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## Short-term Statistics in industry and construction

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## Executive Summary

The monthly short-term statistics in industry and construction (STS) as a key element of the European Statistical System (ESS) are used to collect and compile short-term observable and measurable data on real economic developments. The information gathered in this way provides comprehensive understanding of the current economic situation, its development and correlations, which in turn form the basis for (economic) policy measures and company-related decisions.

The monthly STS comprises a primary statistical survey comprising two sub-projects with different objectives:

The short-term statistics create the empirical basis for economic analysis by providing key data relevant to the short-term economic cycle (employment, volume of work, earnings, orders and turnover data): It presents an ex-post overview of the development of this core area of the economy, broken down into sections B to F of ÖNACE 2008 and, in addition, the groups and classes of ÖNACE 2008. The results at establishment level are also presented by federal state.

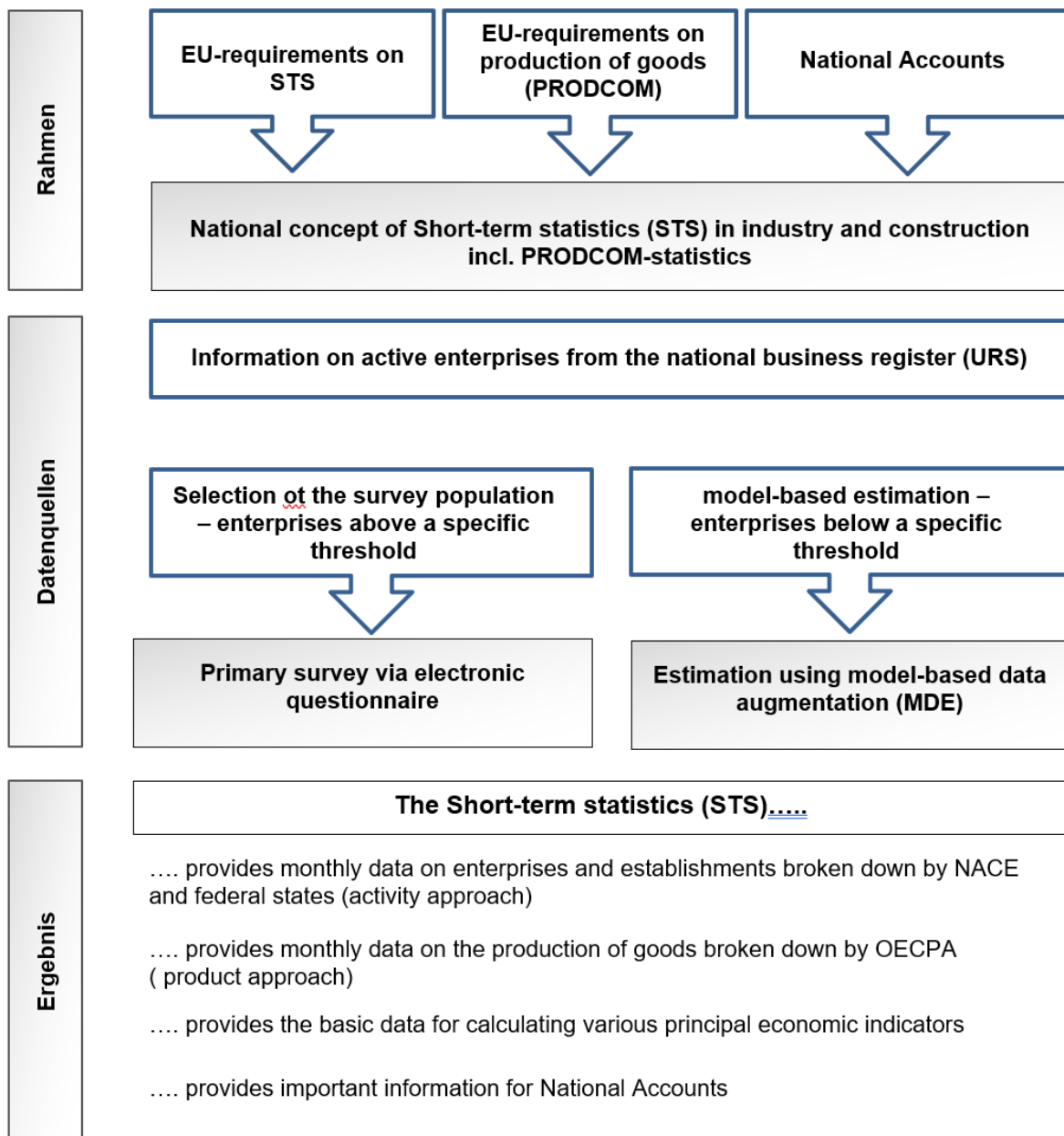
The PRODCOM statistics (survey on the production of goods) for the illustration of domestic goods production: They comprise data on the produced or sold quantities and values of single products or product groups according to the EU-wide harmonized PRODCOM list. The scope of PRODCOM is extended nationally to include some economic sectors in order to take account of national specifics on the one hand and to fully reflect the turnover collected via the short-term statistics on the other.

The scope of the STS covers sections B to F of ÖNACE 2008, i.e. the entire industry and construction sector. The STS is carried out in the form of a complete primary statistical survey with variable cut-off thresholds ("cut-off census"), considering a degree of coverage. This is the best possible way to meet the business community's desire to avoid statistical obligations as far as possible for small and micro enterprises. This concept means that approximately 10 000 enterprises are included in the primary survey every month, representing around 80 % of employees and more than 90 % of turnover. However, in order to be able to represent the population, the characteristics for the companies below the thresholds are estimated using a model-based approach to data completion (MDE). The MDE is based both on the data collected using primary statistics and on register and administrative data. The main framework for compiling and providing these statistics - and thus also a substantial determinant for the quality of these statistics - is the "Business Register" (URS) of statistical units of Statistics Austria (determination of the population, selection framework, model-based data supplementation, etc.).

The aim and purpose of the KJE, as fundamental short-term basic statistics in the manufacturing sector, are numerous. For this reason, it not only provides the basic data for the calculation of key European economic indicators (e.g. employment index, turnover and production index, index of

hours worked hours worked) or for the compilation of the (quarterly and annual) National Accounts, but also serves as an essential data source for the compilation of the ex-post "Structural Business Statistics" (SBS). It also provides a large number of users (economic research, politics, interest groups, etc.) with accurate and reliable results with a high degree of comparability at national and European level. In order to meet these requirements, the STS is divided into two processing phases. While the first phase provides short-term preliminary results (around three months after the corresponding reference month), the final results are available in the second phase no later than eleven months after the corresponding reference year.

**Figure 1: concept of the Short-term statistics (STS) in industry and construction**



## Short-term statistics in industry and construction – Main Key Points

<b>Subject matter</b>	Survey and statistics of short-term and production relevant data (employees, volume of work, labour costs and earnings, order volume, turnover and production) for ÖNACE 2008 sections B to F
<b>Population</b>	Enterprises (legal units) including their establishments and units to be treated as enterprises (commercial enterprises of public bodies and associations of public bodies) carrying out a principal activity according to ÖNACE 2008 Sections B to F (currently around 80 000 units)
<b>Type of statistics</b>	Combination of primary survey (about 10 000 resp. 12% of the population), use of secondary statistical data, data from business register and administrative data as well as model-based estimation
<b>Data sources/Survey techniques</b>	<p>Primary survey via questionnaire (generally mandatory web questionnaire; paper questionnaire in justified exceptional cases)</p> <p>Register and administrative data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Register (URS) of Statistics Austria</li> <li>• Federation of Austrian Social Insurance Institutions (DV)</li> <li>• Turnover tax data, income tax return and corporate tax return data and wage tax data</li> </ul>
<b>Reference period or due day</b>	Calendar month
<b>Periodicity</b>	monthly
<b>Survey participation (in case of a survey)</b>	Mandatory for enterprises above predefined turnover and/or employment thresholds:
<b>Main legal acts</b>	<p>National level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Statistics Act (in German only)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Regulation on Short-Term Statistics in Industry and Construction (in German only)</a></li> </ul> <p>European level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 laying down technical specifications and arrangements</a></li> </ul>
<b>Most detailed regional breakdown</b>	<p>Regional breakdowns:</p> <p>Enterprises data: Austria only</p> <p>Establishment data: Austria and federal provinces (NUTS 2-level)</p>

<p><b>Availability of results</b></p>	<p>Preliminary results (completion of the 1st compilation stage):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• t+91 days: availability of monthly preliminary absolute data</li> <li>• t+91 days: availability of preliminary monthly data on goods production</li> <li>• at the beginning of April of the following year: publication of the cumulative monthly absolute data (=annual results)</li> </ul> <p>Final results (completion of the 2nd compilation stage):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at the latest t+6 months after the end of the reference year: data on goods production (monthly and annual data)</li> <li>• at the latest t+11 months after the end of the reference year: availability of the final absolute data (monthly and annual results)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p>On December 23, 2022, an amendment to the National short-term statistics regulation in industry and construction has come into force. The most important changes were to adapt the subsidiary turnover threshold, to adapt the statistical units and to adjust the list of characteristics.</p> <p>This standard documentation (meta information) refers to the STS from the reporting year 2023 onwards, in general, but also provides a fundamental retrospective view. Detailed information on the STS over time can be found in the previous versions of the current standard documentation. The data generally relates to the last available period, i.e. the reporting year 2022.</p> <p>Any influences and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (2020 to 2023) on the preparation of the KJE are discussed in the relevant sections.</p>