

2000 PROGRESS REPORT for France

Initial remark

In services area, at least, we are experimenting great difficulties in compiling results which come partly from fiscal sources, partly from direct surveys. Fiscal source delays and poor quality are responsible for.

Service product prices

Work in progress at the moment on engineering and renting services. Temporary worker recruitment is still a difficult area since indexes should be derived from administrative agency declarations.

For year 2001 software industry should be investigated, while telecommunications would be covered next.

Classification of service products

No work done on the current CPF (the French version of CPA).

In statistics on services, the only classification in use, apart the national version of NACE, is a by-product from the SBS survey, since enterprises have to split up their turnover by detailed activity. The overall list of detailed activities is much more detailed than the CPC, and so the permanent updating of the list can largely impact CPF and CPC, especially in areas of rapid changes as telecommunications.

Measurement of demand for services by enterprises

Firstly a test of the European model questionnaire was made on 30 firms

Then a true survey was launched last July on manufacturing industries.

Finally, the same survey should be applied to trade and services industries by end 2001.

Information society statistics

Last September, the so called “National Council of Statistical Information”, asked for a report on the developments public statistical services should make in the field of the information society. That report should be adopted the coming months.

- **Household surveys**
 - A core data set is collected each year in May, as part of a general yearly household survey**
 - Few specific product lines in the multi-annual budget survey**
 - A specific and detailed survey is planned for October 2001**
- **ITC impact on businesses**
 - A survey specific to manufacturing was done on 4th Q 1999**
 - A survey on B2C in retail trade is in progress**

**Simple filter questions on purchases and sales on line
should be progressively inserted in SBS surveys.**

**Surveys in the field of retail trade on
commercial brand networks and EDI within those networks**

Statistics on non profit-institutions

The Business register is currently integrating all institutions paying taxes, employing persons or receiving subsidies.

Measurement of employment in services

After a publication made in 1999 of a comparative analysis between different types of employment within business and personal services, a study on client industries of temporary workers agencies is still to be undertaken.

International trade in services

**Nothing on the payments side,
But on the transactions side, a survey is due to start by end September this year on the share of intra group transactions in external trade. The focus is put on manufacturing groups and their wholesalers : indeed most groups acting across borders have a wholesale terminal in the foreign countries they penetrate or they want to.**

Other topics

Innovation

Linked to CIS3, the European-OECD survey on innovation, Insee is preparing a survey which aims to open the scope to non technologic innovative processes, products and organisation. That survey will take place by end 2001