

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA AND REGIONAL STATISTICS ON ENTERPRISES

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Abstract:

As a result of a programme set up by the Portuguese government with the purpose of simplifying and modernizing the public administration, a number of public entities, including Statistics Portugal took part in the creation of a system – Simplified Business Information (IES), that made possible for Portuguese companies fulfil their legal obligations.

In this system, all companies that operate in Portugal submit by electronic format a wide range of economic and financial information, that is shared by all the partners. This administrative data source includes specific information, requested by Statistics Portugal, on local units and on activities. This kind of information is used to produce statistics at a regional level, in the context of official business statistics in Portugal.

With the access to this administrative data source, Statistics Portugal reengineered the Integrated Business Accounts System (SCIE). This integrated system has access to the information at the company level and includes information on activities (principal and secondaries). These activities can be developed in local units located both inside and outside the country.

Besides promoting the full integration of several business statistics domains, this integrated system is a powerful tool in order to increase quality, namely improving the production of statistics by local unit.

The constitution of the local units universe is based on three main sources of information: the Simplified Business Information (IES), namely the specific annexes for local units; the Business Register (FUE) that integrates information at local units level and is updated by a wide range of sources, including IES; and finally, the information from Ministry of Solidarity, Employment and Social Security (MTSSS), which also includes information at a local units level.

The development of Regional Business Statistics was done in collaboration with the Unit for Coordination of Territorial Statistics, and it provides users with information about the structure, performance and development at a regional level, namely information on the number of local units, persons employed, wages and salaries, and investments. Furthermore, derived variables, such as turnover, intermediate consumption, production value and gross value added at a regional level, play an important role in monitoring the results of the Portugal 2020 programme.

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