

The OECD-UNSD Multinational Enterprise Information Platform (MEIP)

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What is MEIP?

Brings together previous projects:

- Global Groups Register (GGR) from UNSD
- Analytical Database on Individual Multinationals and Affiliates (ADIMA) from the OECD (Organisation for Economic and Co-operation and Development)

MEIP

- UNSD: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/business-stat/mne-platform/
- OECD: https://www.oecd.org/en/data/dashboards/oecd-unsd-multinational-enterprise-information-platform.html





What is MEIP?

Objective

To provide detailed insights into the structure and operations of multinational enterprises (MNEs), leveraging publicly available data to offer a comprehensive view

Coverage

MEIP profiles 500 MNEs, balancing relevance and feasibility. This sample size matches large case units (LCUs) used by national statistical offices (NSOs) and represents firms with significant global impact

Criteria for Selection

- Publicly Traded
- Market Capitalization
- Group structure not previously covered (complex ownership structures are reviewed to avoid double counting within the sample)



Why have an MNE information platform?

- SBRs naturally focus first on the largest enterprises
- MNEs have been at the forefront of changes in the global economy
- Understanding their structure and behavior fundamental to consistency in global statistics / can help resolve discrepancies in trade data
- Facilitates analysis of globalization's impact on global value chains (GVCs)
- Provides transparency to the public



Methodology

- Developed from a number of timely, publicly available data sources
- Platform combines traditional (i.e. annual reports) and alternative (i.e. webpage metadata) sources
- Includes review of websites, social media profiles, apps
- Advanced data techniques to match records (i.e. fuzzy matching)
- Freely available to the public





Sources

OpenCorporates

Combines information from various business registers Example: <u>https://opencorporates.com/companies/nl/28071597</u>

Legal Entity Identifier

Example: https://search.gleif.org/#/record/LUZQVYP4VS22CLWDAR65

PermID

Example: https://permid.org/1-4298454609

CommonCrawl OpenStreetMap CorpWatch PeopleDataLabs Crunchbase Tranco <u>GDELT</u> <u>Sectigo (crt.sh)</u> <u>WebDataCommons</u> <u>OpenOwnership</u> <u>WikiData</u>





Components of MEIP

Global Register – Covers the structure and ownership of the 500 largest MNEs. It offers a snapshot of MNEs' global operations and hierarchy.

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Digital Register – Offers insights into the online presence of MNEs. It helps understand the digital footprint and online activities of MNEs.

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Publication of the working paper <u>The OECD-UNSD Multinational Enterprise Information Platform</u>

Introduction of New Features

≻Media Monitor

- A tool that tracks daily media coverage of the largest 500 MNEs to identify significant events, such as mergers, acquisitions, restructuring, and investment.
- It operates by extracting relevant search terms from WikiData, cross-referencing these with Wikipedia articles. The system leverages sources like the Global Database of Events, Language, and Tone (GDELT)¹ and the Global Entity Graph² to analyze and match media content.

¹ More details available at: <u>www.gdeltproject.org/</u>.

² More details available at: <u>https://blog.gdeltproject.org/announcing-the-global-entity-graph-geg-and-a-new-11-billion-entity-dataset/</u>.







➤Media Monitor

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Introduction of New Features (cont.)

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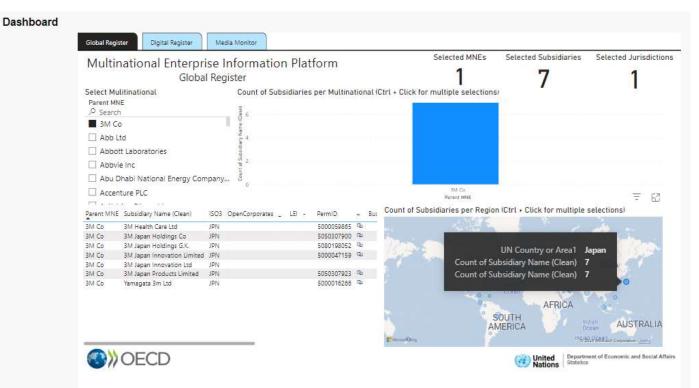
- Provides a dynamic and user-friendly interface for exploring and analyzing MNE data
- Features:
 - $_{\odot}$ Interactive charts and graphs to explore MNE structures and data
 - $_{\odot}$ Displays significant events related to MNEs from the Media Monitor







➤Interactive Dashboard



DESA





Key Challenges

Key Challenges	Issue	Challenge		
Data Consolidation	MEIP is built solely from publicly available information	Consolidating and validating information on MNEs from diverse sources		
Confidentiality Restrictions	Handling sensitive data while adhering to confidentiality constraints	Ensuring data privacy and security in the compilation process		
Unique Identifiers	Establishing a global system of unique identifiers for businesses	Creating and integrating a standardized system to track MNEs accurately		
Linkage to Statistical Registers	Connecting MEIP data with national and international statistical business registers	Aligning with different reporting standards and formats		
Diverse Reporting Standards	Varied reporting standards across different countries and sectors	Harmonizing data to ensure consistency and comparability		





Future Plans

- Increase the scope of variables covered: Ideally, employment, investment, turnover or profit. This means investing in data storage methods (a move to a native graph database)
- Increase coverage by including new sources: Integrate additional data sources to cover more multinational enterprises
- **Develop new indicators:** To detect forthcoming changes in MNEs and provide analysis on MNEs developments more generally
- Increase the timeliness of the product: Investing in new data sources and data handling to allow for frequent updates, but also further automating via AI tools, particularly with respect to webscraping
- Provide a framework for others to perform their own profiling work: This means investing in new interfaces, to allow for simple access and use of our system







Thank you!

