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

Summary of the Note by the State Statistical Office of  
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia \*

1. The State Statistical Office developed a Master strategic plan adopted by Government of Republic of Macedonia, where short and long-term development activities related to business register are proposed. 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 planned to be finished by the end of this year. It is expected that the statistical register will become functional at the beginning of the next year
2. The paper further outlines the present situation and ways the new statistical register will be connected to administrative sources in the future. This connection could be established between statistical register and, for example, bank accounts Register, Tax Register, Health insurance fund, Employment office, Register of population, Register of territorial units, Customs, Banks etc.
3. Possibility for connecting administrative source result from the existence of a unique code number each business unit is assigned by SSO. This number is used by all others administrative sources. For the purposes of the new statistical register the office plans to continue connecting administrative sources of business unit's data. That will be possible through establishment of CR on the basis of

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continuing SSO activities and evidence on business units and completion of information on them from other administrative sources.

4. Currently, business entities are relatively well covered and register includes all legal and a large number of natural persons. A smaller number of natural persons are not included (craftsman, free artists because there isn't a legal obligations). At the moment, data for them are provided by the Tax Register. CR will provide in the future data for all business entities. In future, statistical register will be an extract from administrative register with range of information on active entities, supplemented with additional information from administrative sources.

5. The new register will supplement information on main activity with information from current register and statistical researches. The new statistical register will include the following types of statistical units:

- Legal units = enterprise
- Local units
- Local kind of activity unit (which is used particularly by statistical surveys ,now)

6. All statistical departments use current administrative sources. 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.

7. The existing and the newly proposed system of links between administrative sources and business register are presented, clearly pointing to an orientation towards fuller integration of sources of data on business entities.

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