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Summary of CPR 2015

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# 1. Structure of the report

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

Name of the register, organization responsible for holding the register and its position within the organization, number of employees, primary goal and use of the register, year of establishment and year(s) of main re-engineering, number of active enterprises or legal units

## II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Main achievements (maximum 3)

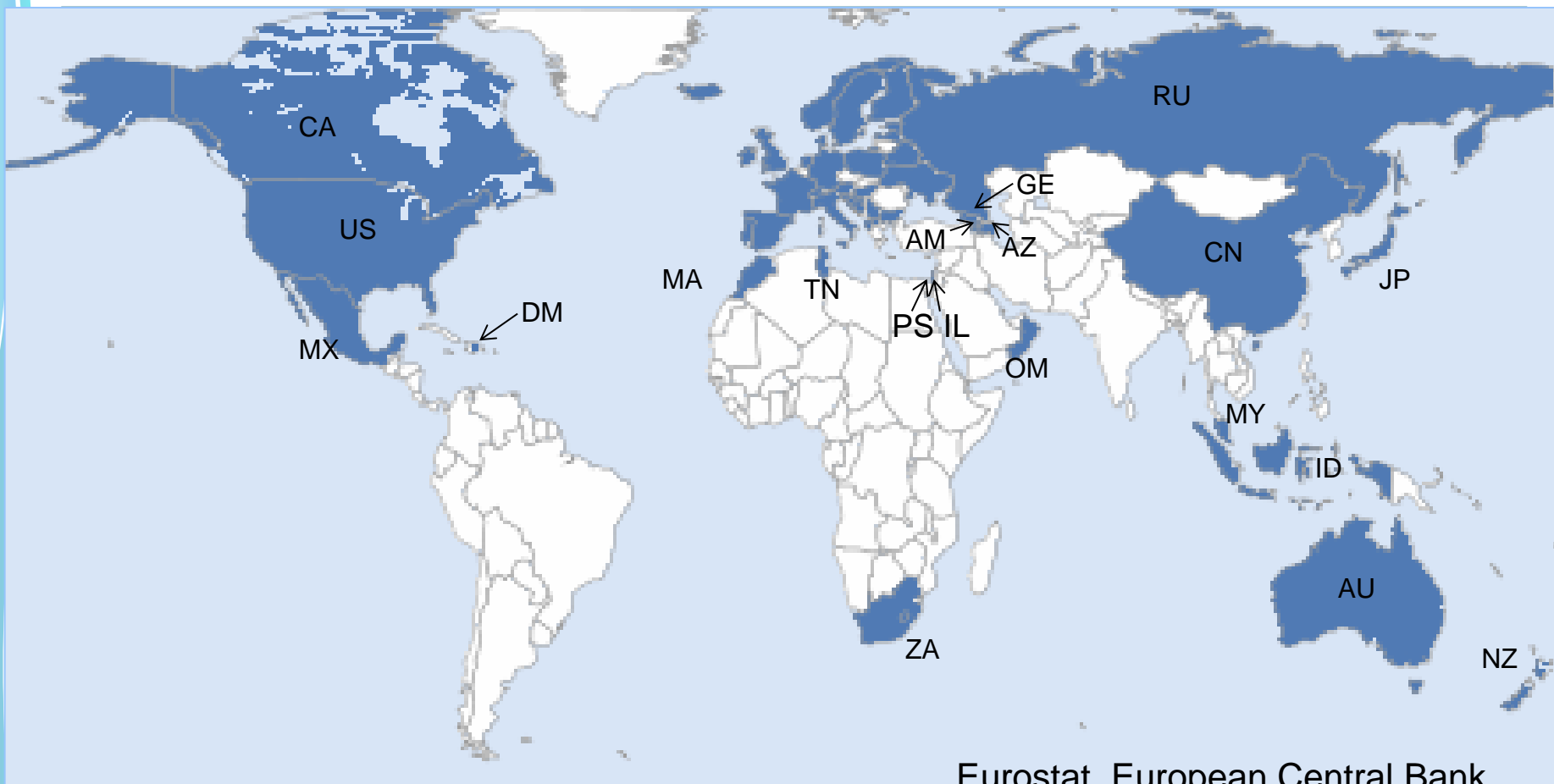
## III. Future Plans

Main projects (maximum 3)

## IV. Main Challenges

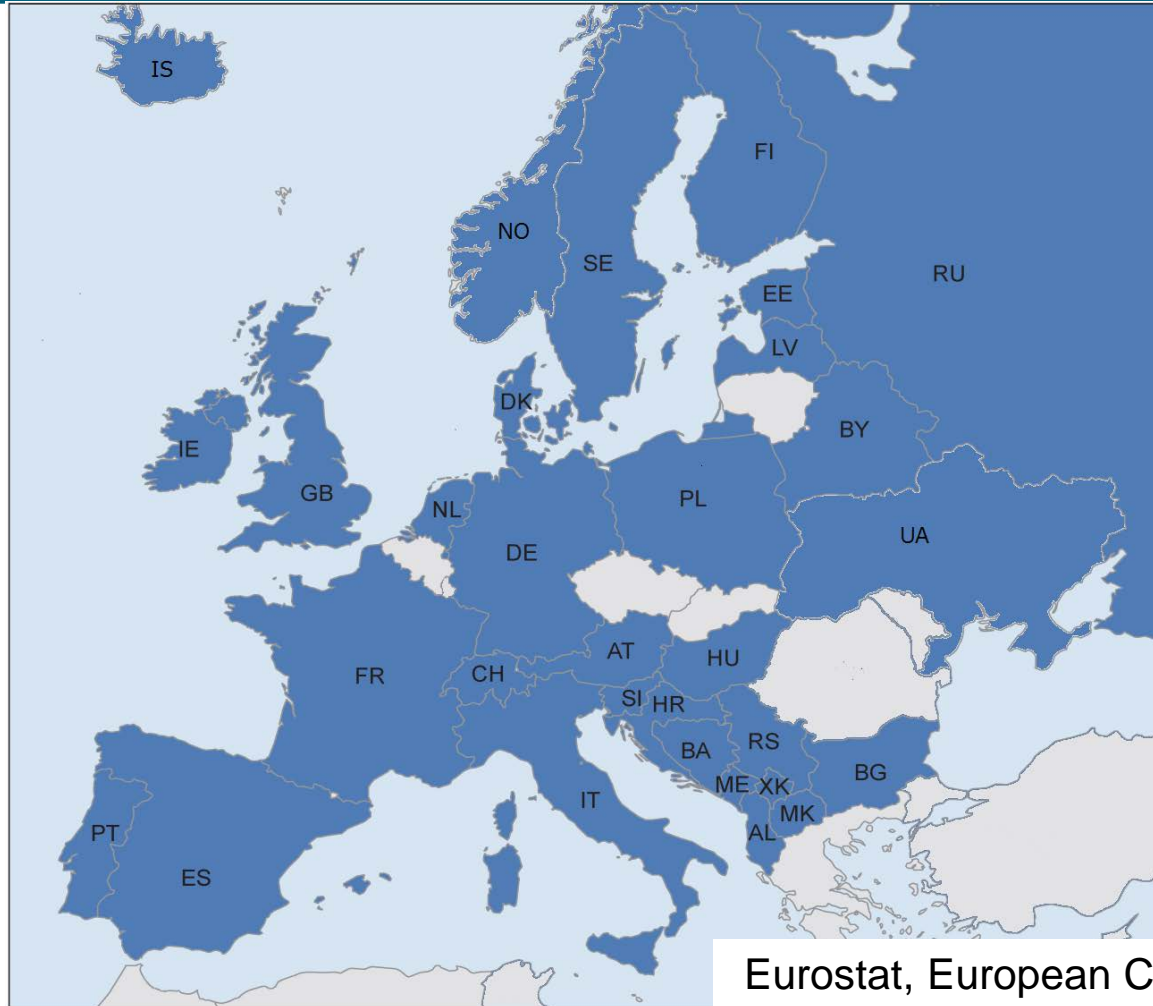
Main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of the statistical business register

## 2. Country progress reports received (1)



➤ We have received 53 Country Progress Reports.

## 2. Country progress reports received (2)



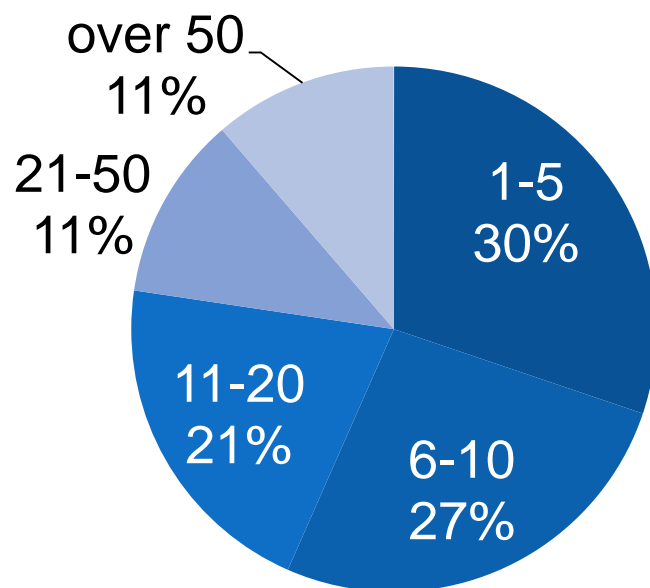
➤ 70% of Reports are from Europe.

### 3. Summary

#### A) Organization, Population and Usage of the SBR (1)

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- Percentage of countries/organizations by number of employees in register units



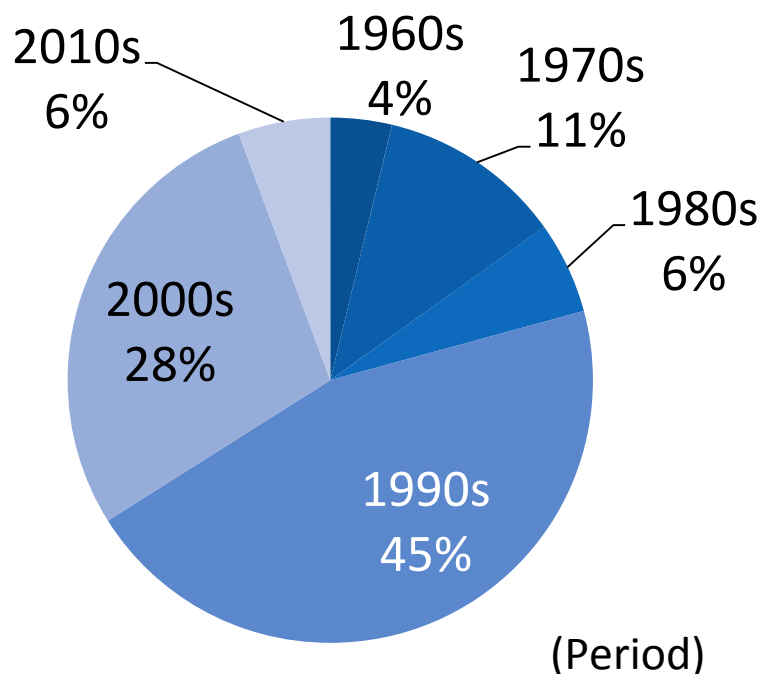
(Number of employees)

- 57% employ 10 or less employees for SBR

### 3. Summary

#### A) Organization, Population and Usage of the SBR (2)

- Percentage of countries/organization by period of establishment of the register



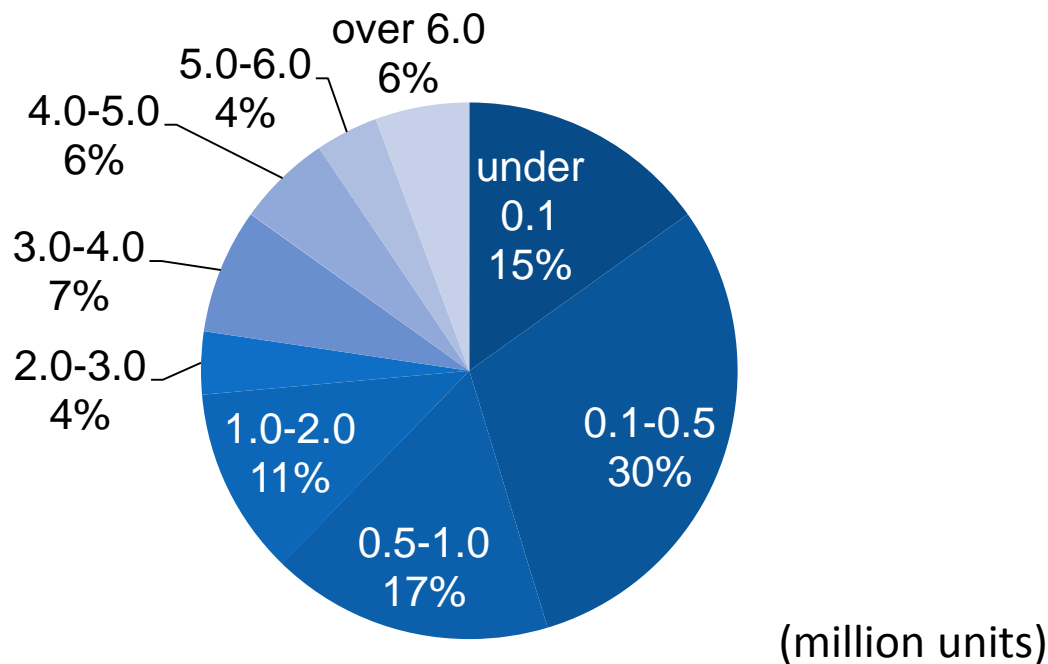
- 45% established SBR in the 1990s



### 3. Summary

#### A) Organization, Population and Usage of the SBR (3)

##### Percentage of countries/organizations by size of SBR



➤ 30% of SBRs have 0.1-0.5 million units\*

\* Enterprises or Legal units

### 3. Summary:

## B) Progress and Developments in 2015 (1)

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### 1. Administrative data / administrative institutions

- a. Memorandum of understanding with various administrative authorities
- b. Increased access to administrative data in various areas

### 2. Statistical units

- a. Implementation of enterprises and enterprise groups on SBR (mainly at EU)
- b. Profiling

### 3. Summary:

## B) Progress and Developments in 2015 (2)

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### 3. Classifications

- Implementation of latest activity classification and retrospective tabulation

### 4. Geocoding

- Merging statistics and geospatial information

### 5. Response burden

- Use of SBR for burden documentation and burden reduction

### 3. Summary:

## B) Progress and Developments in 2015 (3)

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### 6. Methodological issues

- a. Review and improvement of updating procedures
- b. Improvement of concepts/definitions and their measurement
- c. Use, linking and integration of new sources
- d. Issues of public administration and ancillary activities

### 7. Survey frames

- Implementation and extension of business survey frame / economic census

### 3. Summary:

## B) Progress and Developments in 2015 (4)

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### 8. Quality

- a. Improved activity coding, quality assessment
- b. Improved coverage
- c. Register quality surveys
- d. General quality policy
- e. Quality review of the SBR
- f. Economic census

### 3. Summary:

## B) Progress and Developments in 2015 (5)

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### 9. Business demography

- Producing or preparing enterprise / enterprise group / regional business demography

### 10. Technology & IT

- a. Adaptations/enlargement of existing IT application or of specific services
  - ▣ Maintenance system, system for automatic updates, Graphical User Interface (GUI) and so on...
- b. New IT infrastructure
- c. Re-engineering

### 3. Summary:

## C) Future plans (1)

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- Similar picture as for the progress and developments in 2015

### 1. Administrative data

- More and new administrative data

### 2. Statistical Units

- a. Implementation/(re-)development of enterprises, enterprise groups or other statistical units (KAU etc.)
- b. Profiling: Planning, coordination of the working group, pilot work

### 3. Summary:

## C) Future plans (2)

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### 3. Methodological issues

- a. Review of and improved updating procedures
- b. Improvement of their measurement
- c. Linking and matching
- d. Electronic data collection

### 4. Quality

- a. Quality assessment, register-quality surveys
  - ▣ Calculation of quality indicators/ metrics
- b. Economic census



### 3. Summary:

## C) Future plans (3)

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### 5. Business demography

- a. Preparation of BR as a data source of business demography
- b. Quality improvements business demography
- c. Trade by enterprise characteristics

### 6. Technology & IT

- a. Automatic loading (deleting) procedure
- b. Remote access to the BR data for administrative institutions, exchange of data with websites.
- c. Continuation of re-engineering process

### 3. Summary

## D) Main challenges

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#### □ The seven most widespread challenges:

1. Methodological issues (17)
2. Statistical units (enterprise/  
enterprise group) and profiling (16)
3. Technology & IT (13)
4. Administrative data/sources (12)
5. Financial and human resources (11)
6. Quality (11)
7. Business demography (8)

\* Figures in ( ) show the total number of countries/ organizations classified in each category.

## 4. Conclusions

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1. Country progress reports are a valuable source for an overview of the main activities with respect to SBR and their environment in many countries
2. Because many countries face similar challenges, country progress reports could be used for bilateral contact and exchange
3. It should be attempted to increase country coverage from the viewpoint of balance among regions
4. Is more consideration of revising the template structure needed?

Thank you for  
attention and corporation!

