

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Country progress report 2017 and future plans

Country:

Republic of Serbia

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

1. Name of the register

Group for conceptual and methodological development and maintenance of Statistical Business register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Part of Data Integration unit, Development and dissemination department

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

3

5. Primary goal and use of the register

The main purpose of Serbian SBR is to be a main frame for all business surveys. SBR collects Business population data and store them into variables of standardized Statistical units. SBR Statistical units are updated on a monthly basis from administrative sources and daily from statistical sources as well. Data collected through conducting various statistical surveys are used as SBR feedback. They have been followed regularly, by Business survey managers. The intention is to include new administrative sources in order to decrease response burden on reporting units.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2005

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

2010

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

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

Enterprises: (Legal units:)

9. Does the register have geographical coordinates assigned to every address or could they be obtained through other registers linked to it?

No

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

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 work which was done

(Category)

Statistical Business register survey was conducted, including, for the first time, full scope of significant Enterprises

4. Data sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistical Business register survey has been performed in November 2017th. The frame consisted from almost 8000 Businesses (units with more than 20 employees). Data are collected by web questioner, entered by responsible persons from Enterprises themselves. For the Enterprises with the extensive number of local units, different IT formats disposed for data output (excel, xml, etc.). The response rate was very high – over 98%.

2. Short title of work which was done

Defining and bringing into force procedure for creating Business survey frames and updating SBR with the data collected performing various statistical sources

(Category)

9. Planning and governance

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Regarding the necessity of defining and monitoring all phases of data flow, from surveyed Statistical units into SBR database, a procedure that standardize the entire process of SBR updating had been adopted and become mandatory. The adopted procedure covers all communication between survey managers, data collection teams and SBR team. It also defines all phases of SBR updating with data from Statistical sources, starting with defining frame from SBR database, finishing with storing collected data into SBR database. All Statistical units that are parts of the frames are attached with a unique (SBR originated) ID numbers, which facilitate the way of its updating in SBR database

3. Short title of work which was done

Quarterly publication issued by SBR has been redesigned

(Category)

7. Dissemination

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The redesigned SBR publication incorporates an overview of Legal units, with a point on its demography. Now, Legal units are presented in a clearer manner, convenient for analysis. They are aggregated at Municipality level, grouped by its registration status. It is also shown the number of new-born and ceased Legal units on a Municipality level, in presenting quartile.

III. Future plans

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 work planned

Defining a way of establishing a primary NACE activity code for the Statistical unit Enterprise

(Category)

5. Maintenance

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Top-down method, as an important indicator for determination of the principal activity of an Enterprise, will be calculated upon data on employees, used as a substitute for value added shares. Also, the consensus with the stakeholders has to be agreed.

2. Short title of work planned

SBR IT supporting tools has to be further improved

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SBR IT application has been used twofold: To present an overview of SBR data and to be used as a tool for updating SBR data on a local unit level. It is used on a daily basis. Various modifications, that will make it more user friendly and more useful to the users, has to be implemented.

3. Short title of work planned

Describing and improving procedures for updating SBR from Administrative sources

(Category)

4. Data sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SBR uses various Administrative sources in order to update its data. The appearance of the new administrative sources and changes that occurred in current ones, establish the need of revising and update those procedures.

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 (Category)
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| Business register is not unique base (frame) for all business surveys | 1. Roles of the SBR |
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- Description of the challenge
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| Some surveys use Business register as consultative database and still rely on their own address lists |
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2. Main challenge 2 (Category)
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| Slow process of unit standardisation | 3. Units |
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- Description of the challenge
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| Not all surveys are aware of necessity of using standardized statistical units |
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3. Main challenge 3 (Category)
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| Constantly decreasing the response burden on reporting units | 1. Roles of the SBR |
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- Description of the challenge
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| SBR is constantly finding new ways and new administrative sources for updating SBR. It is a priority. The activities are ongoing |
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