

Case study for Road Map on Statistics for SDGs 2.0***Iceland: Implementation of Icelandic National Reporting Platform***

Description	<p>In October 2019 Statistics Iceland opened a National Reporting Platform (NRP) for dissemination of SDG statistics. The Icelandic NRP is based on the Open SDG reporting platform which was selected as it met all the requirements Statistics Iceland set out for a SDG dissemination platform: it is an open source platform, it is easy to deploy and adapt to national circumstances, it is very intuitive for users and it presents metadata in a transparent manner.</p> <p>Deployment of the NRP took about 4 months, with the most time-consuming parts associated with hosting of the NRP on Statistics Iceland servers and translation to Icelandic. The experience of the NRP has been very positive so far, it has improved the dissemination of SDG statistics and reached audiences which might not have accessed the information through published reports and other traditional means of publishing statistics. The NRP has improved the project management of the SDG implementation in Iceland in general as it ensures that the most recent data are available at each given time. The NRP has also improved coordination with data producers outside of the National Statistical Office, as it improves the visibility of data from individual producers. A key benefit of the platform is the presentation of metadata and the transparency of data sources as well as any updates and changes made to the platform.</p>
Advantages	<p>The NRP has proved to be a great project management tool for both the statistical coordination and dissemination specifically as well as for the SDG implementation in Iceland in general. It has improved access to and interest in SDG statistics and has furthermore proven to be an important tool in the coordination with data producers.</p>
Challenges	<p>The main difficulties encountered in the development of the NRP are associated with hosting the platform on Statistics Iceland servers and the translation of the platform into Icelandic. In hindsight it would have proven easier to host the NRP on GitHub.</p>
Future steps	<p>Future work on the NRP includes implementing national and potentially regional indicators, improving the disaggregation of the data as well as adding links and documentation of related SDG information from Iceland and abroad.</p>
More information	<p>https://visar.hagstofa.is/heimsmarkmidin/</p>