



Draft Agenda

High-Level Seminar for South-East Europe, Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and Mediterranean Countries on

Global assessments and peer reviews – follow-up and next steps

25-27 June 2013, Alushta, Ukraine
Radisson Resort & Spa

25 June 2013: Day 1

09:30–10:00 Registration of participants

10:00-10:30 Welcome and opening session

Welcoming notes and opening by EFTA, Eurostat, UNECE

Welcoming notes by the State Statistics Service of Ukraine

10:30-13:00 Session 1

The process of adapted global assessments (AGA) and light peer reviews (LPR)

Chairperson: EFTA

Speakers:

UNECE and Eurostat– Description of the AGA/LPR processes: procedures, benefits and results

Günter Kopsch – Key findings from the AGA/LPR reports along the principles 1-6 and 15 of the European Code of Practice and by broad statistical area

Montenegro – AGA and LPR: differences, commonalities and a summary of the results

Russia – Main results from the OECD assessment

Coffee break in between

13:00-14:30 Lunch buffet

14:30-18:00 Session 2

Presentation of results and good practices as identified in AGA/LPR

Chairperson: Eurostat

Speakers:

Tajikistan – Main results from AGA

Georgia – Main results from AGA

Good practice examples from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, FYROM, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Turkey

Discussion and exchange of good practices

Coffee break in between

19:00–20:30 Welcome Cocktail

26 June 2013: Day 2

09:00-13:00 Session 3

Implementation of improvement recommendations related to the institutional environment

Chairperson: EFTA

Speakers:

Günter Kopsch – Overview on improvement recommendations regarding the institutional environment

Heinrich Brüngger – Horizontal change processes

09:45-11:15 Group Discussions – 5 groups

Topics:

1. Professional independence, impartiality, objectivity and confidentiality (legal setting and practice)

2. Human resource management & training and the organisational structure of the national statistical office including the regional offices

3. Coordination and delineation of the national statistical system including statistical work programmes and classifications I

4. Coordination and delineation of the national statistical system including statistical work programmes and classifications II

5. AGA/LPR in the ENP South countries

- 11:15-11.30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30-13:00** **Plenary on the results of the group discussions and conclusions**
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch buffet**
- 14:00-18:00** **Session 4**
- Implementation of improvement recommendations related to the quality of processes and outputs**
- Chairperson: UNECE**
- Speakers:**
- Günter Kopsch – Overview on improvement recommendations regarding the quality of processes and outputs*
- Jan Byfuglien – Change in production processes and output*
- 14:45-16:15** **Group Discussions – 5 groups**
- Topics:**
- 1. Data collection, data sources, administrative data sources, registers including sampling and survey methodology*
- 2. Data dissemination and communication*
- 3. Quality management and data processing*
- 4. Efficiency of data production including reduction of response burden, resource management, electronic reporting, cross-cutting issues*
- 5. AGA/LPR in the ENP South countries*
- 16:15-16.30** **Coffee break**
- 16:30-18:00** **Plenary on the results of the group discussions and conclusions**
- 20:00** **SSSU Official dinner**

09:00-12:00 Session 5

The way forward

Chairperson: Eurostat

Speakers:

Tour de table with all countries – Ideas for the future on how to follow up on the LPR/AGA, how to address the recommendations, how to take the treatment of common weaknesses forward in cooperation strategies and, how to integrate the recommendations into National Statistics Development Strategy/Master plans and how to take a possible new round of AGA/LPR forward.

Eurostat – Formal process/procedures for following-up the implementation of improvement recommendations

World Bank – Follow-up from the AGA reports for the Central Asia countries

Mongolia – Linkage between AGA and National Statistics Development Strategy

UN-ESCAP – Assessment tool in the ESCAP region

Kazakhstan – Expectations for the second round of AGA

UNECE – Towards the next round of AGA/LPR

Discussion

Coffee break in between

12:00-14:00 Lunch buffet

14:00-15:00 Concluding Session

Chairperson: SSSU

Conclusions on the seminar and the way forward

15:00 Excursion followed by EFTA dinner