Peer reviews in the European Statistical System - insights into the mechanism used in the past and in the future

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Overview

- Characteristics of the 1st round of ESS peer reviews 2006-2008

- Characteristics of the 2nd round of ESS peer reviews 2013-2015

- Characteristics of the 3rd round of ESS peer reviews

- Lessons learnt + tips

Characteristics of the 1st round of peer reviews 2006-2008

- Use of 3 experts internal to the ESS (MS and Eurostat)

- Peer review approach

- Benchmark: ESCoP (2005 version)

- Review of principles 1-6 and 15 (institutional elements)

- Based on self-assessment questionnaire

- Report along the principles – common between experts and NSIs

- Improvement actions developed together by experts and NSIs

- Report and IA published on Eurostat and NSI websites

Characteristics of the 2nd round of peer reviews 2013-2015

- Use of 3 experts mostly external to the ESS

- Audit-like approach

- Benchmark: ESCoP (2011 version)

- Review of all principles

- Based on self-assessment questionnaires NSI, ONAs, coordination and integration

- Report along issues – ownership by experts, includes NSI diverging views

- Improvement actions developed by NSIs

- Report and IA published on Eurostat and NSI websites

Characteristics of the 3rd round of peer reviews 2021-2023

- Use of 4 experts – mix of internal/ external to the ESS

- Combination peer review / audit-like approach

- Benchmark: ESCoP (2017 version) and ESS QAF

- Review of all principles

- Based on self-assessment questionnaires NSI, ONAs

- Report along issues – ownership by experts, includes NSI diverging views

- Improvement actions developed by NSIs

- Report and IA published on Eurostat and NSI websites

Lessons learnt and tips

- Need for a benchmark – against what to assess (general = CoP versus specific QAF)

- Well described methodology, detailed guides for experts and NSIs

- Common development of the methodology – ownership by ESS

- Need for governance structures: Estat TFPRQ→ESS TF PR→ESSC, national coordinators

- Standardization via documents, guides, templates, additional checks + Harmonization

- Reports and recommendations

- Improvement actions and follow-up

You can find **more information** at the

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