



# **Overview on improvement recommendations - institutional environment**

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# Institutional environment

- Professional Independence
- Impartiality and Objectivity
- Organisational structure of the NSI
- Management of human resources and training
- Statistical confidentiality
- Coordination and delineation of the NSS

# Professional Independence

- Amending the statistical law with a complete definition of the principle
- Strengthening the position of the head of NSI in particular with a fixed term mandate
- Developing and publishing guidelines for reacting in case of misinterpretation and misuse
- Improving public image of statistical institutions
- Establishing more formalised structures to involve all user groups in planning process

# Impartiality and Objectivity

- Describing and publishing procedures used in case of errors in published data
- Describing and publishing procedures if revision of advance release calendar is needed
- Describing procedure for preparing press releases
- Developing a policy how to deal with pre-releases

# Organisational structure of the NSI

- Simplifying the regional structure of the NSS
- Reducing the number of regional offices; considering reallocation of staff from regional offices to head-quarters
- Altering the NSI's organisational structure, together with a re-allocation of staff
- Considering full integration of MCC activities into NSI

# Management of human resources and training

- Developing a strategy on how to achieve more financial independence in the long term
- Developing and implementing a Human Resource Management and regular training programme
- Implementing staff satisfaction survey
- Upgrading ICT

# Statistical Confidentiality

- Removing exceptions from confidentiality principle
- Stipulating that identifiers be removed from files and questionnaires be destroyed if superfluous
- Developing and publishing instructions for staff how to deal with micro-data in all processes
- Signing confidentiality commitments by all staff
- Developing and publishing instructions how to grant access to micro-data to researchers

# Coordination and delineation of the National Statistical System (NSS)

- Determining definition of "official statistics" and clarifying which other authorities belong to NSS
- Operating in full respect of statistical principles
- Creating independent units for statistics
- Concluding memoranda of understanding with all other producers of official statistics
- Implementing more formalised coordination and strengthening NSI's role as coordinator
- Improving functioning of the Statistical Council