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- Main challenges

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Structure (Template) of the report

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

   Name of the register, organisation responsible for the register and its position within the organisation, number of employees, primary goal and use of the register, year of establishment and year(s) of main re-engineerings, number of active units

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

   Main three achievements

III. Future plans

   Main three projects

IV. Main challenges

   Main three challenges with respect to development, maintenance and use of the statistical business register
Country progress reports received (1)
Country progress reports received (2)
Results: Progress and Developments in 2014 (1)

- **Administrative data / administrative institutions**
  - Memorandum of Understanding with various administrative authorities
  - Increased access to administrative data in various areas
  - Developments in administrative registers
  - Adaptations of legal basis and changed administrative data

- **Statistical units**
  - Enterprises and enterprise groups
  - Profiling
Results: Progress and Developments in 2014 (2)

➢ Classifications

- Implementation of latest activity classification
- Implementation of revised classification of institutional sectors

➢ Geocoding

- Georeferencing of SBR units: establishments, local units, enterprise

➢ Response burden

- Inclusion of a burden question in the survey form
- Use of SBR for burden documentation and burden reduction
Results: Progress and Developments in 2014 (3)

- Methodological issues
  - Review of and improved updating procedures
  - Increased computerization
  - Improving of concepts/definitions and their measurement
  - Data matching routines
  - Use, linking and integration of new sources

- Survey frames
  - Implementation of common business survey frame
  - Frame applications
Results: Progress and Developments in 2014 (4)

➢ Quality

- Improved activity coding, quality assessment
- Improved coverage
- Register quality surveys
- Manuals/guidelines, training materials
- General quality policy
- Quality review of the SBR
- Economics census
Results: Progress and Developments in 2014 (5)

- Business demography
  - Start or first data series available
  - Extension of business demography

- IT applications
  - Adaptations/enlargement of existing IT application or of specific services
  - New IT infrastructure
  - Start of re-engineering
Results: Future plans (1)

Similar picture as for the progress and developments in 2014:

- **Administrative data**: more and new administrative data, strengthening cooperation with administrative sources

- **Statistical Units**: implementation of enterprise and enterprise groups, profiling, additional variables, relations to EGR

- **Classifications**: classification of institutional sectors, activity classification, holding companies

- **Methodological issues**: linking and matching, electronic data collection
Results: Future plans (2)

- **Quality**: quality improvements in specific areas, register surveys and economic census

- **Business demography**: sub-annual, regional, timeliness, coherence, quality

- **IT applications**: Adaptations/enlargements, continuation of re-engineering process, migration, survey frame tools
Results: Main challenges

The seven most widespread challenges:

- Administrative data/sources
- Statistical Units and Profiling
- Financial and human resources
- Establishing SBR as backbone
- IT application
- Quality
- Business demography
Conclusions

a. Country progress reports are a valuable source for an overview of the main activities with respect to SBR and their environment in a lot of countries

b. Country progress reports could be used for bilateral contact and exchange

c. It should be attempted to increase country coverage

d. It should be considered to further elaborate the template structure in order to achieve more comparable and detailed information (see also Special Session: Guidelines for Statistical Business Registers)
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Thank you for your attention!