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FRIBS

The EU framework for business statistics

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Outline of the presentation

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Why do we need to change? (1)

Business Statistics have been developed as islands in order to respond to new users' needs.
Why do we need to change? (2)

What is this?
Why do we need to change?  (3)

The context is putting pressure on business statistics compilers

- Response burden has to be limited
- New user's needs (data linking, services,..)
- Competition from private data providers
- Dynamics of the business sector push for more flexibility
- New data sources have to be exploited
- Need to measure complex issues (e.g. globalisation)
- Reduced resources require more efficiency
Why do we need to change? (3)

We need to change to face all these challenges and being able to continue producing relevant, high quality statistics on the business sector in Europe.

The response to better achieve this objective is

Integration
Why the integration way? (1)

• To **reinforce** key infrastructural elements.

• To remove barriers and **rationalise** data collection instruments
Why the integration way? (2)

• To re-balance the data requirements.

• To better measure globalisation phenomena.
Why the integration way? (3)

- To reduce **inconsistencies** and increase the analytical value of the information.

- To develop a system of **interoperable** business registers
Why the integration way? (4)

Is the isolated development of the individual domains an alternative to the integration?

- Risk of asymmetric implementation by domain
- Difficult management of trade-offs between domains
- Lack of a single framework for future development: same situation within few years
- Globalisation phenomena not well addressed
- Full potential of the reduction of response burden not reached
- Limited efficiency gains and synergies in data compilation processes
- Partial achievement of the objective of business statistics being multipurpose
Where are we?

Main milestones

- MEETS start
- MEETS end
- Discussion and consultation
- Impact assessment
- Legislative process
- FRIBS is launched
- FRIBS implementation
Main features of FRIBS (1)

The well known modular structure of FRIBS
Main features of FRIBS (2)

- Supervising body
- Steering body
- Technical work
  - Working Groups
  - Task forces
  - ESSnets

GOVERNANCE

Coordinated input from MS
Main features of FRIBS (2)

- **Statistical units**: revision of definitions and operational rules in old Regulation from 1993.
- **Business Registers**: backbone functions for business statistics and interoperability.
- **Individual packages**: streamlining of data requirements.
- **EBS manual**: key role in eliminating or reducing methodological inconsistencies.
- **Exchange of micro-data**: where statistically relevant, to provide an additional valuable data source.
- **Impact assessment**: gives an assessment of cost and benefits of the project.
What obstacles are we facing?

- Change is not easy
- Timetable of the project
- The focus is not on business statistics
- Resources constraints
- Institutional set-up
What we have achieved so far?

• We are implementing together the ESP 2013-2017 in the field of business statistics.

• We have set up a cooperative framework in business statistics: ESSnet projects.

• We are defining the foundations of a European System of Business Statistics.

• Full awareness of FRIBS.
Main messages

COMMITMENT

SHARED ACHIEVEMENT

FORWARD LOOKING

FRIIBS is an irreversible step in the right direction.
Thank you for your attention!