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## Abstract

In the Netherlands Statistics Netherlands (SN) is responsible for our main national statistics. Our National Central Bank (NCB) is responsible for the view on the financial part of the Dutch economy. Statistics from both organisations together should tell the complete story of the Dutch economy. SN and NCB are intensifying their collaboration from 2017 aimed at improving the quality and consistency of statistics on the Dutch economy, especially on National Accounts and Balance of Payments. Until now coordinated interpretation of these statistics sometimes has been challenging. The integration problems of the statistical outcomes often had their origin in deviations and errors originating in the beginning of the statistical processes. However, the corrections solving the inconsistencies had to take place at the end of the statistical processes. Solving these inconsistencies so late in the statistical process of both organisations takes a lot of effort.

Both processes start with the concrete idea that their population is correct. Later analysis showed that some parts of the economy were observed in both populations and some parts in none of the populations. Working towards a shared statistical population frame which will serve both organisations is the goal SN and the NCB have. Essential in this project/undertaking/programme is the Statistical Business Register (SBR) kept at SN. SN and the NCB will work closely together to ensure that they both accept and will use the statistical units as they are established and maintained in the SBR. Partly this will be done by profiling.

For this to be a success, we will set up a joined Data Quality Management Process (DQM). This DQM process has a lot of challenges in different areas. A large part of this DQM process is already implemented in SN but now has to be expanded to the NCB. This expansion faces a lot of organisational, technical and resource challenges. Think about different usages of administrative data, sharing administrative data, skills of the persons who will be involved in the DQM process etc. Also timeliness and different organisational priorities can cause difficulties.

This paper will mainly describe the designing of the business process with the necessary responsibilities which will result in the correct registration of these groups in the SBR.

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