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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
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<td>Integration the Administrative and statistical data for the maintenance of the SBR and producing economic statistics</td>
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<td>Sampling techniques for mixed frame (administrative records, .. and census)</td>
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<td>Estimation of missing data, and exhaustive SBR</td>
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<td>Creating business register at the regional level and integrating the SBR of the countries,</td>
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