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# **WORKING GROUP ON STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER & BUSINESS STATISTICS**

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# Background

- In 2016, Eurostat with cooperation with Medstat project (includes 9 countries – North Africa and part of middle east) agreed to add new working group related to the SBR.
- In addition to 6 WG's in different statistical areas (BoP and trade, labour, Gender, Transportation, energy, migration)
- The main objective is to increase the capacity building on how to improve/build SBR in members countries.
- The WG meet every year and revising the work plan.
- 13 events done within 4 years includes the workshops, study visits and technical assistance.



# Main achievements of the WG



Better coordination between the various departments and administrations, which have information on business statistics, through building interconnection networks (inside a country and among countries)



Applying International recommendations related to SBR and participating in developing the international guidelines on SBR



Better understanding of concepts and definitions related to SBR



Publications and dissemination using administrative records



Linking Business Register with trade statistics



Capacity building for statisticians



Exchanging experiences and best statistical practices



Improving the quality of SBR data and therefore better sampling and better extrapolation

# Lessons Learnt

## Technical Issues

Reduce Costs

Increase Quality

Linking Different Topics (raises the efficiency and usefulness)

Exchanging Experiences

Building Capacity

Improving Laws and Unifying Standards

## Administrative issues

successful communication between countries

Continuity of Members Important Issue

Follow-up of Towards Monitoring by Delegates

Work Plan to Follow up Continuously, Delegates and Evaluation.

Sufficient Support for business register as important factors for development

MEDSTAT had impact , exchange experiences, raising awareness, encouraging the rest of the region



# Priorities for 2020-2025

Integration the Administrative and statistical data for the maintenance of the SBR and producing economic statistics

Sampling techniques for mixed frame (administrative records, .. and census)

Estimation of missing data, and exhaustive SBR

Automatic files matching (in Arabic)

Technical support to introduce agriculture, informal sector and non-profit institutions in the registers

Confidentiality limits

Improvement of indicators of quality measurement

Creating business register at the regional level and integrating the SBR of the countries,

Geolocation methods

Profiling studies



THANKS  
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