

Multi-National Enterprise (MNE) & Euro-Group Register (ERG) Project

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**Multi-National Enterprise
(MNE) Project
Statistics Canada
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Objective of Project

The main objective of the project was to identify areas where the measurement of the activities of Multinational enterprises (MNEs) could be improved. It was attempted to have MNEs report to several national statistical offices (NSOs) – of different countries – at the same time.

Participating countries were Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands and UK.

Results of Project

- (1) Most MNEs agreed that home country NSO could share information with NSO of foreign affiliate.
- (2) The employment was most accurately measured, followed by sales. Capitalized expenditures was less accurately measured, and operating earnings were poorly reported.
- (3) However, different results were obtained than from regular collection programs, and it is not clear which results are superior.

Conclusion of Project

Due to low success-rate, it was recommended that the study be terminated and work be continued in the Euro-Group Register (EGR) project of Eurostat.

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**Euro-Group Register
(ERG) Project
Eurostat**

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Objective of Project

- Many EU statistics related to globalization are currently regulated (FATS, BOP, External Trade etc.). The information on MNEs is either a prerequisite or a vital element for their compilation and the group data must be consolidated at the EU level.
- The data on groups are necessary to ensure quality of statistics, where financial links between enterprises in different countries play an important role.
- While respecting confidentiality, the group data can be used as a direct data source for population of MNEs, their demography, employment volume and share, economic concentration and indices.

Approach of Project

The EGR will be established as follows:

- (1) Eurostat will acquire and consolidate information from private sources on the structure and characteristics of MNEs operating in Europe;
- (2) Member states will complement and check against national BR and send updates back to Eurostat;
- (3) Eurostat will consolidate the enterprise group data for European and national uses.

First Results of Project

- (1) The initial EGR contains information on 600 MNEs with at least one group member in EU and connected to the global group head inside or outside the EU by direct or indirect control links.
- (2) The total number of MNEs is estimated at 80,000
- (3) Eurostat is aiming at 10,000 registered MNEs in 2008.

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