Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Country progress report 2017 and future plans

Country:

> TURKEY

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

1. Name of the register

> Statistical Business Registers (BR) of Turkey

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

> Turkish Statistical Institute

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

> Register Systems Department - Business Registers Group

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

> 10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

> Producing statistical units and variables according to international norms for survey frames and analysis. Keeping track of units' life cycle and enabling international comparisons.

6. Year of establishment of the register

> 2005

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

> 2012-2014 (because of the changes in the structure of MoF records)
> 2017-2018 (daily record transfers from MoF into BR System)

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: Due to the re-engineering process, BR   (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)

Improvement of Business Registers	2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Until reference year 2017, status of being active was defined according to the tax types which were assigned for the businesses at their registration. In 2016, a protocol was signed between Revenue Administration and TurkStat which authorizes TurkStat to access financial tables and another protocol was signed between Social Security Institution and TurkStat which authorizes TurkStat to access employment data. From 2017 onwards, the criteria for being included in population of active enterprises for a reference period, actual turnover from Revenue Administration and employment from Social Security Institution is planned to be used.

2. Short title of work which was done   (Category)

Enterprise Groups (EGs)	8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Annual survey of EGs for the reference year 2016 was completed and previous year's EGs information was updated. The integration of EGs annual survey results to the BR System was actualized. Profiling studies have been finalized for the selected 3 units in Turkish BR under the IPAMBP 2014 Project. The results of the profiling study were compared with EGs results and necessary amendments for the inconsistent parts (number of legal units, control and share information,etc.) were done in the EGs field data.

3. Short title of work which was done   (Category)

Business Demography (BD)	7. Dissemination

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Turkstat BR Group sent the BD birth, death, and survival series to Eurostat for the reference years 2012-2015 in compliance with validation and confidentiality rules. Data is now published at Eurostat's web page.

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   (Category)

Improvement of Business Registers	10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Following the daily data transfer from MoF into BR, it is needed to redesign the current BR System infrastructure. Therefore, IT studies have been initiated to manage this process and benefit from such an improvement.

2. Short title of work planned   (Category)

Enterprise Groups	2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Annual EGs data will be updated incrementally and the survey population of EGs will be extended every year as long as the administrative sources enable. It is intended to focus on profiling studies for the large and complex units in the future.

3. Short title of work planned   (Category)

Business Demography	2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Active population definition will be more compliant with BD methodology in terms of use of actual turnover and employment values as threshold.

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)

| Improvement of Business Registers | 10. IT considerations |

Description of the challenge

| BR System is under progress with its packages and procedures according to the new improvements at the main data source. |

2. Main challenge 2   (Category)

| Business Demography | 8. Quality |

Description of the challenge

| Insufficient use of administrative sources in terms of excluding merger, take-over, split-off, etc. from the real birth/death population. Besides, lack of quality in addresses results in low-level implementation of the matching steps. |

3. Main challenge 3   (Category)

| Enterprise Groups | 8. Quality |

Description of the challenge

| Profiling studies were conducted only for 3 units under the IPAMBP 2014 for the first time. However, it is uncertain for the time being to see how the profiling study will be held in Turkish BR. |