Electronic Business
Questionnaires at
Statistics
Netherlands

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Data Collection

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### **Content of Presentation**

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# **Data Collection Strategy**

- Investigate output demands eu-regulation, national law, contract, ...
- Use of register data timeliness, sufficient information with regard to variables & population, quality
- Conduct a survey mode selection:
  - (1) Electronic,
  - (2) Paper and
  - (3) Telephone & Face-to-face

### **Business Data Collection at the moment**

- ≈ 450 different questionnaires (electronic & paper)
- ≈ 400 (also) electronic version (only 1 survey has 100% EQ)
- > 500,000 business units every year
- > 750,000 questionnaires on average each year
- ≈ 700,000 electronic questionnaires available

# **History of Electronic Data Collection (1)**

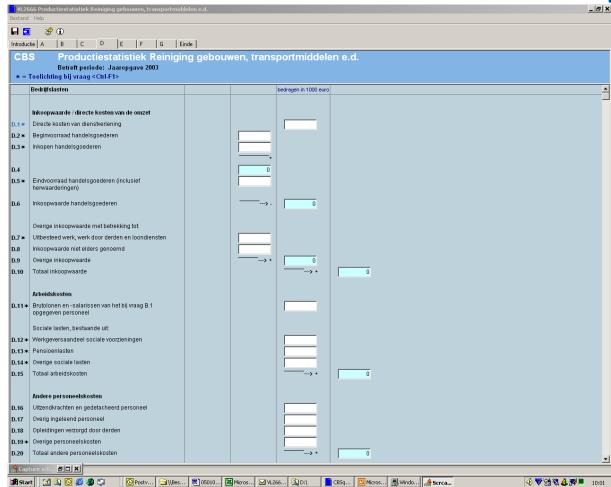
- 1993 IRIS for International Trade first by floppy's, CD - now software has to be downloaded from the internet
- ≈ 2000 first electronic forms (HTML) for Short Term Statistics (STS)
- ≈ 2000 Electronic Data Reporter (EDR) for e.g. International Trade in Services

# **History of Electronic Data Collection (2)**

- From 2006 new HTML forms for STS
- In 2006 pilot version Structural Business Statistics (SBS) for 5 branches
- From 2007 offline questionnaire for SBS
- From 2009 electronic Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI) questionnaires for Business Survey

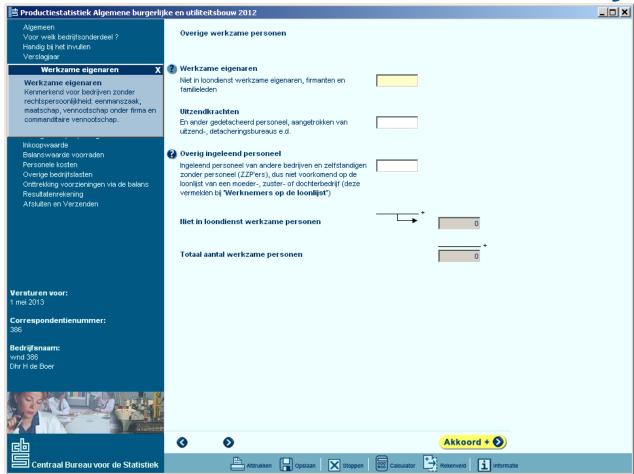
# **Pilot version of Structural Business Survey**

Pilot version of the electronic SBS questionnaire in 2006 for 5 branches



# Final version of Structural Business Survey

Final version
of the
electronic
SBS
questionnaire
from 2007 for
> 200
branches



### With QUAT Planner generated part of a letter (e-mail / PDF) with log on codes:

Heerlen, 20 maart 2013

Geachte heer / mevrouw,

Het Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek is verantwoordelijk voor het samenstellen en publiceren van cijfers over productie, personeelsinzet en financiën van het bedrijfsleven. Een goed beeld van de ontwikkelingen van de verschillende bedrijfstakken en de bijdrage daarvan aan de Nederlandse economie zijn van groot belang voor bedrijfsleven, overheid en wetenschap.

Daarom vragen wij u de vragenlijst Jaarstatistiek Groothandel 2012 in te vullen. Ook voor uw bedrijf of instelling leveren deze CBS-publicaties waardevolle informatie op. Ze geven een algemeen beeld van uw bedrijfstak, u kunt zien hoe u presteert ten opzichte van de rest van de markt en u kunt uw marktaandeel vaststellen.

Meer informatie is te vinden op <u>www.cbsvooruwbedrijf.nl/ps</u> bij de onderzoeksresultaten.

Wat vragen wij van u? Vul de vragenlijst vóór 20 juni 2013 in. De overheid vindt de gegevens zo belangrijk, dat invullen **verplicht** is. Wees op tijd, dan voorkomt u een boete.

- Zo vult a de vragenlijst in Ga naar <a href="https://formulieren.cbs.nl/downloads">https://formulieren.cbs.nl/downloads</a>
  - Vul in:
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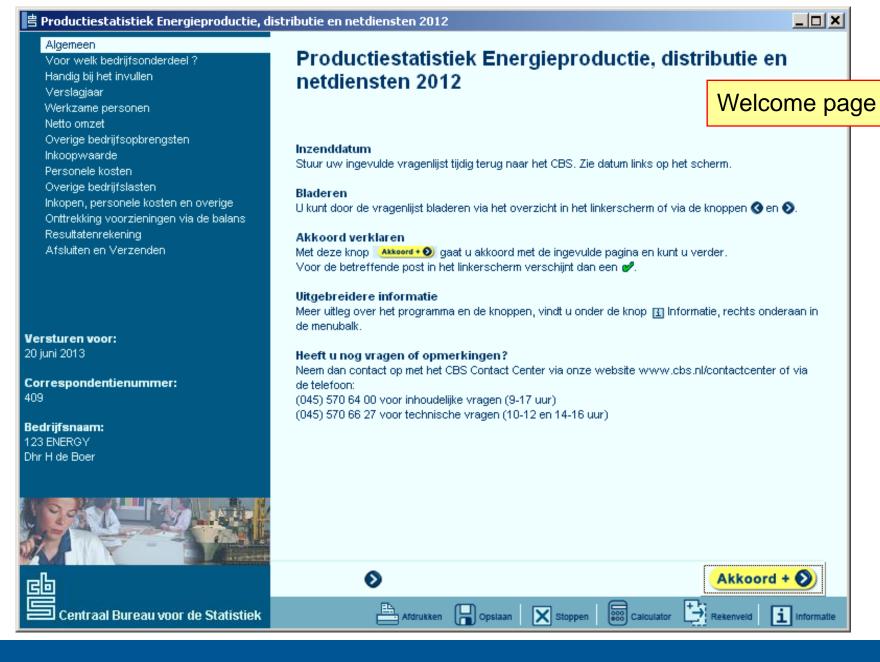
per survey, per period, per business unit the log on codes

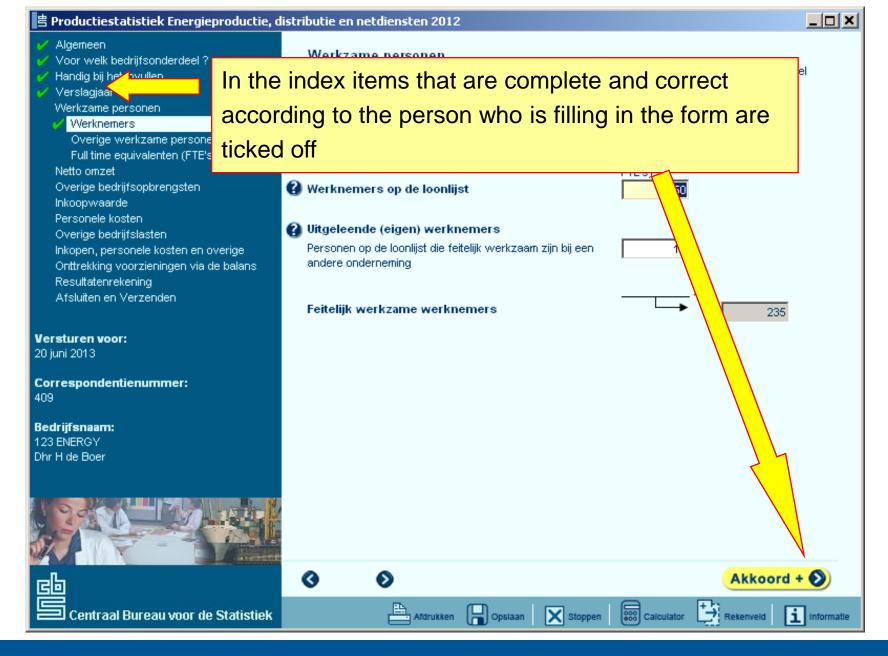
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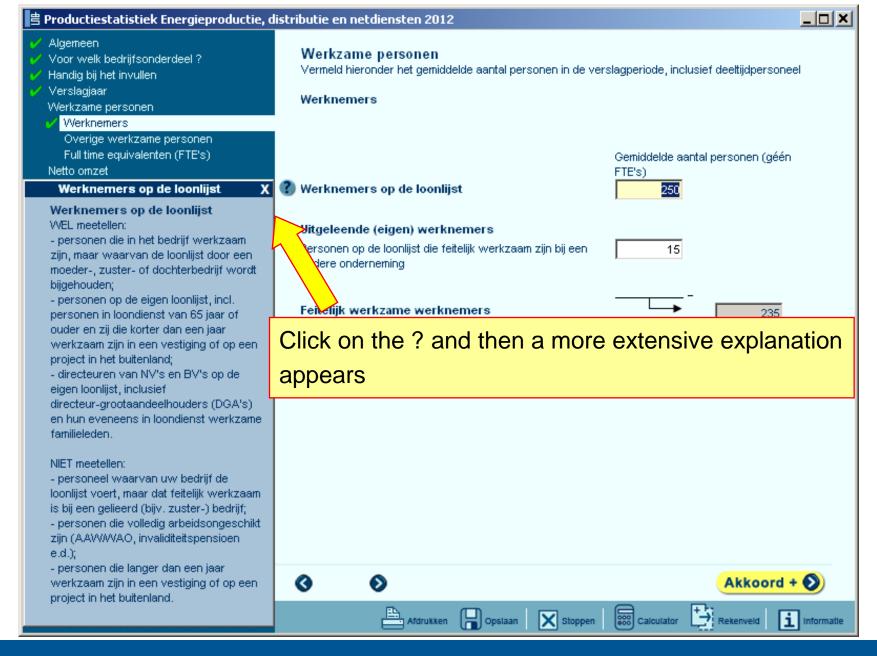
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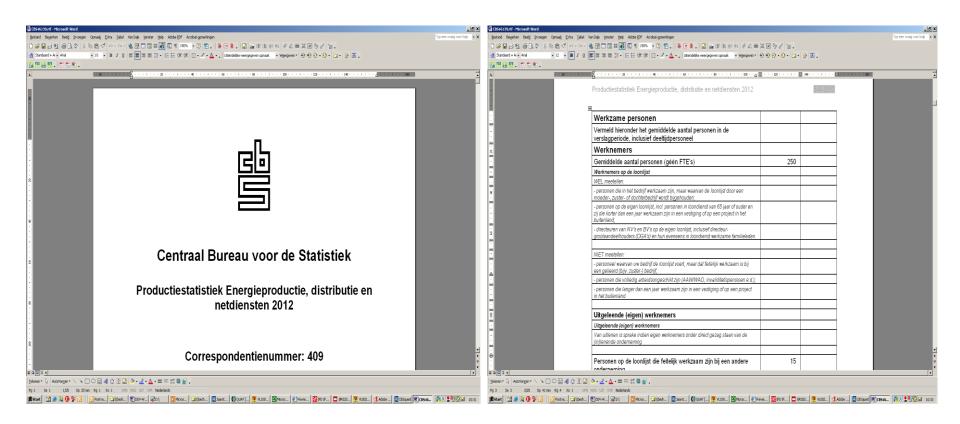








#### Print of the SBS questionnaire



#### The confirmation of receipt



#### Dank voor het invullen!

Dank u wel voor het invullen van de vragenlijst.

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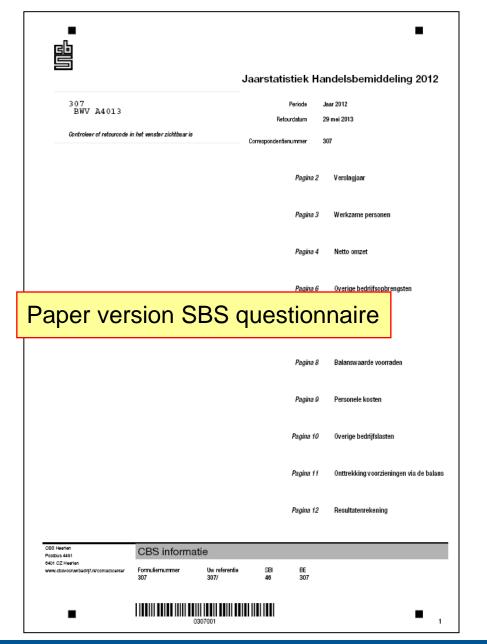
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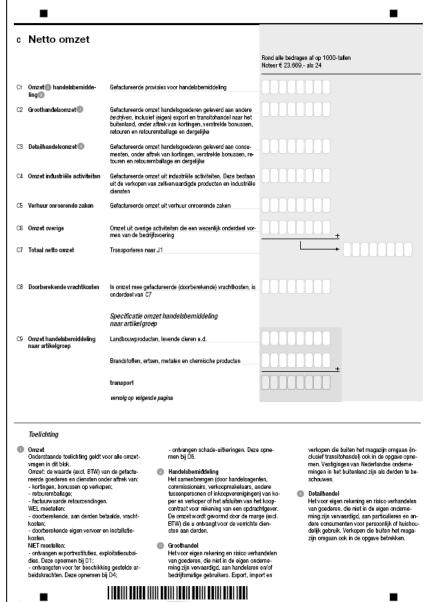




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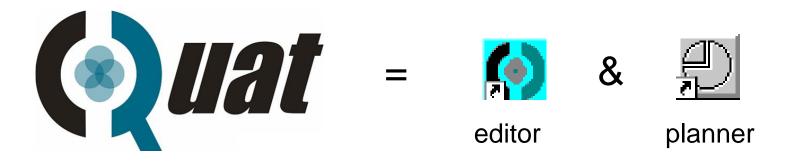


# Increasing electronic data collection by approach strategy

- Every business unit receives a letter only with a user number and password, i.e. no paper version is included
- With user number and password business unit can gain access to the questionnaire complete it and send it back
- Only later (2<sup>e</sup> or 3<sup>e</sup>) reminder letters include paper version of the questionnaire
- Always mention user number and password in letters

# Tools for making electronic questionnaires

Questionnaire Application Tool (QUAT)

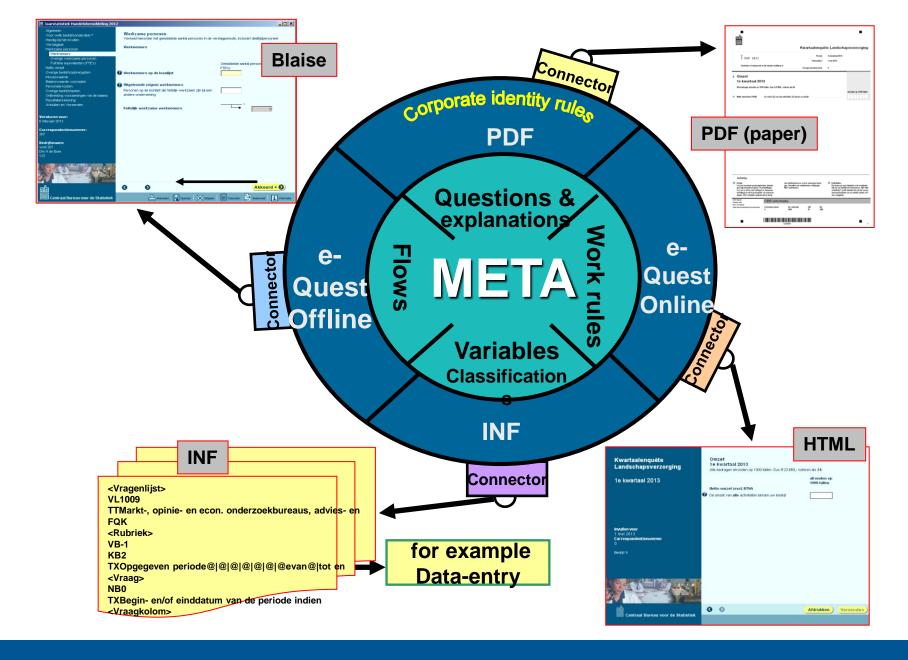


Bismenu

# **Purpose of QUAT Editor**



- Generic tool to make questionnaires and letters
- Make both electronic and paper version of questionnaire at the same time
- Uniform corporate identity concerning questionnaires and letters (one look-and-feel)
- Input coordination with regard to variables and classifications



# **Components of QUAT Editor**



- Questionnaires with variables, classifications, questions and explanations
- Advance and reminding letters (which can differ for each mode) and attachments
- Using flows and rules to calculate and verifying rules
- Using known data from available sources
- Design and construction at the same time because of preview possibilities

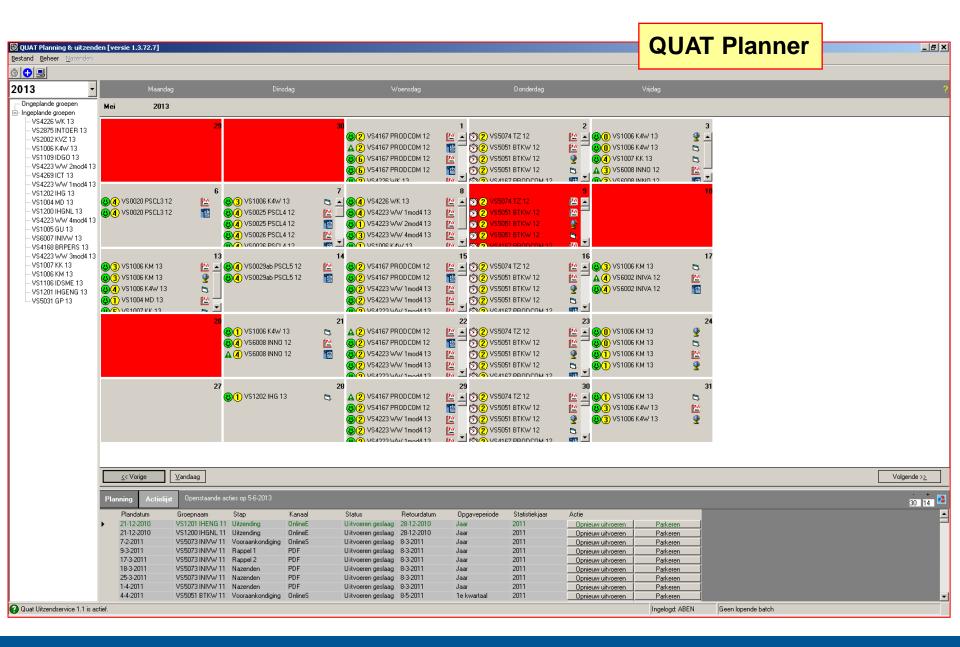


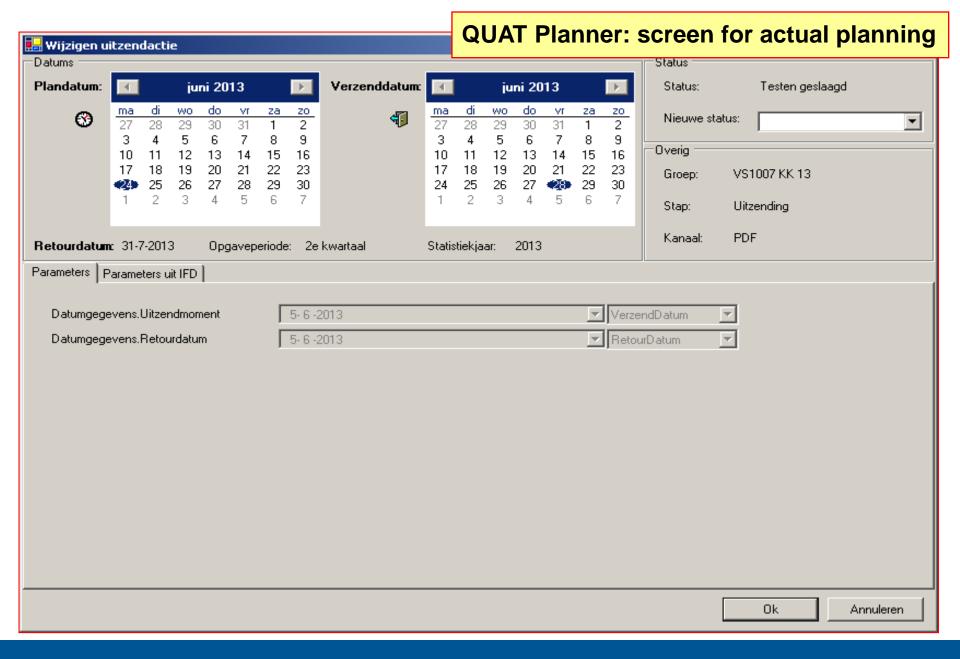
# **Purpose of QUAT Planner**

 Generic tool for sending out questionnaires, letters, emails made with the QUAT Editor

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per mode (Offline, Online, PDF ...),
per different action (preannouncements, sending out and
reminders) and
per chosen period (4-weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly)
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 All actions concerning one survey are planned at the start of a survey
 This results in questionnaires and letters per business unit (questionnaire and letter / e-mail with log on number and password are generated automatically)





# **CAWI** questionnaires with Bismenu

- With QUAT at the moment only offline, HTML and paper questionnaires
- For CAWI questionnaires Bismenu is developed
- On the basis of word and visio documents a Blaise-IS questionnaire is generated
- Questionnaires placed on the web
- CAWI questionnaires build with Bismenu are combined with letters and paper versions made in QUAT or by the printing department

# Remaining questions of Stats Canada

- Have you identified any bias resulting from EQ response vs. paper?
- Are the majority of your collection edits built into your EQ? If so, is there a substantial reduction in follow-up efforts?
- Have you varied survey content and text across the different collection modes?
- How do your infrastructure and processes vary by mode of collection?

# **Questions?**

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