ESSnet on consistency of concepts and applied methods of business and trade-related statistics

Work Package 3: 2012 project on characteristics and definitions

Joint workshop of work packages 2 and 3 | **11-12 June 2013**

On the Way to better Consistency in European Business Statistics

11 June 2013: WP3 - Charateristics and Definitions

The 3rd work package of the ESSnet on consistency made an inventory of inconsistencies in all Member States and EFTA countries regarding characteristics and definitions in different domains of business and trade-related statistics. Based on evaluation criteria major inconsistencies have been detected. At this workshop the results will be presented and discussed with experts from the Member States and EFTA countries as well as first proposals for minimizing the detected inconsistencies.

8:00 - 9:00	**Registration of the participants**
9:00 - 9:40	**Welcome speech** Roberto Monducci, Istat (Italy) **Introduction of WP3** Birgitta Mannfelt, Statistics Sweden (Sweden)
9:40 - 10:30	**SESSION 1: WP3 - WORK DONE** Chair: Anna Abatzoglou, ELSTAT (Greece) **Inventory for the analysis of inconsistencies in characteristics and definitions** Brendan Curtin, CSO (Ireland) **Methods for evaluating inconsistencies in characteristics and definitions** Roberto Gismondi, Istat (Italy)
10:30 - 11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00 - 12:30	**Results of the inventory in the MS** Björn Witting, DESTATIS (Germany) Mirjam Weber, DESTATIS (Germany) Rich Trap, SFSO (Switzerland) *Questions and reactions from the participants*
12:30 - 14:00	**Break**

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14:00 - 15:30   **SESSION 2: EXPERIENCES FROM THE MS**
Chair: Barbara Dremelj Ribič, SORS (Slovenia)

Presentations from countries/discussants with good practices on national implementations and how to avoid major inconsistencies caused by EU regulations

Methods to reduce inconsistencies in the Dutch Labour Statistics
Jorrit Zwijnenburg, Statistics Netherlands (The Netherlands)

Comparing administrative and statistical sources for statistics on wages and labour costs. Issues of consistencies and measurement errors
Silvia Pacini, Istat (Italy)

How to adapt a business survey to NA demands and still follow the EU regulations - a case study
Jonas Färnstrand, Statistics Sweden (Sweden)

Data sources used in the National Accounts - Use of Business Statistics and the Challenges of using Company Accounts based data in National Accounts
Sanjiv Mahajan, ONS (United Kingdom)

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00   **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:30   **SESSION 3: FIRST PROPOSALS AND CONCLUSIVE REMARKS**
Chair: Giovanni Alfredo Barbieri, Istat (Italy)

First proposals to improve consistency in business and trade statistics
Joackim Weisbrod, DESTATIS (Germany)
Rich Trap, SFSO (Switzerland)

Questions and reactions from the participants

Conclusive remarks
Petra Sneijers, Eurostat

Conclusions of the day and next steps
Birgitta Mannfelt, Statistics Sweden (Sweden)

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Work Package 2: 2011 project on target population, frames, reference period, classification and their applications

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12 June 2013: WP2 - target population frames, reference period, classification and their applications

The 2nd work package of the ESSnet on consistency made an inventory of inconsistencies in all Member States and EFTA countries regarding target population, frames, reference period, classifications and their applications. This inventory included the following business statistics domains: Structural business statistics (SBS), Short-term statistics (STS), Statistics by products (PRODCOM), Business demography statistics, Foreign direct investment (FDI) statistics, Foreign affiliates statistics (FATS), Information society statistics, Community innovation survey (CIS), Statistics on research and development (R & D), Structure of earnings survey (SES), Labour cost survey (LCS), Job vacancy statistics and Business Registers (BR). At this workshop the main results will be presented and discussed with experts from the Member States and EFTA countries as well as first proposals for minimizing the detected inconsistencies. Each of the main topics of the WP2 will be treated in a separate session.

9:00 - 09:15	**Welcome and Overview of WP2** Norbert Rainer, STAT (Austria)
9:15 - 10:30	**SESSION 4: TARGET POPULATION, FRAMES AND REFERENCE PERIOD** Chair: Andrew Allen, ONS (United Kingdom) **Main results of the Inventory** Paul Wetheril, ONS (United Kingdom) Kieran Walsh, CSO (Ireland) **Evaluation & presentation of key inconsistency issues** Boris Lorenc, Statistics Sweden (Sweden) *Questions and reactions from the participants* **Discussion**
10:30 - 11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00 - 12:30	**Continuation of Session 4**
12:30 - 14:00	**Break**

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14:00 - 15:30   **SESSION 5: APPLICATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS**

Chair: Norbert Rainer, STAT (Austria)

Main results of the Inventory
Inga Malasenko, CSB (Latvia)

Questions and reactions from the participants

Evaluation & presentation of key inconsistency issues
Madara Liepina, Statistics CSB (Latvia)

Questions and reactions from the participants

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00   **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:30   **SESSION 6: ON THE WAY TO BETTER CONSISTENCY?**

Chair: Jens Olin, Statistics Sweden (Sweden)

**Main sources of inconsistencies, their impact on the quality
of statistics and attempts of Statistics Lithuania to deal
with the problem**
Daliute Kavaliauskiene, Statistics Lithuania (Lithuania)

**Some preliminary considerations concerning European business
statistics concepts**
Norbert Rainer, STAT (Austria)

General discussion on the way to better consistency
All participants

Resume and concluding remarks
Hans-Eduard Hauser, Eurostat