



# Generic Law on Official Statistics

under the UNDA 9<sup>th</sup> tranche for EECCA countries

Workshop on strengthening statistical and institutional capacities in the context of SDGs, Implementation of recommendations from Global Assessments

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# Generic Law on Official Statistics

- Developed under the UN Development Account 9th tranche project for the EECCA countries
- Takes into account the environment of the countries based on the findings of Global Assessments
- 1. Provides a strong reference for developing
  - Solid legal basis for the functioning of the National Statistical System (NSS)
  - Production of high quality official statistics
- 2. Supports modernization of NSS

# **An authoritative reference for**

## **Strong professional independence**

- Backstopping for independently produced statistics
- Integrity of the Chief Statistician (Head of NSO)

## **Collaborative National Statistical System (NSS)**

- Clear borders of the NSS
- Close coordination of statistical activities

## **Mandate for data collection and editing**

- Data provision compulsory for administrative data provides and in business surveys free of charge
- Strict protection of data confidentiality

# **An enabler of modernization**

## **Label of official statistics and quality**

- Criteria for official statistics
- Regular consultations with users, respondents and the academia
- Transparency

## **Reuse of data**

- More data exchange within the NSS
- Statistical services
- Microdata for scientific research purposes

# General Goals

- Fully in line with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the European Statistics Code of Practice
- Aims to enhance public trust and promote the use of official statistics
- Provides a model and key reference when amending national statistical legislation
  - Needs to be adjusted to each country's legislative environment
  - Encourages adoption of new forward looking practices

# Milestones

- UNDA 9th tranche project launched in Almaty **12/2014**
- UNECE and EFTA set up an editorial board with Eurostat
  - Armenia and Ukraine provided experts from EECCA countries
- First consultation with Heads of EECCA countries **5/2015**
- Discussed at
  - The Eurostat High Level Seminar for the EECCA countries on 'Quality in Statistics in Riga **6/2015**
  - 10th SPECA Project Working Group meeting in Bishkek **12/2015**
- Second consultation with EECCA countries **1/2016**

## CES Bureau 2/2016

1. Decided that GLOS be presented to the CES for endorsement as a recommendation
  - It is not a legal tool, but an example of best practice and guidance on statistical legislation
  - It is a reference tool when amending statistical legislation
2. All CES countries would benefit from having common elements and guidance on statistical legislation
  - Task Force on common elements of statistical legislation

All this guidance needs to be adapted to the national legislative framework

# CES plenary 29 April 2016

- Will be invited
  - to endorse the GLOS and its explanatory notes as a recommendation for EECCA region
  - to express views on the need for further work on common elements of statistical legislation for all CES countries



## Questions for discussion

- What are your views ahead of the CES plenary session?
- What is the current situation in your country?  
Is there a need to compare your statistical law to the GLOS or make changes in the law?