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Update of the Eurostat Business registers Recommendations manual

Abstract

The current edition of the Eurostat Business registers Recommendations manual was published in 2010 (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/KS-32-10-216-EN-C-EN.pdf>). It was an update and enlargement of the first edition published in 2003. The 2010 edition includes particularly the provisions of the Business Register Regulation (EC (No) 177/2008) as well as some additional chapters (e.g. on enterprise groups). Current ongoing initiatives in legislation and developments of the statistical business registers (SBRs) generated the need for an update of the manual. The most important initiatives for an updated and improved manual are:

- the future Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics (FRIBS),
- the developments of the European System of interoperable statistical business registers (ESBRs),
- the adoption and launch of the Data Quality Program for the SBRs,
- the recently approved operational rules for the statistical units,
- opening-up of additional potential data sources.

In addition to the main role of SBRs as being the backbone for all business statistics, new roles have emerged, such as the role of SBRs for micro-data linking, for production of register based statistics, or for monitoring and regulating business response burden. Furthermore, various methodological and conceptual developments in the domain were developed in the past years (e.g. geocoding of register units) and new data sources are emerging.

The paper will present the new structure of the manual and will provide an overview of the content and the planned improvements of the chapters of the manual.

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