Joint Meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers
organized jointly by UNECE, Eurostat and OECD

21-23 September 2015
Jean Monnet Building in Luxembourg
Room M6
Starting on 9:30 on Monday, 21 September 2015

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Group of Experts on Business Registers invites authors and attendees to submit papers for the biennial Meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers, 21 – 23 September 2015, in Luxembourg. The meeting is attended by experts from statistical offices and serves as a forum for sharing experiences on methodological and practical developments in statistical business registers (SBRs). The meetings aim to improve the quality and international comparability of business registers in their own right and as an important prerequisite for business statistics in general.

More detailed information of the sessions of the meeting for which papers are invited is provided on the following pages.

Abstracts should be between 300 – 500 words in length.

Please submit the abstracts to the following email addresses: Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the respective session leader.

The deadline for abstracts is 30 April 2015.

The deadline for session papers and presentations, or posters is 20 August 2015.
Session No. I:
“Producing entrepreneurship statistics by combining statistical business registers with other data sources”

Session Leader – Caterina Viviano, Head of Department, Business Register, ISTAT, Italy

Focuses of the session are all aspects of entrepreneurship statistics, the challenges and shortcomings of data requirements as well as approaches to face current problems.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Self-employment and entrepreneurship: definition, measuring and consistency issues in using SBR data
- Social and business statistics integration for the identification of entrepreneurship characteristics (education, income)
- Employer business demography vs total business demography: productivity indicators comparison
- New indicators for entrepreneurship: data gaps and needs
- Entrepreneurship statistics by gender: data sources and related problems (household surveys, enterprise surveys, administrative data)

Please submit an abstract of your paper to the conference organizer at the email Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the session leader (Viviano@istat.it) by 30 April 2015.

Session No. II:
“Linking of statistical business registers and trade statistics – Statistics on trade by enterprise characteristics”

Session Leader – Nadim Ahmad, Head of Trade and Competitiveness Division, Statistics Directorate, OECD, Paris

The session deals with all aspects of linking trade information to statistical business registers with respect to experiences made, shortcomings identified and best practices to share.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Country experiences in the development of linkable trade and business registers
- Linking trade in services with business statistics
- Linking trade in goods with trade in services
- Linking trade, business statistics and other statistics (e.g. employment, FATS, R&D)
- New indicators from linked trade and business data

Please submit an abstract of your paper to the conference organizer at the email Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the session leader (Mariarosa.Lunati@oecd.org) by 30 April 2015.
Special session:
“User sprint session”

Session Leader – Axel Behrens, Head of unit, Structural Business Statistics, Eurostat, Luxembourg

The session is foreseen to give users of statistical business registers a platform to describe their needs, future requirements and shortcomings of statistical business registers. The session will be organized in form of a sprint poster session and addresses users and potential users of statistical business registers exclusively.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Changes of user needs – changes for statistical business registers?
- Quality perception of SBR
- Lacks of SBR in the production of business statistics

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Session No. III:
“Use of geo-spatial information: Matching methods and practices”

Session Leader – Arturo Blancas, Director General of Economic Statistics, INEGI, México

Authors are invited to write about methods they use to associate information from administrative records (or from the Business Register itself) with the accurate geographical location where each establishment is located, and putting those locations on a geographical information system. Or to present methods, software, platforms and products used for presenting or using data associated with the geographic space.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Experiences of good practices to share
- Costs and challenges of technical implementation

Please submit an abstract of your paper to the conference organizer at the email Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the session leader (Arturo.Blancas@inegi.org.mx) by 30 April 2015.

Special Session:
“Country Progress Reports”

Session Leader – Norbert Rainer, Head of Registers, Classifications and Geoinformation Division, Statistics Austria, Austria

There is no Call for Papers for this Session.
Session No. IV:
“The role of statistical business registers in the modernization of the statistical production and services – GSBPM, GSIM, data warehouse, use of new data sources, including big data”

Session Leader – Amerigo Liotti, Team leader Business Register, Business statistics – coordination, Eurostat, Luxembourg

With respect to new questions arising from globalization and altering requests from users to the role of statistical business registers in fulfilling emerging needs, the focus of this session is to share the experience and to discuss the issues resulting from the transformation of SBR „version 1.0” for stovepipe solutions in national business statistics to SBR „version 2.0” for a modern connected statistical world.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Challenges of SBR modernization with respect to specific statistical subjects (restricted access, confidentiality, ...)
- Costs and benefits from modernization
- Data warehouse approach – feasible or vision?
- Use of statistical services

Please submit an abstract of your paper to the conference organizer at the email Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the session leader (Amerigo.Liotti@ec.europa.eu) by 30 April 2015.

Special Session:
“Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers”

Session Leader – Norbert Rainer, Head of Registers, Classifications and Geoinformation Division, Statistics Austria, Austria

There is no Call for Papers for this Session.

Session No. V:
“Output of the statistical business registers – visualization, spatial information, SBR apps, open data”

Session Leader – Kati Heikkinen, Head of Statistics, Enterprises and Globalisation, Business Statistics, Statistics Finland, Finland

This session focusses on the presentation of experiences, best practices and future development ideas with respect to handle the output of SBR. Open data solutions shall be discussed and how confidentiality questions have been solved.

Papers are welcome that deal with the topics listed below, but are not limited to:

- Experiences of good practices to share
- Promising ways forward
- Challenges to face

Please submit an abstract of your paper to the conference organizer at the email Carsten.Boldsen@unece.org and to the session leader (Kati.Heikkinen@stat.fi) by 30 April 2015.