

After the peer review – steps towards enhancing the co-ordination role of HCSO in the national statistical system of Hungary

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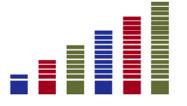
National background – starting grid

Act No. XLVI of 1993.

- Members of the official statistical service are listed by their names in the act without further criteria.
- HCSO may ask the bodies listed in the act for information about their statistical activities and the implementation of the national statistical data collection programme.
- HCSO's only significant tool of official statistics coordination was the compilation process of the national statistical data collection program and its iteration procedure through the National Statistical Council.



The co-ordination tools in the national statistical system belong to the circle of countries applying rather "soft" devices.

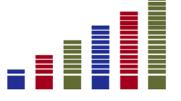




ESS CoP Peer Review recommendations

The national statistical system "would benefit from a stronger identity, created through greater coordination and integration of the statistical work of its constituent parts, under the guidance of the HCSO."







Our four fundamental development questions

- How do we define official statistics and by notion by notion by words who do we consider their producers?
- How, in what form shall we transform the abstract level of generally accepted quality criteria in statistics into practical expectations throughout our official statistical system?
- How can we enforce the application of the operationalised eligibility criteria in the in the national statistical system?
- What infrastructure (organisational changes and bodies) shall we establish to operate the enhanced level co-ordination activities in official statistics?



Planned solutions

Official statistics: a term in the new legal act and the circle producing these official statistic shall be defined by eligibility criteria.



Design a National Statistics Code of



New act on official statistics







Establish an assessment procedure based on the National Code of Practice to assess official statistics service members' eligibility

- a) Establish a regulatory function for the HCSO
- b) Establish a National Statistical Co-ordination Board for producer consultation





National Statistics Code of Practice

(draft)

PREAMBULUM

STRATEGIC AND LEADERSHIP FUNDAMENTS 1. Professional independence 2. Impartiality and objectivity 3. User orientation 4. Co-ordination SUITABLE ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITIES

5. Organisational capacities

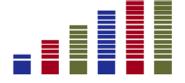
6. Efficient operation

DATA PRODUCTION AND SUPPORTING HORIZONTAL SUBJECT MATTER PROCESSES

- 7. Quality committment
- 8. Sound methodology
- 9. Data protection and confidentiality

STATISTICAL PRODUCTS

- 10. Relevance
- 11. Accuracy and reliability
- 12. Timeliness and punctuality
- 13. Coherence and comparability
- 14. Accessibility and clarity





Envisaged organisational changes

On system level

The National Statistical Co-ordination Board – the new scene for a strategic and operational level meeting point for the Official Statistical Service members, stronger co-ordination in:

- i. Planning
- ii. Methodology
- iii. Assessment of improvements and joint actions
- iv. Information distribution
- v. Capacity building on service level

On HCSO level

New section for co-ordination issues and developing the current tools; later further enlargement to integrate administration, work programme planning, audits, information distribution, monitoring of all activities in the system marked in the 223 regulation under the amended Article 5.



Thank you very much!

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