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**Multinational enterprise groups in the EU – Dissemination from the EuroGroups Register**

**Abstract**

Multinational enterprise groups play a major role in the EU economy. They contribute substantially in all EU countries to the production of goods and services, employment and investment.

Despite growing interest in the structure of multinational enterprise groups, Eurostat does not yet publish any European official statistics on that topic. To meet this information need, Eurostat started publishing experimental statistics on multinational enterprise groups in the EU and EFTA countries on voluntary basis. The data are compiled based on data from the EuroGroups Register (EGR) and aggregated by different breakdowns.

EGR data enable information to be produced on the overall structure of multinational enterprise groups in the EU, while preserving the confidentiality of micro-data.

The paper will present:

- The EGR production process, how the EGR data on multinational enterprise groups are produced and extracted?
- How does the publication fit into the dissemination strategy of Eurostat?
- The reasons, why the data are published as experimental statistics
- Quality issues related to EGR database and related to the direct publication from this database
- The risks and possible benefits of such experimental publication
- The main principles which were followed by Eurostat when designing the content of the dissemination article
- The methodological issues related to data of enterprise groups and their enterprises
- The experimental statistics data tables and breakdowns currently published from EGR
- The possible future data tables and breakdowns of the publication

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