



Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

1. Objective setting

The future programme shall finance activities **to adapt business statistics to new needs** and at the same time to **adjust the production system** to new sources of information and reduce burden on businesses.

1. Objective setting (cont.)

- **Firstly**, it will be important to agree on the new areas that are to be portrayed.
- **Secondly**, all statistics related to business should be streamlined.
- **Thirdly**, on the side of data collection and treatment, integration is needed as well.
- **Finally**, Intrastat was already identified where simplifications are necessary.

Objective 1

The development of target sets of indicators and a review of priorities

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Action 1.1: Development of new areas

- define priority areas and define **target set of indicators**;
- work on **harmonised definitions** of newly identified characteristics and indicators;
- support Member States **to develop and test** their statistics in the priority areas in a harmonised way.

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Action 1.1: Development of new areas

- there will be at least **five priorities** areas, in e.g.
- Entrepreneurship
- Globalisation
- Etc.

Objective 1

Action 1.2: Identify areas that are of lesser importance

- a regular review of priorities, and identification of areas and characteristics of lesser importance.

Objective 2

*A streamlined framework of
business related statistics*

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Action 2.1: Integration of the legal framework and the methodology

- review existing legal acts;
- initiate studies aiming at harmonisation of methodologies;
- studies on consistency between areas of business and trade statistics

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Action 2.2: Development of statistics on enterprise groups

- complete the Community register of multinational enterprise groups;
- support of actions in Member States to better develop data collection methods for enterprise groups;
- set up specific EU surveys on enterprise groups.

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- give grants (5 x 1.000.000€) to support of actions in Member States to better develop data collection methods for enterprise groups;

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Action 2.3: European surveys to minimise the burden on business

- set up specific EU surveys on an ad-hoc basis;
- develop EU sampling schemes, where appropriate.

Objective 3

The implementation of a smarter way of collecting data

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Action 3.1: Make better use of data that already exist in the statistical system including the possibility of estimations

- support actions in Member States to create a data warehouse;

Objective 3 (still Action 3.1)

- methodological studies on linking data from different sources;
- methodological studies for optimal allocation of sample sizes, cut off samples, combined use with other sources and related estimation methods;

Objective 3 (cont.)

Action 3.1: Make better use of data that already exist in the statistical system including the possibility of estimations

- Give grants to ESSnet for developing an integrated statistical system for business statistics (3.000.000€ over five years)

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Action 3.2: Make better use of data that already exist in the economy

- support actions on the use of administrative data,
- promotion of the integration inside the enterprises of statistical reporting,

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- Give grants (2 x 1.000.000€ and 2 x 1.500.000€) to MS to work on administrative data
- Launch a contract for creating a knowledge base (1 x 150.000€)

Objective 3 (cont.)

Action 3.2: Make better use of data that already exist in the economy

- Give grants (3 x 350.000€) to MS to work on the use of accounting data
- Launch a contract for creating a knowledge base (1 x 150.000€)

Objective 3

Action 3.3: Develop tools for a more efficient data production

- support actions that facilitate the data transfer from the enterprise to the NSIs.
- support of a more efficient use of IT tools

Objective 4

*The modernisation and
simplification of Intrastat*