

## FRANCE

### Sources and definitions

The original data sources are the annual business surveys (*enquêtes annuelles d'entreprises*). For ICT manufacturing sectors, the source is the *Enquête Annuelle d'Entreprises dans l'industrie (EAE industrie)*; for the ICT wholesale sector, the "*Enquête annuelle d'entreprises dans le Commerce*" (*EAE-trade*); and for the other ICT sectors, the "*Enquête annuelle d'entreprises dans les services*" (*EAE-services*).

Surveys are exhaustive above a certain threshold (generally, more than 20 salaried employees or a turnover exceeding FRF 250 million in trade activities; more than 30 salaried employees or with a turnover exceeding FRF 30 million in services). In the trade and service sectors, they are completed by sample surveys under these thresholds. In these sectors, every two years (depending on the sector), data regarding small enterprises are derived from their tax declarations, rather than from questionnaires.

The EAE-trade survey includes wholesale and retail trade activities, including sale and repair of motor vehicles. For the year 1998, enterprises with fewer than 20 employees were excluded from the wholesale trade survey. In other years, the survey was exhaustive.

The EAE-services survey targets post and telecommunications, real estate activities, hotels and restaurants, consultancy and assistance, operational services, travel agencies, radio and television, news agencies, personal services and activities auxiliary to financial intermediation.

*Variables:* the definition of the variables corresponds to the SSIS definitions, with the exceptions below:

The value added is at factor costs for the manufacturing sectors, and at market prices for the other sectors.

### Composition of the ICT sector

The ICT sector is based on the French classification by activity (*Nomenclature d'Activités Française, NAF*) which incorporates all the levels of the NACE Rev.1 with the addition of one national level. It can be broken down at the last level of the NACE classes in order to take into account the national specificities.

ISIC 3210 includes NAF 32.1A (*Fabrication de composants passifs et de condensateurs*) and NAF 32.1B (*Fabrication de composants électroniques actifs*).

NAF 64.20 (Telecommunication services) includes private telecommunication only. Public telecommunications operator France Telecom is therefore not included.

Item NAF 7260 (other computer and related services) is not used in the French classification.

ICT wholesale activities include the following industries:

NACE 5143 (wholesale of electrical household appliances and radio and television goods), corresponding to NAF 514F (*Commerce de gros d'appareils électro-ménagers et de radio télévision*)

NACE 5164, corresponding to NAF 516G (*Commerce de gros de machines de bureau et de matériel informatique*);

NACE 5165 corresponding to the sum of NAF 516J (*Commerce de gros de matériel électrique et électronique*), NAF 516K (*Commerce de gros de fournitures et équipements industriels divers*), and NAF 516L (*Commerce de gros de fournitures et équipements divers pour le commerce et les services*).

See also the concordance table, NACE column.