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Executive Summary

The main task of the statistical Business Register (SBR) is the systematic and contemporary recording of information of all Austrian resident and economically active legal units (which in most cases are equal to enterprises), their cost accounting units and local units. Further on establishments of general government and of economically active non-profit organisations are maintained within the SBR. Only legal units that exceed certain thresholds (VAT higher than 10.000€ or at least one person employed), or units which are registered within the company register, or which are relevant for national accounts or surveys are maintained. Regarding the ÖNACE all sectors are covered with the exception of private households.

The SBR is of high importance for all enterprise related surveys within Statistics Austria. It is used as sampling frame and for statistical projection and it is the base register for the register-based census on local units of employment. Beyond that, data copies are – based on legal regulations – provided to the Public Employment Service Austria (AMS), the Austrian National Bank (OeNB) and the Austrian Economic Chamber. These data copies are for analysis and comparison purposes only.

An important task of the SBR is keeping and maintaining classifications like ÖNACE and sending of classification notifications to the enterprises.

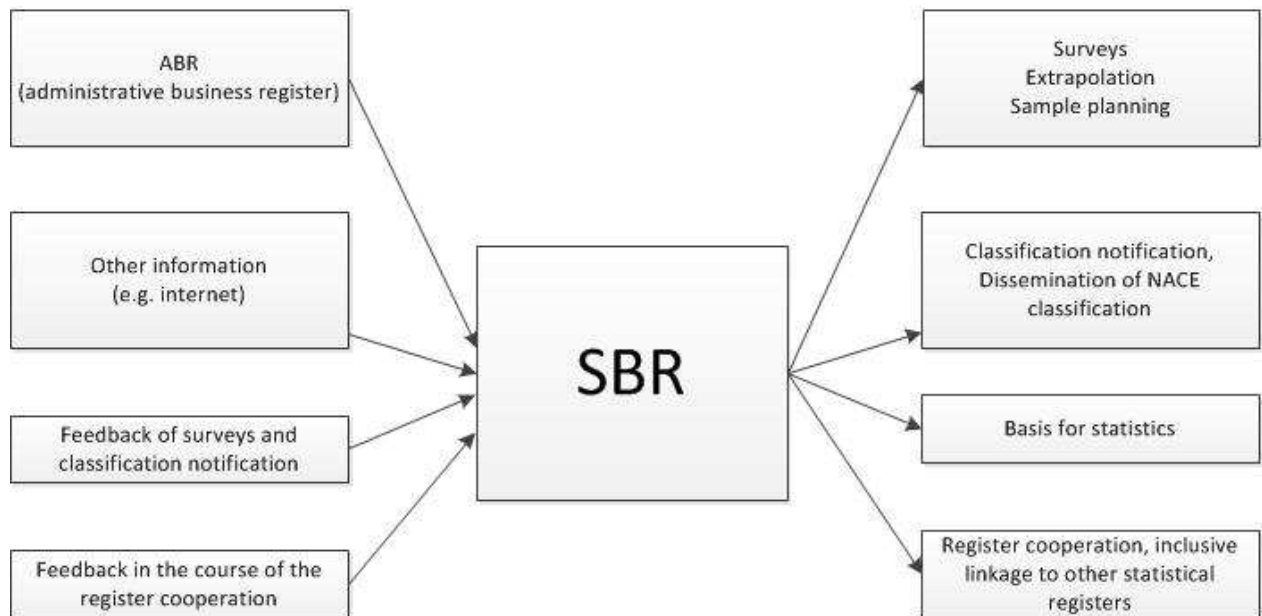
On European level the SBR's role is increasing since work is intensified to establish a European System of interoperable Business Registers (ESBRs). Heart of the system is the European group register (EGR) which is currently developed by EUROSTAT.

The SBR is regularly updated by primarily administrative data sources. Main data source for the SBR is the Administrative Business Register (ABR), which is also kept by Statistics Austria. Information of the companies register, the associations register, the Austrian economic chamber, the excise tax information system, the chambers of professions associations and the agriculture and forestry register are covered through the ABR link. Furthermore, the SBR receives data from the social security register which presents the most important source for persons employed. Other sources include the location register of schools and kindergartens. Additionally, information from the legal units themselves (e.g. via feedback to the classification notification or surveys) are integrated into the SBR. Within the framework of the register cooperation, sector coding is reconciled with data of the Austrian national bank. Of course internet research is a highly valued and practical information source.

Due to ongoing data delivery and the resulting data updates, the units within the SBR are not a stable but a living mass which is maintained daily.

Picture 1: Sources and usage of the SBR

Sources for the SBR



In 1995 the first version of the SBR went live, due to the first EU register regulation from the year 1993. In 2013 a new version was launched, which allows a higher flexibility and an easier usability. This new version is object of this documentation.

The national legal basis for the SBR is the Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000, the EU legal basis is the regulation (EC) no 177/2008 of the European parliament, and of the council from 20th of February 2008 establishing a common framework for Business Registers for statistical purposes and repealing council regulation (ECC) no 2186/93.

The SBR is subject to high privacy protection rules and is not open to the public.

The quality of the SBR is continuously reviewed. Automatic as well as manual plausibility checks make sure that the data is as accurate as possible.

Statistical results are published within the scope of the register-based census on local units of employment.

Statistical Business Register - Main Features	
Subject Matter	Economically active legal units with their cost accounting units and their local units alongside with their central survey unit. Further on units of non-profit organisations and of the public authorities are determined.
Population	Contains all Austrian, economically active legal units with their local units and their employed persons. A legal unit is considered economically active when it has at least one employee or a yearly VAT of at least 10,000€ or an average advance turnover tax return of 1,000€ per month. Additionally units of non-profit organisations and of the public authorities are recorded, as long as they have persons employed or are relevant for the national accounts. Units registered within the companies register are determined as well.
Type of statistics	Statistical Register
Data sources/Survey techniques	Administrative Business Register, central associations register, company register, excise tax information system, social security, Austrian economic chamber, chambers of professions associations and others
Reference period or due day	on a daily basis
Periodicity	The maintenance of the statistical Business Register is done continuously on the basis of the available administrative sources.
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	-
Main legal acts	Bundesstatistikgesetz 2000 § 25a 1-4 applicable version regulation (EC) no 177/2008 of the European parliament and of the council from 20th of February 2008 establishing a common framework for Business Registers for statistical purposes Council regulation (EEC) no 696/93 of 15th of March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analyseis of the production system in the community
Most detailed regional breakdown	Communities, for special reports also Statistical Enumeration Districts, Localities and Statistical Grids
Availability of results	continuous
Other	Basically legal units correspond to the statistical unit enterprise Foreign units, for which an Austrian address can be determined by the administrative sources, are treated as domestic units.