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**ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES AND STATISTICAL BUSINESS  
REGISTERS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

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**Introduction**

1. Maintaining of administrative registers and data in State Statistical Office is an activity dated long time ago and regulated with appropriate laws. Among them, is maintenance of administrative data of business entities.
2. With the process of transformation in the country, the changes are continuing towards development and adjustment to European and international development orientation in statistical system.
3. For these purposes SSO has developed Master strategic plan accepted by Government of Republic of Macedonia, where short and long-term development activities are adopted.
4. One of the basic tasks is development of statistical registers and release of SSO from administrative functions. These processes have started and are continuing in parallel. Both processes are quite complex and connected with difficulties, but still is planned to be finished by the end of this year, thus expecting that the statistical register will be put in the function at the beginning of the next year

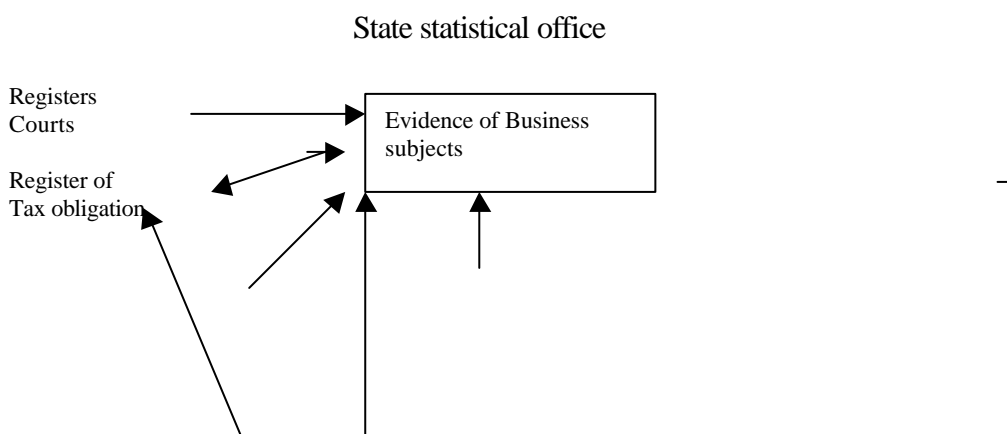
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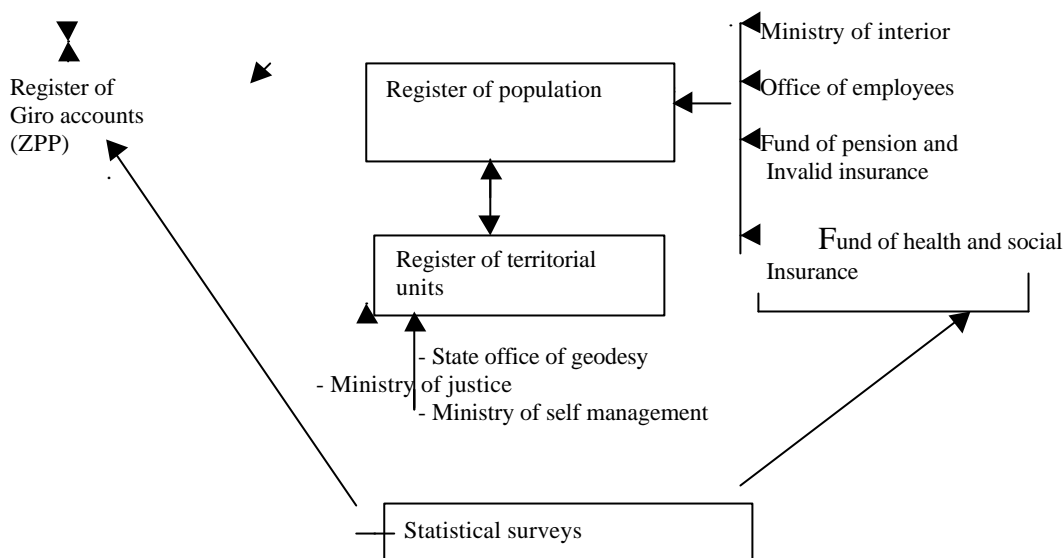
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### How to provide link between statistical business registers and administrative data sources

5. In the process of maintaining administrative data on business subjects, and their use for statistical purposes till now also existed its connection with others administrative registers and possibilities to be used for statistical objectives. For example connection with: Giro accounts Register, Tax obligators Register, Health insurance funds, Employment office, Register of population, Register of territorial units, Customs, Banks etc.
6. From many years ago, possibility for connecting administrative source result from functioning of unique code number each business unit is assigned by SSO. This number is in use by all others administrative sources, The unique code number makes possible historical observations of all changes of business subjects.
7. Data on business entities provide basic identification data for businesses: unique identification number; name (complete and short name); legal form; address (street and number; settlement and municipal); form of propriety; founders (name, surname, PRN for natural persons and unique identification number for legal person); director (name, surname and PRN); and, the main activity (NKD).
8. In addition, business entities provide data for their local units with data for name, address and main activity.
9. Part of this data is provided on the base of previous business entity registration in appropriate registrations body and part of them are appropriated by SSO (unique number, main activity).
10. Remaining administrative sources are used to supplement business units data with information about their active status, number of employees, turnover, for checking of accuracy of addresses as well as for other information needed for numerous statistical researches. This additional data can not be found constantly in Evidences of business units but could be provided by purpose; therefore this unit can not be treated as statistical business register.
11. At this moment, such a structure is used as basis for choice of statistical researches sample.
12. For the purposes of statistical register which is being modelled, in the future we plane to continue connecting administrative sources of business unit's data. That will be possible with establishment of CR on the basis of continuing activities that SSO had in evidence of business units and completing information for them from other administrative sources. Continuing with this practice we will achieve assigning main activity of business unit according with NACE.

### Current link of administrative registers and evidences





## Quality of current evidence of business units and future statistical register

### Scope

13. There is a good coverage of business entities, considering legal obligations for their previous registration in the evidence of SSO and unique numbers and assignment of the main activity code. Comprised are all legal and large part of natural persons, a small part of natural persons are not included (craftsman, free artists because there isn't a legal obligations). In this moment data for them are provided by Tax Register. CR will provide in the future data for all business entities. All sectors of activity are comprised according to NKD.

14. Statistical register will be an extract from administrative register with range of active business entities supplemented with information for correspondence address, employee's number and realized turnover.

### Duplication

15. There is no fear that duplication could appear considering that identification number is unique and unrepeatable and until now there has not been cases of duplication of business units, that we hope that will be case in the future.

### Update

16. Evidence is updated currently (daily, in accordance with submitted information) and considered to be relatively good and timely considering new established firms but it is not quite good in updating cessation of activity and death of the firms.

17. Information for business unit's activities, its address and main activity will be updated currently from statistical surveys, and date for their information and register will be updated yearly.

### **Quality of address data**

18. Same control in address data is obtained from the Register of territorial units. Using the codes from this register there is no possibilities to put the wrong name of street, neither the wrong settlement nor municipalities.
19. For the moment there is no control of addresses for business entities during their registrations. At the moment it is possible to find a firm using additional correspondence address, maintained by Tax register as well as through statistical surveys i.e. Regional department for statistics.
20. In the future statistical register this information will be obtained by statistical surveys, too.
21. The status with main activity data is similar. Information for main activity that in the phase of foundation is personal declaration of the founder, isn't always updated considering that mostly firms are interested for a change only in cases of using certain benefits over contributions payment.
22. Statistical register will supplement this information with information from current register and statistical researches.

### **Scope of units**

23. In the current evidence of business entities, which is a basis for statistical surveys, the following types of units are maintained: legal units and local units are registered in all cases when the unit is on a different address from the address of the mother-firm with same or different activity. Also, registered are units on the same address but with different activity from the basic activity of business entity.
24. In the future, statistical register will comprise following types of statistical units:
  - Legal units = enterprise
  - Local units
  - Local kind of activity unit (which is used particularly by statistical surveys ,now)
25. For the first two types, there will be no coverage problem. We expect to have more problems in data for LKAU where information will be provided by Tax register during registrations of business units when they are requested to register all activities that will be accomplished on appropriate locations.

### **Decisions during the period of establishing SSR**

26. All statistical departments use current administrative evidence. Besides providing additional data from others administrative sources, separate statistical departments provide more authentic data for address and main activity of business entities. Regarding statistical surveys, this enables each unit to update data for address and main activity i.e. the information to be mutually exchanged between departments (researchers). That is kind of functioning of satellite registers.

*Future connection of administrative registers and evidences and SSR:*

State statistical office

