

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

## Country progress report 2017 and future plans

**Country:**

The Netherlands

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

1. Name of the register

Algemeen Bedrijven Register (General Business register)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Netherlands

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Department of Business Registers within the Division of "Economic and business statistics and national accounts"

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

42 (excluding 4 very large enterprise group's profilers in Business Statistics department)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To serve as backbone and sample frame for all economic statistics surveys and to serve as tool for

6. Year of establishment of the register

1974

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

1992, 2006, 2009, 2014, 2017

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:  (Legal units: )

9. Does the register have geographical coordinates assigned to every address or could they be obtained through other registers linked to it?

Yes

### 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)

Improvements on the sectorcode

3. Units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Cooperation with the Dutch National Bank and the Department of Government Statistics to improve the delineation of the Sectorcode to support National Accounts.

2. Short title of work which was done

(Category)

Secondary Activities

3. Units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Storage of Secondary Activities as mandatory characteristics of the enterprise.

3. Short title of work which was done

(Category)

Delivery of cross-border relationships to the EGR

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Profilers are allowed to store information on cross-border relationships in the Dutch SBR. An extra environment was created to identify legal units by a LEID in the EGR-IS. Final frames stored in the EGR-CORE are distributed to the business according the new data architecture.

### III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2017) and following year(s). Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work planned

(Category)

Improve coverage of statistical units in the SBR

2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Since 2014 some relevant statistical units were lacking in the Dutch SBR, because they are not covered by the Trade Register. The coverage will be improved by including the missing units in the SBR from the Tax- and Social Security Administration.

2. Short title of work planned

(Category)

Satellite of local units

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Local Units are considered as a part of the enterprise in the system of institutional business statistics and not as functional units with their own characteristics. A special satellite should support the functional use of local units in statistics.

3. Short title of work planned

(Category)

Anacredit

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

"AnaCredit" stands for analytical credit datasets. Anacredit is mandatory according the 'Anacredit regulation'. In the Anacredit project, information on individual bank loans in the euro area is collected by the NCBs and stored in the RIAT database of the ECB. The Dutch NSB and SN will cooperate in the datacollection of the required information.

### 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)

CBDS

4. Data sources

Description of the challenge

SN is exploring new techniques like web-scraping or "big data" sources to optimize the datacollection for statistical purposes. SN created the CBDS (i.e. Centre for Big Data Statistics), an extra department to do research on these topics and develop a network of (external) participants. The usability of these sources for statistical purposes is a challenge for SN.

2. Main challenge 2

(Category)

Data Lake

4. Data sources

Description of the challenge

"Data Lake" is a concept for searching, processing and publishing statistical information based on metadata. Microdata is only 'virtually' available in the "Data Lake". The aim of a "Data Lake" is not only a concept to uncouple input-, throughput- and output processes, but also supports accessibility of data sources for statistical purposes without understanding of complex methodology or being an IT-expert.

3. Main challenge 3

(Category)

Organisation

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of the challenge

SN is supposed to be an innovative organisation in a dynamic environment where the availability of information is increasing exponential and where the budget to produce statistics will decline and the competition in the field of statistics will grow. It's a challenge for SN in general to transform from a governmental body into a dynamic organisation that can compete.