### Population (universe)
Around 200,000 enterprises.

### Survey sampling frame
Own source of information: a yearly exhaustive data base (for industrial firms of 20 employees or more), stemming from the program called ESANE (Annual Business Statistics Programm), carried out by INSEE.

### Size of frame list
19,000 enterprises.

### Sampling method
The sample is stratified by number of employees and activity. The numbers of firms by stratum in sample are proportional to the turnovers of the strata. The enterprises with more than 500 employees or having a turnover higher than 150 millions euros are automatically included into the sample (exhaustive stratum).

### Sample size (number of contacts)
4,000 units.

### Weighted sample coverage
71% in terms of turnover.

### Sampling error
Sampling error = 2-3 points of balance

### Response rate
(response rates relating to provisional data, i.e. calculated at the end of the survey's current month):
- Non-weighted response rate: June 2016 (example of monthly questionnaire): 75%
  April 2016 (example of quarterly questionnaire): 77%
- Weighted response rate (by turnover): June 2016 (example of monthly questionnaire): 85%
  April 2016 (example of quarterly questionnaire): 83%

### Treatment of non-response
Constant sample method.

### Weighting scheme
We use a two-stage aggregation:
- The first aggregation level leads to results at strata level. This first aggregation level corresponds to the sectors (NACE level 3). Within this first stage, individual responses to qualitative questions are weighted using the response of the surveyed to a yearly quantitative question concerning either turnover or the number of employees or else another activity variable, depending on the question.
- At a second stage, strata average results are aggregated at less broken-up levels using weights computed from the French national accounts or INSEE annual business surveys.

### Periodicity
Monthly - (7 questions) and quarterly (9 questions).

### Remarks methodology
The first results relating to month m are provisional. Revised results are released at the end of month m+1. These definitive results take account of late responses arrived after the first release.