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1. Background of the manual

- BR manual contain guidelines supporting development/maintenance of statistical business registers in the European Union

- Manual should help in interpreting the legal basis

- Manual promotes and supports standardisation of content, maintenance processes and uses of SBRs

- Manual should contribute to the elaboration of harmonised European business statistics

Focus of the manual is on European requirements

2. Reasons for an update

- Future Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics (in legislation process)
- Ongoing developments of the project on the European System of interoperable statistical business registers (ESBRs)
- Adoption and launch of the Data Quality Program for the SBRs
- Recently approved operational rules for the statistical units
- Various further reasons: refinements, clarifications, conceptual and methodological updates, developments in the use and roles of SBRs

3. New structure of the manual (1)

Proposed new structure	Relation to current chapters
1 Introduction	**1 Scope of the recommendations** **2 Harmonisation of business registers**
2 Roles of statistical business registers purposes	**3 Objectives and uses of the business registers for statistical purposes**
3 Coverage of statistical business registers	**6 Coverage of the register**
4 Units in statistical business registers	**7 Legal unit and enterprise** **8 Local unit in business register** **21 Enterprise groups** **23 Statistical units in agriculture, forestry and fishing** **24 Statistical units in public sector**

3. New structure of the manual (2)

Proposed new structure	Relation to current chapters
5 Characteristics of units	**5 Content of the register**
6 Data sources	**20 Use of administrative sources**
7 Demographic events	**12 A general overview of demographic events** **13 Demographic changes concerning the enterprise** **14 Continuity rules for the enterprise** **15 Demographic changes concerning the local unit** **16 Continuity rules for the local unit** **22 Demographic changes and continuity rules for the enterprise group**

3. New structure of the manual (3)

Proposed new structure	Relation to current chapters
8 Data quality management	4 Maintenance of the register 10 Quality policy
9 Profiling of large and complex businesses	19 The handling of large and complex businesses
10 Frame population methodology	11 The general approach to the handling of changes 17 The handling of changes to characteristics 18 The handling of errors
Glossary	Glossary
	National practices (wiki approach)

4. Main new content in the manual (1)

Chapter	Main new content
1 Introduction	• **Overview of the new legal basis** • **Overview of the changes of the structure, content and update areas of the manual**
2 Roles of statistical business registers purposes	• **Overview and description of the various roles of statistical business registers**
3 Coverage of statistical business registers	• **Requirements of new legal basis** • **Smaller changes in the recommendations**
4 Units in statistical business registers	• **The new operational rules for delineating the statistical units** • **Inclusion of kind-of activity units** • **Emphasis on enterprise groups** • **Attention to ancillary activities**

4. Main new content in the manual (2)

Chapter	Main new content
5 Characteristics of units	• **Description of the characteristics of each of the units based on the new legal basis**
6 Data sources	• **Description of other kinds of data sources in addition to administrative data** • **New data sources**
7 Demographic events	• **Inclusion of kind-of-activity unit**

4. Main new content in the manual (3)

Chapter	Main new content
8 Data quality management	• **Inclusion of the Data Quality Program** • **Quality management on national SBRs and EGR (quality chain)**
9 Profiling of large and complex businesses	• **Update of the profiling methodology on the basis of the developments in the ESSnets** • **National and European profiling, profiling processes, timing and organisation**
10 Frame population methodology	• **Backbone role of the SBRs** • **ESBRs work on frame population methodology**
Glossary	• **Inclusion of additional terms** • **Update of the definitions and sources of the existing terms**

5. Relation to other manuals

UNECE Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers (2015)	Eurostat Business registers Recommendations manual (2010)
Broader target population	EU and EFTA countries
Development stage of national SBRs quite different	Development stage of national SBRs not much diverging
Focus on explanations and recommendations for the development of SBRs	Focus on European requirements with the aim of harmonisation
Recommendations not binding	Legal requirements
No differences in the basic concepts between the two manuals	

6. Elaboration of the manual

- Drafting of the new chapters mainly during the second half of 2018

- Members of the Eurostat Working Group on Business Registers and Statistical Units are asked to provide comments for each of the chapters when they become available

- Members of the Eurostat BRSU Working Group are asked to provide input on national practices

- Similarly members will be asked to provide comments on the complete draft of the updated manual in spring 2019

- Final comments and adoption of the 2019 edition of the manual in the meeting of the working group in May 2019

Thank you for your attention!

- Questions? Comments?

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