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## **1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers**

The Business Register (BR) in CZSO contents 5 basic types of statistical units:

- legal units (numbers at the end of 2007: 2 481 863),
- enterprises (numbers at the end of 2007: 1 224 863),
- local units (numbers at the end of 2007: 1 277 890),
- kind of activity units (numbers at the end of 2007: 390) and
- enterprise groups (numbers at the end of 2007: 5 089).

From the point of view of NACE coverage, units with NACE A, B and L, and institutional sector according to the classification ESA 95 are included to the BR.

The BR is regularly updated from administrative sources (Commerce register, Trade register, etc.) and from statistical surveys (so-called "Co-ordinating Database for the Evaluation of Main Activity" and so-called "Database for the Evaluation of number of employees during the current year).

The BR uses data from another administrative sources (links to tax and social security registers) to receive information about "economic activity" (if unit is sleeping or not). It is possible to receive list of income tax payers and list of VAT payers from tax registers from the Ministry of Finance and information on the self-employed and on number of employees in small and large legal units from the social security system.

Main ways of the BR use:

- preparation of statistical surveys – sample frames and samples
- support of the grossing up of data from statistical surveys
- publication of the main characteristics of Br population (legal units, enterprises according to NACE, legal form, etc.) - statistical yearbook
- access to the BR via web pages

The CZSO also holds a Register of Census Districts, which keeps up-to-date information from the Czech Cadastral Office and from special statistical surveys. From the year 2004 this register is running regularly and it is planned to link this register with the BR (concerning addresses and territorial structure of the Czech Republic).

The RCD is devoted to the recording of data concerning all buildings in the territory of the Czech Republic and to the recording of all data for description of the territorial structure of the Czech Republic (nomenclatures and classifications). It means that all existing addresses of buildings should be involved to the RCD. The intention is to link the BR with the RCD in the part concerning

the addresses of legal units and in the part concerning local units and in the future not to record the whole addresses to the BR, but only identification of building in connection with the RCD.

## 2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

a) CZSO implemented NACE rev.2 from July 2007 and during next period codes in some branches were precised to be prepared for statistical surveys 2009. Works on the implementation of NACE rev.2 into the BR were finalised with the use:

- correspondence tables:

- list of enterprise for direct recoding (sources from the statistical surveys and administrative sources created by subject matter department according to branches)
- list of enterprises created for special branches according to administrative data sources - register of entrepreneurs

- correspondence tables in relation 1:1 between NACE rev.1.1. and NACE rev.2

- correspondence tables in relation 1:n or n:1 between NACE rev.1.1 and NACE rev.2 with the use of auxiliary variables from the BR,

- special statistical survey for the improvement of code of main activity in some branches (wholesale - 10 338 units, retail sale – 29 056 units, transport and telecommunications – 1 287 units, market services – 32 909 units, non profit units – 16 239 units; total 89 829 units).

b) The most important enterprise groups (EG) in Czech republic were established in the BR on the base of data from special statistical survey (for population of enterprises with more than 50 employees) and from administrative sources. Technical conditions for maintenance EG in BR were prepared.

Category	Number of EG	Number of Enterprises	Number of legal units	Number of persons employed
<b>A. All-Resident Enterprise Groups</b>				
Number of All-Resident EG ( <i>total i and ii</i> )	1 656	4 466	4 466	497 916
i) with more than one enterprise	1 656	4 466	4 466	497 916
ii) with only 1 enterprise, but more than 1 legal unit				
<b>B. Multinational Enterprise Groups</b>				
a) Foreign controlled in national territory ( <i>total i to vi</i> )	3 169	7 213	7 213	799 642
<i>By country of decision centre (nationality)</i>				
i)EU27	2 704	6 171	6 171	696 901
ii)Other Europe	196	468	468	43 573
iii)Japan	42	91	91	14 216
iv)USA	125	275	275	34 631
v)Other non-Europe	102	208	208	10 321
vi)Unknown				
b) Domestically controlled	264			
i)in national territory		1 069	1 069	289 896
ii) foreign subsidiaries		508	508	30
<b>C. Truncated Enterprise Groups</b>				
Number of Truncated EG ( <i>total i to iii</i> )	3 433	4 948	4 948	1 089 538
i)with more than one enterprise	450	1 965	1 965	555 414
with only 1 enterprise, but with more than 1 legal unit				
ii)unit				
iii)with only 1 enterprise, and only 1 legal unit	2 983	2 983	2 983	534 124

c) New agreement between CZSO and Ministry of Finance was signed and CZSO obtained more variables about income tax payers (balance, income statement) and more frequently data about VAT payers. New software was developed to implement the proposed changes and new variables will be recorded to the BR (assets netto, assets brutto, etc.)

d) Pilot study about link from BR to RCD was done, about 77% addresses of legal units were matched.

### **3. Issues solved, problems and future plans**

a) From the beginning of 2009 CZSO expects to start with the register operations regarding the EuroGroups register (EGR) according with Regulation (EC) No 1777/2008 of The European Parliament and of The Council of 20 February 2008 establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes. CZSO applied for the grant from Eurostat concerning data evaluation on enterprise groups in the Czech Republic.

b) CZSO is actively involved, together with other ministries (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior and Czech Cadastral Office), in preparations for developing a new system of basic registers for public administration. This includes:

- Register of population under the guidance of Ministry of Interior
- Single business register under the guidance of CZSO
- Register of territorial units and real estate under the guidance of Czech Cadastral Office
- Register of rights and duties under the guidance of Ministry of Interior.

The aim is to create a system of interconnected registers of administrative nature. Preparations are proceed under the guidance of the Ministry of Interior. The legal frame for this intention is being prepared. New laws will come into force in January 2010.