Task Team Exhaustive Business Registers
Second Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

Progress of work

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Areas of work

The Task Team Exhaustive Business Registers will cover various areas of work:

• developing guidance for the Statistical Business Registers to become
  a) more inclusive and exhaustive in a rapidly changing economy; and
  b) better tailored to statistical production
• providing advice and guidance to UNSD related to new global collections of business statistics (MNE data)
• providing advice and guidance to UNSD related to the development and maintenance of a global enterprise group register
How do we interpret ‘exhaustive’?
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• First of all: coverage of units
• Meets basic requirements for a Statistical Business Register (SBR)
  • Core content needs to be defined
  • A unit with economic activity needs to be included
  • Roles of the SBR
• ‘Exhaustive’ should be feasible for all, but may differ depending on the stage of maturity of the SBR
• Must be able to stand the test of time
Deliverables and timing

• Global exploration of topics to cover by Task Team  
  Q1 – 2019

• Refined work plan  
  Q2 – 2019

• Strategic view on exhaustive business registers  
  Q3 – 2019
  • identification of different challenges across countries depending on the 
    stage of maturity of Statistical Business Registers
  • strategic role of Statistical Business Registers with respect to emerging 
    economic activities

• Gap analysis Task Team topics  
  Q1 – 2020

• Guidance reports on Task Team topics  
  Q4 – 2020
Ideas / issues collected
Identification of different challenges across countries depending on the stage of maturity of SBR

- Level of maturity is important
  - Matrix maturity level vs core variables per level
  - Align with design of global assessment questionnaire
- Detection of and access to usable (administrative) sources
- Unique (national) identification of a legal unit
- Maintenance issues, like updating the structure of an enterprise in the SBR or updating the NACE / ISIC code in the SBR
- How to deal with the informal sector / survey to detect units
- Technology best practices
- Geo referencing
Strategic role of Statistical Business Registers with respect to emerging economic activities

- Understanding new business models
- Develop view on Statistical Unit and classifications with respect to globalization, digitalization and other phenomena
  - Business functions / business lines
- Learning from development of EGR and European profiling
- Linking to other (administrative) sources
- Dealing with restructuring of MNEs
- Global Group Register
Points for attention

- Possible overlap with other Task Teams
  - regular alignment is needed
- Coordinated global assessment
- Alignment with other ongoing initiatives
  - the Wiesbaden group on Business Registers
  - the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistic
  - Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts
Session 5 Exhaustive Business Registers

Wednesday 12 June
9:30 – 10:45

Thursday 13 June
15:45 – 17:30
Wednesday 12 June

- Towards a more flexible ABS Business Register
  Ms. Luisa Ryan, ABS

- Integration of European data about globalization into the French Statistical Business Register
  Ms. Pierrette Schuhl, INSEE France

- Scale-ups in the Nordics – micro data linking
  Ms. Cecilia Hertzman, Statistics Sweden

- Linking statistical registers to derive new statistics
  Mr. Hank Hermans, Statistics Netherlands
Thursday 13 June

- Notification of upcoming IMF forum on informal economy
  Ms. Alicia Hierro, IMF

- Statistical Business registers in Egypt
  Ms. Ibtesam Salah Aly Mohamed Elnayad, CAPMAS

- Achieving full coverage of small enterprises in the UK
  Mr. Andrew Allen, ONS UK

Open discussion
Facts that matter