Global Assessment: Experience from Geostat

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Overview

1. Implementation of AGA recommendations

2. Impact of the AGA on the statistical production

3. General conclusions

Geostat: Background

- Legal entity of public law since 2010: independent non-government institution accountable to the Parliament and the President

- Geostat managed by the 8-Member Management Board (5 Non-government and 3 Government members), the Board is chaired by the Executive Director

- Approx. 150 permanent staff, including approx. 50 permanent staff in 8 regional offices. 400+ interviewers and non-permanent staff

1. Addressing AGA Recommendations

o 2 AGA Missions conducted in Q4 2012

o Various recommendations can be grouped as follows:

➤ Legal and institutional environment

➤ Human resources

➤ IT and logistics

➤ Methodology, registers, classifications

➤ Data dissemination

➤ Communication with users, confidence in statistical products

1a. Legal and Institutional Environment, Human Resources, IT and Logistics

o **Main issues:**

- ➢ Selection and functioning of the 8-Member Geostat Management Board

- ➢ Non-mandatory nature of statistical business surveys

- ➢ Insufficient number of staff, relatively low remuneration vs. other government institutions

- ➢ Online surveys and the role of regional offices

- ➢ IT development, standardizing of IT programs

o **Addressing the issues (ordered):**

- ➢ IT development, increasing the role of regional offices (bullets 4, 5)

- ➢ Amendments to the Law under preparation (bullets 1, 2)

- ➢ Working with the government (bullet 3)

1b. Methodology, Registers, Classifications

o   Main issues:

- ➤   Methodological recommendations in all areas of statistical production
- ➤   Quality Assessment framework
- ➤   Introduction of classifications, strengthening of relevant staff
- ➤   Improvement of Registers
- ➤   Census

o   Addressing the issues (ordered):

- ➤   Implementation of recommendations in process, with support of international partners (bullets 1, 3, 4)
- ➤   Census preparations under way (bullet 5)
- ➤   Quality assessment work started (bullet 2)

1c. Data Dissemination, Dialogue with Users, Public Trust

- Specific recommendations for improving data dissemination

  - Implementation of data dissemination systems (PC Axis, NADA, Android application)

  - Fixed time (11:00) for data dissemination

- More active dialogue with users

  - Meetings with different types of users (business associations, government, international organizations)

  - Use of social media (e.g., Facebook)

2. AGA Impact

Along with provision of recommendations and international best practices:

- Feedback on the current situation;
- Enhancing relations with international partners;
- Improving coordination with other government agencies.
- ➢ Example: AGA experts' support in obtaining administrative data on migration

3. Conclusions

- Very useful dialogue with the AGA team in every important area of statistical production;

- Clear statement that the statistical system is a much more complex organism than just a NSO.

Thus, a question in the end:

- Recommendations provided by statisticians to statisticians are usually found sensible and constructive. However, is it a closed circle? How can a statistical evaluation process help to engage the Government as an active member in the dialogue?

Global Assessment Process

Thank you for your attention!