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Role of Business Registers

Users as producers – integrating survey information in the Statistical Business Register

Abstract

Some years ago the German Statistical Business Register (SBR) contained only very limited information about the surveys which used the BR and about the survey populations. This information consisted of codes indicating which register units were chosen as respondents for which surveys.

The new database for the German SBR which has been introduced mid-2014 detailed the data about survey participants widely. In line with this extension of the data base the survey departments in the Statistical Offices have been attributed an active role in the process of the register maintenance.

An additional layer has been introduced in the data architecture of the German SBR by the end of year 2016: Now survey departments have the possibility not only to store detailed information about their survey populations, but to introduce and maintain survey specific subunits of the units they find in the SBR.