



Tools and Methods for National Coordination in the National Statistical System

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1. Concept of coordination in statistics ?

- **What is meant by coordination?**
- What are the borders of coordination in NSS?
- To answer these questions we should define:
- WHICH actors should be coordinated?
 - Who are Other National Authorities (ONA) producing statistics
- WHAT should be coordinated?
 - Statistical production processes, classifications used, standardised methods, quality of statistics, dissemination?
- **HOW** should be coordinated ?
 - What are the methods and tools in use for creating good coordination?
 - What is the form of coordination? Strong or soft?



2. Coordination in the national statistical system

- Finland's system of official statistics is neither fully decentralised, nor fully centralised, but something in between
- ONAs are government bodies producing statistics by law and/or producing statistics that are part of the Official Statistics of Finland
- NSS of Finland is a network in the field of statistics
- Activities are based on cooperation and joint operational objectives and principles
- Statistics Finland is the general statistical authority (NSI/NSO) and its statutory task is to develop the production of official statistics (OSF) and the national statistical services (NSS) in collaboration with other authorities
- Statistics Finland is the national ESS authority and thus in charge of coordination of production, dissemination and development of ESS statistics in Finland

Objective of the coordination of the national statistical service

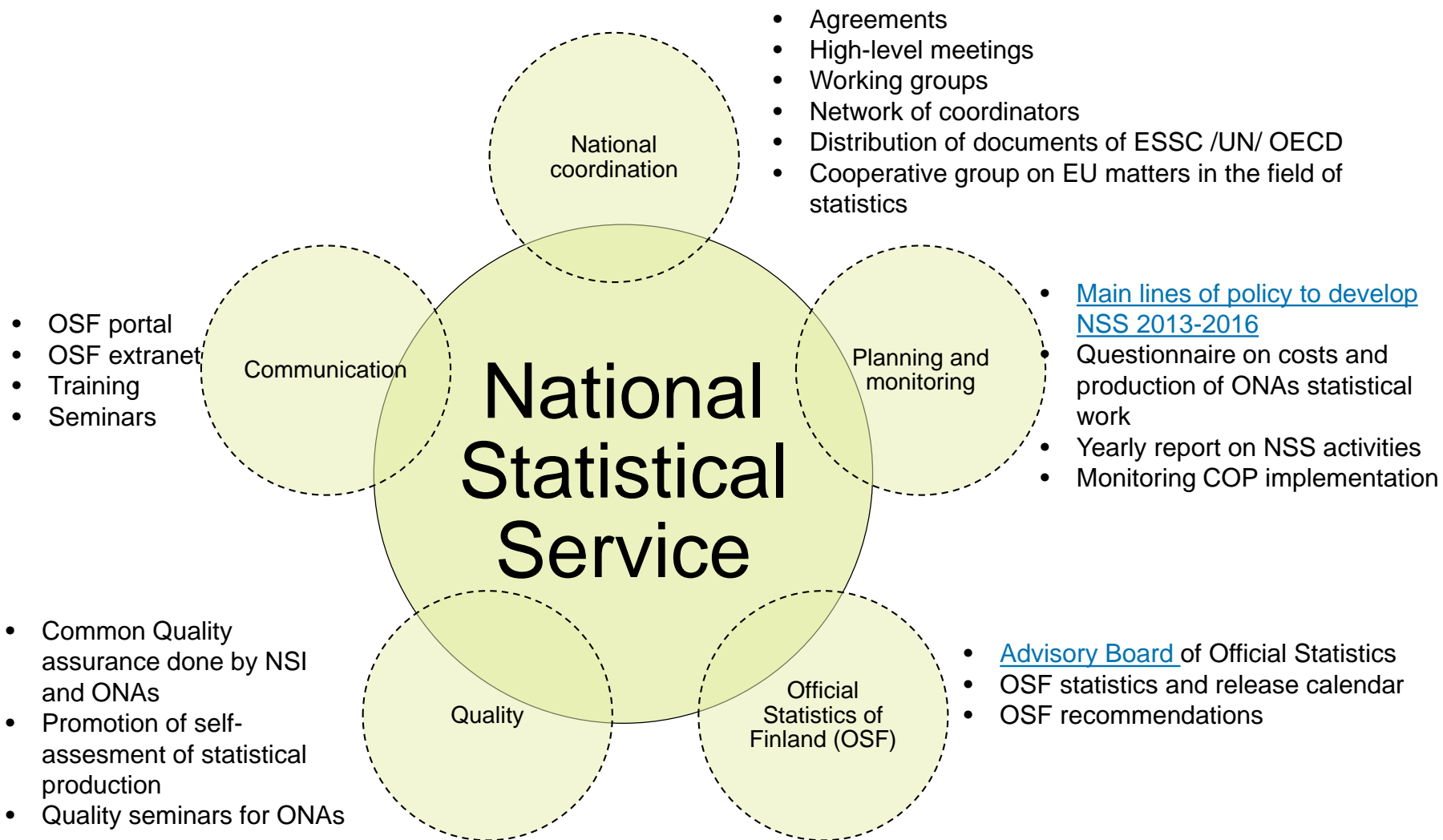
- The objective is to develop Finland's national statistical service as a whole that is
 - Uniform
 - Of good quality
 - Relevant
 - Easy to use for customers, and
 - Cost-efficient
- And also internationally known for its high-standard statistics, information services and expert services

Producers in NSS 2015

	name of organisation	OSF producer	ESS-producer	amount of statistics
Statistical authority	Statistics Finland	yes	yes	148
	National Board of Customs	yes	yes	6
	National Institute for Health and Welfare	yes	yes	43
	Natural Resources Institute Finland	yes	yes	43
Government agencies producing statistics	Finnish Meteorological Institute	yes	no	1
	Finnish Transport Agency	yes	yes	7
	Finnish Transport Safety Agency	yes	yes	4
	Finnish Environment Institute	yes	yes	5
	Finnish Institute for Occupational Health	no	no	4
	National land Survey of Finland	yes	no	1
	Finnish Immigration service	no	yes	5
	Ministry of Employment and the Economy	yes	yes	1
other producers of statistics by law	The Social Insurance Institution of Finland	yes	no	30
	Finnish Centre of Pensions	yes	no	7

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3. Tools and methods of coordination in the National Statistical Service



4. Development in coordination

- To standardize and harmonize agreements
- To implement ESS Quality Assurance Framework and new quality reports (ESQR)
- To implement the amendment of 223/2009
 - Discussion on the renewal of the Statistics Act is almost finalised; Should the coordination role be strengthened?
- Implementation of Peer review recommendations and actions:
 - OSF label in all OSF data collections
 - OSF annual statistical work programme and performance reports
 - NSI should conduct a risk assessment of administrative data
 - Intensify training of ONAs on quality items
- Discussion started on NSI guidelines for ONAs; some guidelines are welcomed by ONAs: ONAs independency should not be questioned