

Business Register System (Public and Statistical Business Register)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Sweden

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Economic Statistics Department

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

20

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frame and commission based activities

6. Year of establishment of the register

1975

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

1998-2000

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: 1178884

Legal units:

### 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

Launch of application for checking

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

An application for checking administrative data from the main source, the Tax Authority, to the BR was finalized at the beginning of 2015. The application has now been in function for one year and the implementation worked out fine. This new application runs side by side with the old BR-application.

2. Short title of work which was done

Comparison between BR and Tax Authority as regards legal units and variables

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A one-off comparison of the legal unit population in the BR and the Tax Authority was made at the beginning of 2015. The Tax Authority is the data provider of legal units to the BR. A comparison was deemed necessary due to suspected inconsistencies detected by the BR-team. However, the comparison showed a small number of inconsistencies for legal units. These were concentrated to small legal units in terms of turnover and number of employees.

3. Short title of work which was done

Verksam.se - a portal for enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A web-portal where enterprises can update basic enterprise information was launched a few years ago. This is a joint cooperation between the Tax Authority, the Companies Registration Office and the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth. One purpose is for governmental authorities in Sweden to share basic enterprise information. What is positive is that enterprises need only to update this information once. What is not so positive is that so far, just a few enterprises have the possibility to use the portal. In 2015 some basic data from enterprises was transferred to Statistics Sweden and the BR via the portal. The process still requires manual work for the BR maintenance team. Nonetheless, this can be seen as a first step towards an online service for enterprises that is also linked to the BR.

### 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

EGR technical support

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The national enterprise group register with focus on EuroGroup register population is still under development. The part regarding the handling of the administrative data and EGR data from Eurostat is finished. The main focus for this year is the continuity rules for enterprise groups, describing the process model and IT architecture for the whole register system version 1.0.

2. Short title of work planned

Delineation of Enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Delineation of enterprises from the information on legal structure of enterprise groups is ongoing grant work. Core issue for creating the method for automatic delineation is detection of the suspicious ancillary activity and consolidation of it within the enterprise. Quality of information in NBR is big impact factor on the success of this exercise.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### 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

Continue to develop and implement the new business register system

Description of the challenge

This is the greatest challenge. There are several areas for development. What will be realised in late 2018/ early 2019 is a new database structure, a new application (including the already implemented application for checking) and a solution for taking care of deliveries of administrative data from different sources.

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge