

EU framework and country practices regarding the coordination of the National Statistical System

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Legal basis for coordination

- Regulation 223/2009 – law on European statistics (adopted in 2009, amended in 2015)
- Article 5 (2009) on national statistical institutes and other national authorities:
 - (1) The national statistical authority designated by each member state the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities at national level for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics shall act as contact point for Eurostat on statistical matters.

Legal basis for coordination

- Article 5 (2009) on national statistical institutes and other national authorities:

(2) Eurostat shall maintain and publish on its website a list of NSIs and other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics as designated by Member States

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/european-statistical-system/overview>

Legal basis for coordination

- Article 5 (2015) – newly drafted

(1) The national statistical authority designated by each member State as the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities at national level for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, which are determined in the European statistical programme shall act in this regard as the sole contact point for Eurostat on statistical matters.

Legal basis for coordination

- Article 5 (2015) – newly drafted
 - (1) The coordinating responsibility of the NSI shall cover all other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics....

The NSI shall be responsible for:

Coordinating statistical programming and reporting

Quality monitoring

Methodology

Data transmission

Legal basis for coordination

- Article 5(a) Heads of NSIs and statistical heads of other national authorities

Within their national statistical system, Member States shall ensure the professional independence of officials responsible for the tasks set out:.....

(f) Coordinate the statistical activities of all national authorities that are responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics

Legal basis for coordination

- Article 5(a) Heads of NSIs and statistical heads of other national authorities

Within their national statistical system, Member States shall ensure the professional independence of officials responsible for the tasks set out (cont):.....

(g) Produce national guidelines where this is necessary to ensure quality...within the NSS and monitor and review their implementation; while being responsible for ensuring compliance with them in the NSI

Other documents on coordination

- Decision on Eurostat, 17 September 2012

Art 6 (Tasks of Eurostat), point 4

Eurostat shall coordinate the development and production of other statistics,...it shall

- Optimise the use of existing information usable for statistical purposes
- Be informed about the scope and quality characteristics of other statistics
- Provide guidance, training and expert services

Other documents on coordination

- Revised (2017) European statistics Code of Practice
 - New principle 1bis Coordination and cooperation
NSIs and Eurostat ensure the coordination of all activities for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics at the level of the NSS and the ESS, respectively.
 - 3 Indicators on the right to coordinate and the need to fix it in legislation, national guidelines to ensure quality and monitoring of their implementation, cooperation with other bodies

Other documents on coordination

- Peer review reports for all EU Member States and EFTA countries
 - assessment of compliance with the Code of Practice
 - explicit assessment of coordination of the national statistical systems
 - many recommendations on coordination
- Generic law on official statistics for the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia countries
- Guidance document for statistical legislation (UNECE)

Criteria to define other producers of official statistics

Main criteria

- Exercise public authority based on national law
- Have formally been given the responsibility at national level for the production of a specific and identifiable part of European statistics (with a clear link to sector legislation, the European statistical programme, annual work programme, catalogue of statistical products)

Criteria to define other producers of official statistics (2)

Operational principles

- Exercise of public authority is enshrined in legislation or administrative act
- Should have clear responsibility for producing a specific part of official statistics
- Production should be a regular task, specified in constitutive act, statute, formalised agreement
- If production of statistics is the main task of a part of the institution, it should be clearly mentioned and it should be possible to identify the head of this part/entity

Criteria to define other producers of official statistics (3)

Operational principles

- Should compile data collected from relevant sources
- Should provide publishable output (no need for further processing by NSI)
- Can publish by itself or via the NSI
- Transmits data to Eurostat or international organisations

Coordination mechanisms applied in EU Member States

Legal basis – statistical law/act

Dedicated coordination unit in the NSI (with resources)

Statistical work programmes

Producer council/committee

Formal agreements

Methodology

Expert groups

Common classifications

Common quality framework, Quality guidelines

Quality labelling / certification

Coordination mechanisms applied in EU Member States(2)

Common dissemination practice

Common release calendar

Corporate culture



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