Shaping a National Statistical System

Stewarding the Sustainable Development Indicators and shaping a National Statistical System

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Problem identification

What ‘burden’?

- Increase in demand for new statistical products
- No National Statistical System
- Lack of public knowledge of ‘official statistics’
- NSO compliance to users’ demands
The burden cycle

1. No NSS
2. Pressure on the NSO
3. Statistical output
4. Increase in burden
5. Compliance by NSO
Decentralisation of the production of official statistics to address specific thematic issues.

Centralisation of the national statistical processes and the management of the national data ecosystem;

Strengthening communication and coordination.
Finding the right tool

...what to use?

- Politically interesting
- Broad involvement
- Streamlined in national strategies
- Public appeal
- Flexibility
European Commission Priorities

European Green Deal

Economy that works for people

Europe fit for the digital age

European way of life

Stronger Europe in the world

European Democracy

Source: European Commission
Walking the talk

...the work

Research

• Data on Malta, published on the UN SDG database and on other international platforms
• SDI Focal points
• Identify existing data sources and statistics that address the SDG targets

Communication

• Knowledge of the SDI processes
• Published statistics on Malta
Statistical information on the 2030 agenda in Malta

Key messages:

• The quality of the data used for the SDIs depends on the underlying statistical process

• The importance of strengthening quality assurance mechanisms

• The importance of coordinating statistical activities
The communication process

- Discussed NSO’s research and the publication in the Ministerial SDG Focal Points
- Highlighted the main issues: coordination in data-transmissions, and a quality assurance mechanism
- Proposed the establishment of a National Expert Group on Sustainable Development Indicators (with political backing).

Presented NSO’s findings and proposals to Government’s Cabinet
National Expert Group on the SDIs

• Discuss with national entities the collection of data, data transmissions, and the production of statistics used for the SDGs
• Good quality statistics for ‘official statistics’
• Identify data gaps
• Identify synergies between the SDIs and European/International statistical obligations
• Create a national indicator framework most relevant to Malta
• Make recommendations to the SDG Focal Points
• Annually report to Cabinet on the work of the National Expert Group
Stewarding the process

Technical reports

• The data sources used and methodologies applied by custodian agencies
• Availability of data for Malta
• Assessment of possible proxies using existing data
• Relevant information from custodian agencies
• Suggestions on the way forward
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