Business register and sampling frame for business surveys in Georgia

Business Register in Georgia is operating in MS SQL Server; this database covers all registered economic entities, including physical persons. Structure is in accordance with international standards and recommendations.

It covers approximately 570,000 entities (included active and non-active entities). Almost full coverage of legal entities in Business Register is ensured, but full coverage of local, local kind-of-activities and enterprise units is not yet achieved.

Main source for update of business register is monthly data received from administrative sources, namely from Revenue Service (Tax Office) and From Public Registry;

Based on information received from Revenue Service (Tax Office) Geostat has prepared methodology – which defines sampling frame for business surveys.

For formation of sampling frame, in business register exists 3 types of filters:

- By organizational legal form
- By kind of economic activities
- By statuses (active or non active)

First filter excludes from business register those organizational-legal forms, which are not considered under business statistics survey (for example Legal Persons of Public Low, Non-profit Institutions and et cetera).

Second filter excludes from business register those kinds of economic activities, which are not considered under business statistics survey (Activity sections by NACE rev. 1.1: J (Financial Intermediation), L (Public Administration), P (Private households employing domestic staff and undifferentiated production activities of households for own use) and Q (Activities of extra-territorial organizations and bodies).

Third filter excludes non-active entities.
According existing methodology in Geostat, enterprise is active if:

- It has indicated in any kind of declaration (VAT, revenue and etc) turnover more than zero;
- It has indicated in any kind of declaration (VAT, revenue and etc) number of persons employed more than zero;
- It has indicated in wage notification - wage or number of persons employed;
- It has indicated in profit declaration - profit or loss;
- Enterprise paid any kind of tax, without only property tax.

As a result of above mentioned activities, Geostat create sampling frame, which covers active enterprises from non-financial corporation sector and which can be used for all business survey in Georgia.