Measurement of Multi Territory Enterprises (Chapter 4)

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General Impression

• Chapter is very well structured
• Clear presentation of Multi Territory Enterprises (SNA/BPM6)
• Addresses the importance of measurement difficulties and practical solutions.
• Clear examples (a lot of Norway is exposed, oil/natural gas, pipelines, mobile capital (air/sea))
Key Issues I: Definitions and Notional units

- SNA/BPM6 definitions and solutions
- More emphasis in the introduction that creating notional units is out of (sheer) necessity
- The general SNA / BPM principle of not imputing transactions should always rule!
- Exhaustive list?
Key Issues II: prorating
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- Appropriate prorating factors?
- Methodological issues?
- Link business reports?
- Need for harmonisation?
- Need for coordination?
But in the end....
Key Issues III: Examples/Case studies

- Norway oriented.
- The Dutch style....

- Examples from other countries could/should be added
  - Such as complex cross border construction projects
Key Issues IV: Burden of statistical reporting

- Should the TF/Report get involved in the issue of burden of statistical reporting?
- This issue also arises in the Eurostat chapter on Goods for Processing.
- Major issue in many countries!
- But also: Statistical Need versus limits Business Accounts
Further points for discussion

• Relevance of the issue for other countries?
• More and other relevant case studies?
• How do we share experience in recording of Multi Territory Enterprises.
• Advice/thoughts on methods for developing prorating factors?
• Sharing best practices in survey design?
Be careful.....