

Overview on the set-up of the institutional framework in the enlargement and ENP East countries

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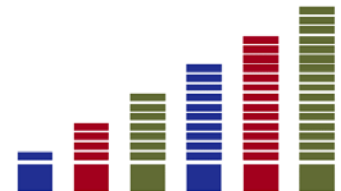
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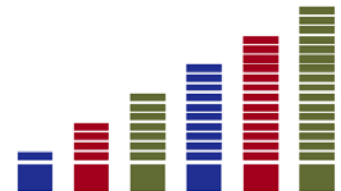
Elements of the institutional framework

- Laws on official (state) statistics
- Quality commitment
- Coordination of the National Statistical System
- Challenges



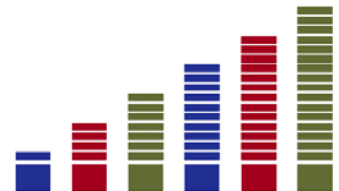
Laws on official (state) statistics

- Cover the entire NSS, but without defining and specifying other producers
- Mention main principles (transparency, relevance, impartiality, statistical confidentiality, quality)
- Principle of professional independence – mentioned in very few laws
- Regulate organisation of NSS and NSI as central body
- Mention Work programmes
- Include Statistical Council



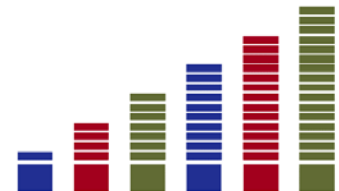
Quality commitment

- Clear understanding of the importance
- Regulated in some countries
- Commitment to the ESCoP and/or national codes
- Ad-hoc quality measurement
- No systematic and well established quality framework for NSIs and ONAs



Coordination of the NSS

- NSI as coordinator in the statistical law
- Producers of official statistics mentioned in the law and/or multi-annual/annual statistical work programmes (but mixed up with providers of data)
- Many efforts in practice:
 - Memoranda of understanding / agreements with ONAs and providers of data
 - Via the multi-annual/annual work programmes
 - Annual reports
 - Sector working groups
 - Methodology commission
 - Release calendars
 - Statistical council
 - Coordination department in the NSI



Challenges

- Proper definition of the NSS and identification of ONAs versus providers of data
 - Legal definition of NSI as coordinator of the NSS
 - Definition and guarantee of professional independence
 - Establishment of user councils
 - Establishment of quality management frameworks and regular / systematic quality assurance
 - Lack of resources for coordination
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- Help through the Generic Law on Official Statistics
 - Next round of peer reviews / global assessments with relevant recommendations

