# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

# Country progress report 2017 and future plans

#### Country:

France

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INSEE

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

1. Name of the register

SIRUS

- 2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register INSEE
- 3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Direction of business statistics, Department in charge of SBR, Profiling, and Structural Business Statistics; but also of the Administrative BR (called SIRENE) and of the LEI (both are part of the NSI works under specific non-statistical regulation).

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

3 employees for SIRUS, but also 250 employees to update the Administrative BR (called SIRENE), with which SIRUS is very largely interlinked.

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Register Enterprises (including Manual Profiled Enterprises), Legal units, Corporate groups (which form the basis for profiling enterprises), local units, and the networks and links among them all (ownership). • Describe statistical units on the basis of their constituent units

• Define reference populations for statistical surveys ("frames") and for using administrative data (including the basis for estimating "enterprises" data from Legal units). SIRUS defines especially the legal unit which are productive units and have market activities.

• Construct sampling frames or bases (according to the parameters set by the survey designer), whether the unit of interest be the enterprise, the group or the local unit

- Record the statistical burden (at the micro-level)
- · Calculate the category of enterprise in terms of size (SME, etc.)
- 6. Year of establishment of the register

1973

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

2011 for SIRUS (before we used the inter-administrative register called SIRENE- from which SIRUS is a spin-off – and which was established in 1973)

8. Number of active enterprises\* in the register at the end of 2017

Enterprises:	5'273'676	(Legal units:	)
-	ster have geographical coordinates assigne registers linked to it?	d to every add	dress or could they be obtained
<b>II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year</b> Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2016) or the problems you have tackled. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.			
1. Short title of w	ork which was done		(Category)
The BR wa	s transferred in a new IT infrastructure		10. IT considerations
Description of work (max 4-5 sentences) INSEE centralises all its IT infrastructure in the same place. This operation is expensive and it reduces the available people to develop new features.			
	ork which was done		(Category)
Improve the	e quality of the statistical cessation		2. Coverage
Description of work (max 4-5 sentences) In the inter-administrative register SIRENE many units are still administratively active, but they have no longer effective economic activity. SIRUS register has been determining a statistical cessation/closure for every unit which have no activity sign for the 3 last years from business survey and administrative sources. The algorithm of this procedure was improved last year.			
3. Short title of w	ork which was done		(Category)
Improve the	e coverage in terms of enterprise group		4. Data sources
Description of work (max 4-5 sentences) New administratives sources are used now to identify the enterprise groups. A business survey could then be cancelled and business respondant burden reduced. Thanks to the recent improvements (the number of enterprise group in the French territory increase from 40 000 to more than 100 000), French statistical system is now better equiped for measuring the globalisation of the French economy.			
<b>III. Future plans</b> Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2018) and following year(s). Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.			
1. Short title of w			(Category)
	ariables about globalisation		4. Data sources
Description of work (max 4-5 sentences) Globalisation has come to play such a prominent role in the French economy that's why Insee decided to introduce new variables in the BR (LEI number, nationality of the enterprise group). This variables will allow to establish new typologies of enterprises (e.g. independent enterprises versus domestically- controlled or foreign-controlled enterprises, or internationally trading versus not internationally trading enterprises). New statistics about globalisation will also be calculated.			
2. Short title of w Calculate th	ork planned ne indicators of the business demography f	rom SIRUS	(Category) 7. Dissemination

\*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

For the moment, the indicators of the structural business demography are estimated from the ABR (SIRENE). This situation produces a difference of scope between the SBS scope defined by SIRUS which takes into account the statistical inactivity (statistical cessation) and the demography scope. In order to correct this problem, the indicators of the business demography are going to be calculated from SIRUS.

3. Short title of work planned

Improve the quality of our information system about the corporate restructuring

(Category) 8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The corporate restructuring can have a huge impact of the sectorial economic trends. That's why a reengineeering process of our system about the corporate restructuring is on going.

### **IV. Main challenges**

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

#### 1. Main challenge 1

To integrate SIRUS in the future ESBR.

(Category) 9. Planning and governance

Description of the challenge

Eurostat launchs a next ESSnet project : ESBR (european system of interoperable business register). So Insee must adapt SIRUS to this goal. SIRUS must be consistent with the future European system (EGR, IPT).

2. Main challenge 2

(Category) 7. Dissemination

Description of the challenge

To suit the new needs of the users.

The globalisation of the economy and the new regulation of the statistical units require a lot of adaptation of the BR. SIRUS must manage new variables and different kinds of statistical units and their links. The users want sometimes that the data collection unit differ from te reporting unit etc. The BR must be adapted to allow the calculation of consistent and realistic statistics.

3. Main challenge 3

(Category)

Description of the challenge