

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

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

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Switzerland

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

1. Name of the register

Business and enterprise register (BER) - Registre des entreprises et des établissements REE

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Swiss Federal Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

The register unit is part of the register division of our office.

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

40

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The register is used for statistical purposes as well as for public interest tasks.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1982

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

2001 / 2014 - 2018 planned

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: 854545

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

Introduction of third cycle of yearly employment data

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The last enterprise census took place in 2008. Since 2011, the new employment structural basis statistic, based on social security data, is used yearly to update the employment data. Yearly data on employment have been provided based on the same procedure. In 2016, final data 2013 and 2014 preliminary data have been loaded into the BR. The imputation method, for the full time equivalents employment data, are now based on 3 year cycle.

2. Short title of work which was done

Profiling light survey

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Large enterprises and groups are followed by the profiling team. Small and medium multi-unit enterprises are part of the yearly profiling light survey. A web-based survey provides the employment for all small and medium multi-unit enterprises not covered by profiling.

3. Short title of work which was done

Conceptual work on reengineering

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The reengineering conceptual phase of the BR have been finish last year. The definition and specification have been prepared. The realization cycle have started base on a scrum methodology. All requirement have been documented on Enterprise architect, so that the BPM methodology is fully implemented.

### 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

Automatic loading procedure

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The load of statistical data should take maximum advantage of automatic procedures. There is a need to provide timely data for all users.

2. Short title of work planned

Re-engineering of the BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

An important re-engineering project of our BR will start in 2016 and should last at least 3 years.

3. Short title of work planned

Maintenance of the public sector

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The public sector is a very special domain and the use of administrative data in this sector is not simple. There in a need to improve the definition of employment in order to have a better connection between administrative data and profiling data.

### 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

Re-engineering of the BR

Description of the challenge

The implementation phase of the reengineering of the BR has began year. The main goal is to assure the replacement of the IT infrastructure, to improve the management the data acquisition, and harmonize all interfaces.

2. Main challenge 2

Definition of employment

Description of the challenge

In administrative data there are information that are not easy to convert into statistical information. For employment, there is a need to have a consistent definition that allows to take into consideration only real jobs, all other entries, such as external services, should not be taken into account for the statistical production. This definition should be implemented in the various payroll systems in the enterprises.

### 3. Main challenge 3

#### Quality reporting system

##### Description of the challenge

A quality control such as the control of the economic activity code should be integrated in a reporting system. This reporting system should be integrated to the maintenance program that will be developed in the re-engineering of our BR.