

Season's Greetings!



Dear colleagues,

We wish you all a happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Many thanks for your support and continuous contribution to successful EGR production cycles.

In 2016 we will try to improve our way to work together and the quality of our respective registers.

The Business Register team of unit G3

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As announced in the Working Group Business Registers and Statistical Units in September 2015, the BR team was split in production and development. While production moved to Unit G3, the ESBRS project stayed in G1. Find therefore the first 'BR Newsletter' on the following pages. We envisage to publish four editions per year. The BR Newsletters will be published at BRnet on Circabc, as well as on the ESS website.

EGR 2.0 deployed

Eurostat Directorate G is happy to announce the deployment of EuroGroups Register 2.0 in Eurostat's IT secure environment for confidential microdata (SICON) on 11 December 2015.

The design and development of EGR 2.0 was made possible through close collaboration of ESS experts working on the ESS.VIP.ESBRs project: Eurostat statisticians and IT experts as well as business experts from National Statistical Institutes.

EGR 2.0 represents one of the first attempts at online collaborative statistical production in the ESS, via secure data exchange and remote access to confidential microdata.



Eurostat team responsible for EGR 2.0 developments

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EGR 2.0 consists of 4 applications, EGR Identification Service, EGR CORE Module, EGR FATS Interface and EGR Interactive Module, all 4 are now deployed in SICON. All EGR applications are going to be improved over the next years.

EGR 2014 cycle timetable

Task name	Timing	NSI participation
EGR processes NSI data	until 25 January 2016	No
EGR sends preliminary frame via FATS interface	25 January 2016	No
NSIs improve and validate data in EGR	25 Jan. - 15 Mar. 2016	Yes
NSIs deliver dataset for EGR (GEG)	15 March 2016	Yes
EGR makes available the final frame via FATS interface	31 March 2016	No

SBR data quality programme

Eurostat is developing a Data Quality Programme (DQP) to monitor, to assess and to improve the quality of the national statistical business registers (NSBR) and the EGR.

The DQP consists of five components. Four of them are directly related to quality:

- Part (A) covers the quality and metadata reporting for the statistical business registers (SBR including NSBR and EGR) in a standardized way,
- Part (B) describes the quality standards to enable the assessment of SBR

	<p>frames throughout the entire production processes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Part (C) deals with the assessment of SBR quality by comparing as-is status against quality standards and▪ Part (D) covers the annual quality improvement procedure. <p>A final component is indirectly related to quality and covers mainly the communication inside and outside the SBR network.</p> <p>Some of the components of the programme require regular input from Member States. The DQP is developed as a flexible programme aiming at annual improvement of the SBR quality and gradual integration of new findings related to quality in the statistical production processes of SBR.</p> <p>The programme will be implemented in 2016 and substantial quality improvements are expected from 2017 on.</p> <p>We will continuously inform you about the separate steps of the SBR Data Quality Programme in the Newsletters. A documentation about the work plan 2016 with respect to the DQP is available at BRnet on Circabc.</p>															
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e-meetings planned for the 1st quarter of 2016	<p>As of today, the following e-meetings are scheduled for the 1st quarter of 2016 with participation of Member States:</p> <p>26 January 2016, Tuesday, 10.00 to 11.30 CET</p> <p>Eurostat provides an e-training on the use of the EGR IM and EGR FATS applications in the EGR 2014 cycle</p> <p>4 February 2016, Wednesday, 10.00 to 12.00 CET</p> <p>Follow-up of the BRWG meeting in September 2015 – Clarification of Article 8 of the Business Register Regulation – and presentation of the annual revision procedure</p>															
Meetings in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESTP course "The EuroGroups Register (EGR)": Luxembourg, 6 and 7 September 2016 <i>More details on ESTP courses:</i> http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/ess/about-us/estp• Working Group on Business Registers and Statistical Units: Luxembourg, 29 and 30 September 2016• Wiesbaden Group meeting: Tokyo, 8 to 11 November 2016															
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