

The idea behind the survey

CBS-DNB Finances of Enterprises and Balance of Payments

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What happens to your figures?

- DNB: Dutch balance of payments and net external assets
- ECB and Eurostat: total balance of payments and external assets for EMU and EU
- IMF, OECD and UNCTAD: Direct investment statistics
- Statistics Netherlands (CBS): National Accounts
- Eurostat: EU totals of National Accounts

Current sources of differences

- Difference in **what** data we request (e.g. accounting terms vs statistical terms)
- Difference in **when** we request the data (e.g. monthly vs quarterly basis)
- Difference in **who** we request data from within the organisation (e.g. Treasury vs Group accounting)
- Difference in **which** areas the figures relate to (consolidation circles)



Most important principles of the new survey

- Consolidation circles (Dutch control cluster)
- Limit extension as far as possible
- An interrelated two-level structure, with a main level and a detail level
- Statistical terms instead of accounting terms
- Only provide main item amounts of securities so amounts are easier to add together

A new combined survey...

Good for us...

- Consistency of figures
- Harmonisation with new statistical manuals that are intended to gain a better understanding of globalisation.
- Survey provides various classifications for balance of payments and National Accounts

...and good for you!

- Single point of contact
- You have a much clearer overview of the difference between main level and detail level items, with therefore fewer unexpected questions, or resubmissions required.
- Greater efficiency as fewer reports are required
- Monthly reporting to DNB (except for securities) discontinued
- Annual reporting to DNB and CBS discontinued (barring exceptions)

