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Abstract

The EuroGroups Register (EGR), maintained by Eurostat in collaboration with the statistical offices of the European Statistical System (ESS), provides information on multinational enterprise groups and their constituent units when at least one legal unit of a group is located in a European country.

The EGR aims to serve as backbone for the European business statistics, in particular concerning globalization and cross-border questions.

The paper will focus on quality aspects of the EGR and will consist of two parts.

After having introduced the relevant questions concerning the quality of the EGR, a selection of key figures to analyse the present (AS-IS) state of the EGR quality will be presented in the first part of the paper. These quality indicators will be calculated on the basis of the latest reference year available for the EGR frame and will cover aspects of input, throughput and output quality.

The second part will deal with the target (TO-BE) state of the EGR quality after implementation of a data quality programme (DQP) and will outline the steps needed to achieve the target EGR quality. The DQP, which implementation is envisaged by end of 2016, is based on four main components, following ESS wide standards: quality reporting, quality standards, quality assessment and quality improvement. The overall objective of the DQP is to achieve a level of quality allowing EGR to fulfil its backbone role.