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**MOU between Statistics Netherlands and the National Central Bank**

**Abstract**

Since 2017 Statistics Netherlands (SN) have intensified their collaboration with the National Central Bank (NCB) to improve the quality and the consistency of statistics on the Dutch economy to be able to fulfil the National and European requirements as specified in several regulations, e.g. on National Accounts, on the Balance of Payments or on the latest ‘Anacredit regulation’.

During the Wiesbaden Group Meeting in Neuchatel (2018), Barry Coenen presented his paper[[1]](#footnote-1) about the challenges to improve the coherence between the mandatory statistics of both organizations and overcome the integration problems of the statistical outcomes caused by deviations and errors in their mutual business population.

In the past years, SN and the NCB have developed a mutual Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) about their cooperation to face these challenges. This MOU provides information about the governance structure, chain management, the different working groups with mutual participation, detailed information about the data exchanged between both organizations. The aim of the MOU is to optimize statistical processes in the Netherlands and reduce administrative burden by sharing information on enterprises and legal units.

For the alignment of a mutual business population, special working groups with experts of both organizations were established:

* to derive the mutual business population of financial holdings in S127 to be able to fulfil the conditions of the ESA2010. For this purpose, a special decision-tree was developed for large and complex enterprise groups by its members and implemented in the NSBR. At this moment the units and their characteristics assigned by the decision-tree in the NSBR are monitored by the members of this group.
* to integrate the information about all financial institutions from the NCB completely in the NSBR. A special interface was developed by the NCB to monitor the data quality of financial institutions.

Another topic is that the European Central Bank collects granular information about the loans of an enterprise from financial institutions and the European NCB’s according the ECB-regulation. The data collection is rather extensive, because it is not enough to collect only detailed information about the loan itself, but also about characteristics of the enterprise which receives the loan. In this process Statistics Netherlands provides these characteristics to the NCB, to optimize the data collection and lower the administrative burden for statistics in the Netherlands.

In this paper we discuss the achievements over the last years.

*Keywords:* Business register; National Bank; Data Quality management Process; Challenges

1. <https://www.wiesbaden2018.bfs.admin.ch/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Paper_Coenen.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)