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1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers

At the Portuguese Statistical Office (INE), in Department of Methodology and System Information, about 18 people are working on the BR maintenance, including administrative data analyses and batch updating, online updating analyses and quality control, enterprise group, enterprise demography, non profit institution, agriculture register, vehicles register, updating sampling frame for the households surveys. One or more staff member has involved in methodology and conceptual work to implement new methods to increased quality and minimize the costs.

The sampling frame of the households surveys are independent of the BR.

Currently the business register have about 1,3 million actives legal units (enterprises, non profits institution and public administration). About 1,4 million actives local units are linked to legal unit, About 1,2 hundred national enterprise group are linked to legal unit. Each enterprise from agriculture register are linked to legal unit from the BR and all vehicles register are linked to legal unit and local unit.

From the BR in the beginning of each year, it's allow to identify the population survey frame, to as a support to drawing bases of sampling and sample survey. That population survey frame has been imported to a new coordination system of frame population and samples, for the statisticians.

The BR have permanently link with the data-system to collect survey information and permanently link with the data-system to coordinate sampling survey.

2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

The reengineering process to update the BR with the administrative data information will be increased the information was updated and reduce the time spend to prepared the information was received.

The BR reclassification on the nace-code in accordance to national law to the implementation of the Nace, provide the legal responsibility for the management and coordination of the NACE in the scope of the abilities of the Superior Council of Statistic (CSE) and the National Institute of Statistic.

Used methods on reclassification to the active enterprise into BR:

A – Reclassification based on textual information provided for inquiry, web, letters, phone calls or external proposals. About 33% of the enterprises are included.

B – Direct reclassification through Tables of Correspondence NaceRev1 – NaceRev2 within on situation 1:1. About 23% of the enterprises are included.

C - Indirect reclassification through the Table of Correspondence within a situation 1:n for assignment of the NaceRev1 versus NaceRev2, created by BR staff working (situação1: n was converted into 1:1); thus matches was based of the description for each NaceRev1code in correspondence of the description for each Nacerev2code. About 19% of the enterprises are included of this method.

D - Estimate reclassification, on situations of the 1:n, with enterprise are similar characteristics. On the basis of the percentile distribution of the significant weights of the NaceRev2code performed on the methodA, whereas of the answers gotten through inquiry, of one determined NaceRev1 code. About 25% of the enterprises are included.

3. Issues solved, problems and future plans

The implementation on the new structural system to coordinate bases of sampling and samples surveys, with are linked at the BR, its allow increased online updates from the surveys, improve to the quality of information from the BR and improve the coverage. These two data-system linked, permits from the survey, match up the quality of the statistics and reduce burden statistics.

The expectation to use the specific software to mach names and address from different administrative sources to be checked is the same unit and should be update the information, or accurate this variables to provide good quality, until now this new software can't matching up seventy or sixty percent of matching. Our experience with software is lower, but at long of the next year we hope improve the process to achieve better results, by doing more tests, knowing better the software and creating procedures for certain specific partners of data.

In the future the INE will be participate in order to implement an inter-institutional data-system, with the harmonized procedures, and efficient for the unique attribution of Nace-code to the enterprises. In that process the INE is responsible operational for the attribution/the update of the Nace-code of the enterprise and the INE will be qualified to decide on the generality of the situations.

The INE must permanently interact to guarantee the accompaniment of the new situations and to manage the updates in that data-system, being assured that the classification of the constant nace-code of the National Register and of Statistical Units into BR, corresponds to the one nace-code of the SINACE.

The INE is responsible entity for the management of the Business Register, will have to increase up it for statistical propose, to all the entities of the National Statistics System (SEN) that it will have to use homogeneous and for whose maintenance they must contribute. They can use a "Consultation Module" delineated to the others governmental organisation, that permits a proposal to the new Nace-code.

At long of the next year, we will design and implement a new system of quality indicators into information of the BR, create or tuning internal rules to update the BR, seek new sources of information looking for an increase in quality of BR and more rich.

Next year, we will intend to start the linked with the eurogrups register and will be proposed to updates your information by sdmx.