

Governance Structure of Turkish Statistical System within the Context of Coordination Mechanisms

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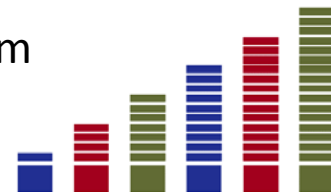
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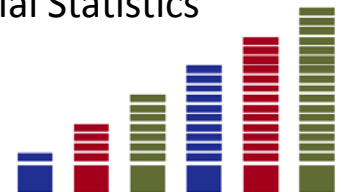
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Introduction

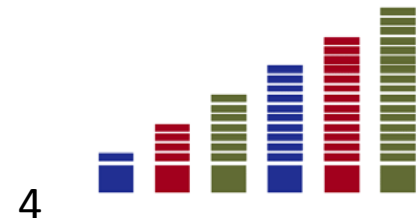
- NSIs are responsible not only for data production, but also conducting coordination studies within the NSSs.
- Coordination role is carried out through various tools and mechanisms.
- When the role is mandated in the statistical laws, the roles and authorities become stronger.
- European case: Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009 on European statistics (Article 5)
 - ✓ Regulates that the NSIs have the responsibility for the coordination of all activities at national level for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics
- Turkish case: Statistics Law of Turkey (Article 1)
 - ✓ One of the purposes of the Law is to ensure coordination among institutions and organisations involved in the statistical processes prescribed in the Official Statistics Programme by TurkStat.



Main Tools and Mechanisms

Mandate of the Statistical Laws on Coordination

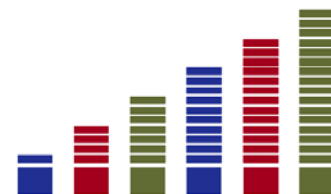
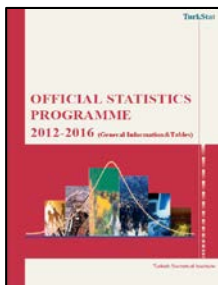
- Coordination role of TurkStat is explicitly regulated in the Statistics Law.
- Article 1 of the Law: One of the purposes of the Law is to ensure coordination among institutions and organisations involved in the statistical processes prescribed in the Official Statistics Programme (OSP).
- In addition, coordination role of TurkStat is recognised by all stakeholders within Turkish Statistical System (TSS).



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Official Statistics Programme

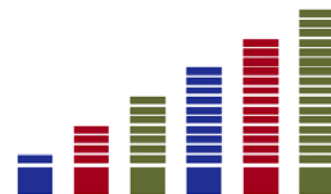
- A novelty of the Statistics Law of Turkey of 2005.
- A legal document adopted by the Council of Ministers and published in the Official Gazette.
- Drafted by TurkStat through the recommendations of the Statistical Council and the feedback of the OSP working groups.
- Covers all the producers of official statistics in Turkey along with the other details as the periodicity, timeliness, etc.
- The single most criterion for a statistics to be recognised as an official statistics in Turkey is to be incorporated in the OSP.
- Article 3 of the Law: OSP establishes the framework for official statistics to be produced on subjects required at national and international level.
- Current period: 2012-2016.



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The Statistical Council

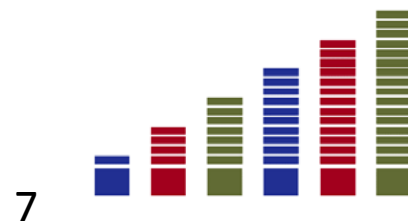
- Integral part of TurkStat and TSS.
- Article 19 of the Law: TurkStat is comprised of the Council and the Presidency.
- Composition: High level representatives of the various national ministries, public institutions, key users and other stakeholders (academia, business associations and NGOs).
- Meets at least once a year, having a total of 41 members.
- A good example of what is called as governance, since representatives from various sectors of public sphere are represented so as to have a voice to affect public decision-making process.



Main Tools and Mechanisms

Official Statistics Programme Working Groups

- Established by a dedicated directive.
- Facilitates coordination by means of meetings held throughout the year.
- All problems, challenges and opportunities are discussed and decisions are drafted for the adoption of the Statistical Council.
- Approximately 50 working groups comprising of TurkStat staff, producers, NGOs, academicians, and private sector representatives.
- Council is consisting of high level representatives, OSP working groups serve on expert level basis.



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Quality Evaluation Studies and Quality Logo

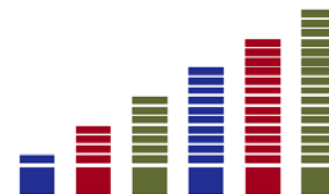
- A system of quality certification.
- Main purpose is to improve the quality of the official statistics produced by the ONAs within TSS.
- A standard questionnaire, including a number of issues related to quality.
- Voluntary basis.
- Quality logo is awarded by TurkStat if only the statistics is compliant with the quality standards, determined by TurkStat.



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National Data Release Calendar

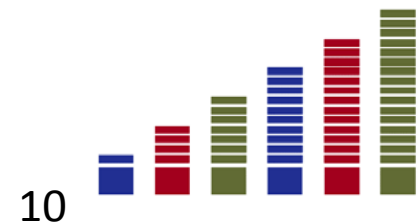
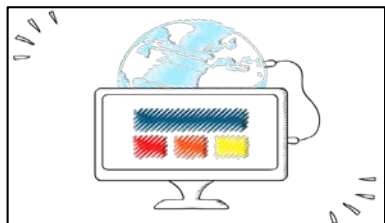
- An online tool prepared by TurkStat since 2007 in sound coordination with other institutions.
- Announced in December of each year for the forthcoming year; not only for statistics published by TurkStat, but also for the official statistics produced by ONAs.
- Indicates the name of the news release, release date, period and responsible institution.
- The primary objective is to provide the release of all official statistics in a more timely and effectively manner by all institutions within the scope of the OSP.
- Release dates are announced in advance, so that users and decision-makers could be informed timely by means of the Calendar.
- Two day criteria.



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Official Statistics Portal

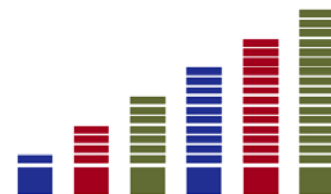
- Established to serve as a common portal for TSS as a whole.
- Detailed information regarding below are in place for all national and international users.
 - OSP and Statistical Council.
 - National Data Release Calendar.
 - Meetings, minutes and participants of the OSP working groups.
 - Key indicators of Turkish economic and social structure.
 - A link to the Classification Server.



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International Data Transmission System

- An innovative web-based application established by TurkStat with the inspiration of eDAMIS.
- In-service since the year 2015, going to be expanded to all public institutions by the year 2016.
- Monitor which data is sent to which organisation by which Turkish institution for which period.
- The main rationale is to follow up the data transmission of official statistics to international organisations such as the Eurostat, UN, OECD, EEA.
- The underlying reason to set up the International Data Transmission System has been the lack or inconsistency of Turkish data.

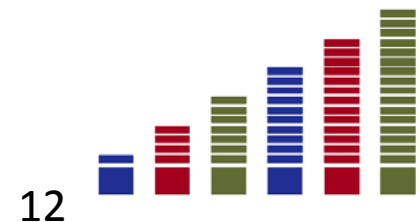
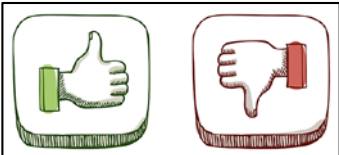


Main Findings of the Peer Reviews

Light Peer Review - 2011

Light Peer Review - May 24-27, 2011.

- According to the final report, TurkStat produces the large majority of Turkey's official statistics, and
- Statistics Law of Turkey establishes some important features of the wider co-ordination role; with regard to the Statistical Council, OSP, National Data Release Calendar, and the provision of support in relation to methods and quality.

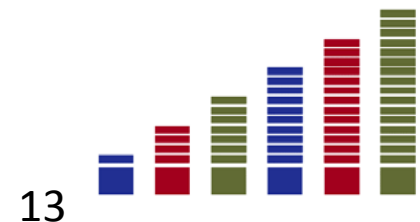
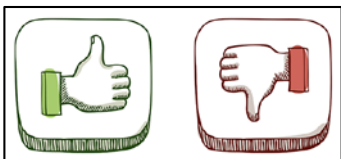


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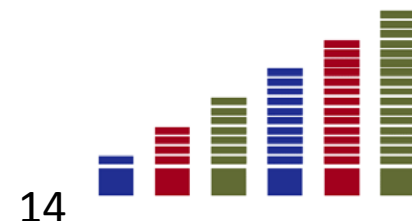
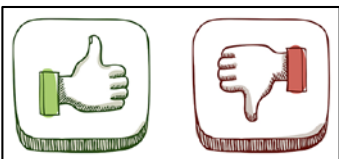
Improvement Actions

- Amendment of the Statistics Law in order to ensure better representation of the private sector and civil society in the Statistical Council (+).
- Publication of a strategy setting out how TurkStat would improve methodologies used by other producers of official statistics (+).
- Publication and implementation of a strategy to enhance consultation with all users in the preparation of the OSP and its yearly revisions (+).
- Inclusion of all official statistics in TurkStat web site at the time of publication in order to provide users with a one stop shop (+).
- Use of a labelling system to clearly indicate the statistical releases which are part of the OSP (+).



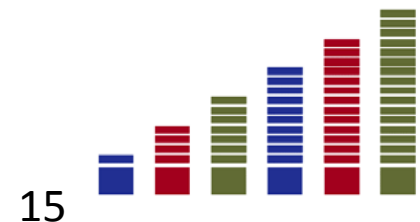
Peer Review - November 3-6, 2015 / Main Findings on Coordination

- Statistics Law of Turkey provides a comprehensive legal basis for the functioning of TurkStat, but also that of the Statistical Council and the overall implementation by all institutions of the OSP.
- Good Practices / Strengths
 - ✓ Statistics Law of Turkey
 - ✓ Official Statistics Programme
 - ✓ National Data Release Calendar
 - ✓ The Quality Logo
- The recommendations on coordination mainly focus on the role and functioning of the Statistical Council, as well as staffing and costs of the projects in the forthcoming OSP (2017-2021).



Conclusions

- Coordination is of crucial importance for NSSs.
- National statistical institutes, in this regard, conducts substantial studies to ensure better coordination within national statistical systems.
- The coordination role of the NSIs is carried out through various tools and mechanisms, and mostly endorsed by mandates in the statistical laws.
- Coordination studies in NSSs and the role of NSIs have gradually gained importance.
- Second round of peer reviews covers a dedicated questionnaire on the coordination role of the NSIs, separately from self-assessment questionnaires.



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