

INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS OF ALBANIA

The role of coordination in quality work
implementation

Legal base

- ▶ Article 7, point 1 of the Law no. 9180, dated 05.02.2004 “On official statistics”, amended
INSTAT is the main producer of official statistics in Republic of Albania and the responsible institution for coordination of National Statistics System functioning

- ▶ Regulation (EC) 223/2009, Article 5 (1);
The national statistical authority designated by each Member State as the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities at national level for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics (the NSI) shall act as the contact point for the Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters. The Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the application of this provision.

- ▶ European Statistics Code of Practice, Principle 4 “Commitment to quality”
 - 4.1 *Quality policy is defined and made available to the public. An organizational structure and tools are in place to deal with quality management*
 - 4.2 *Procedures are in place to plan and monitor the quality of the statistical production process;*
 - 4.3 *Product quality is regularly monitored, assessed with regard to possible trade-offs, and reported according to the quality criteria for European Statistics;*
 - 4.4 *There is a regular and thorough review of the key statistical outputs using also external experts where appropriate*

The coordinating activity includes

- ▶ Collaboration with statistical agencies to design and implement the Programme;
- ▶ Ensuring the uniformity of methodology used during the implementation of statistical surveys;
- ▶ Providing the technical support in order to have a concordance between statistical activities and international standards;
- ▶ **Controlling the implementation of statistical quality according to principles mentioned in the Article 4/1 of this law;**
- ▶ Participating in process designing the electronic information of national statistics systems;
- ▶ Representation of National Statistics System in European Statistics System and international organizations and to maintain relations with NSI's of other countries.

Current situation

- ▶ Quality dimensions which are of relevance for the statistical production are stipulated in the Law on official statistics (Article 4/1);
- ▶ INSTAT currently devolves responsibility for statistical quality to each individual line department within the organisation.
- ▶ On the INSTAT website, conceptual and methodological information is available for each statistical theme, helping the users to understand and assess the quality of the statistics.
- ▶ It is the responsibility of INSTAT to establish and apply quality monitoring and assuring procedures for the statistical processes conducted by all statistical agencies of the Albanian NSS.

Weaknesses

- ▶ Signal to the users and the general public how high the relevance of quality management for INSTAT is;
- ▶ Standardize the tools and procedures of quality management that are used in INSTAT.

Improvement actions

- ▶ A centralized statistical quality unit to be established by INSTAT;
 - to deal with the coordination and management of cross-cutting issues;
 - to give rise to coherent improvements to statistical products and statistical processes (quality guidelines, standardizing metadata reports, user satisfaction surveys)
- ▶ The quality unit shall be supported by a cross-organizational committee, composed by senior experts from INSTAT, and Statistical Advisory Board
- ▶ Implementing training courses on quality policy
- ▶ Establishing and applying quality monitoring procedures for the statistical processes
- ▶ Providing uniformly designed metadata reports, e.g., using ESMS format. The report will be a good tool to monitor statistical production procedures and standards.
- ▶ Creating an user friendly website for media and researchers

Thanks for your attention!!