

Shaping a National Statistical System

Stewarding the Sustainable Development Indicators and
shaping a National Statistical System

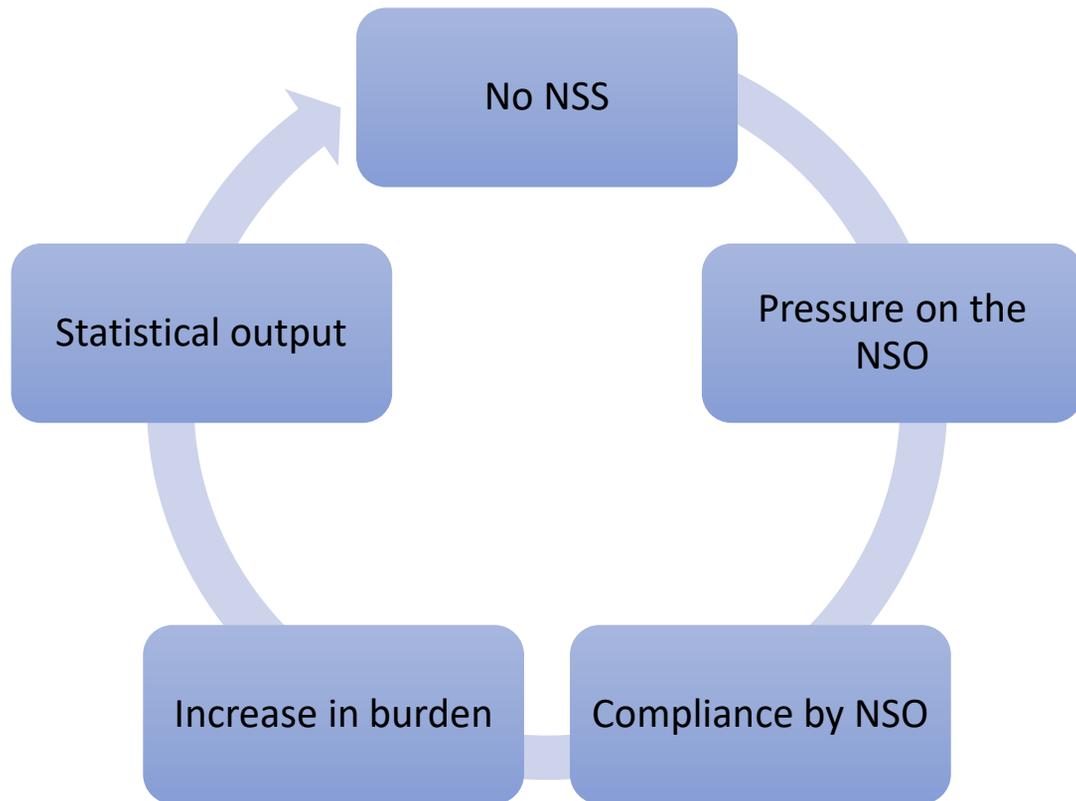
Problem identification

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



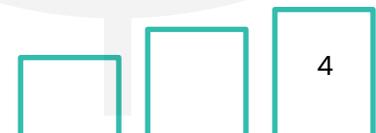
The burden cycle



Ideal scenario

NSO's goal

- 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

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

The logo for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), featuring the words "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "GOALS" is replaced by a circular icon composed of 17 colored segments, representing the 17 goals.



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

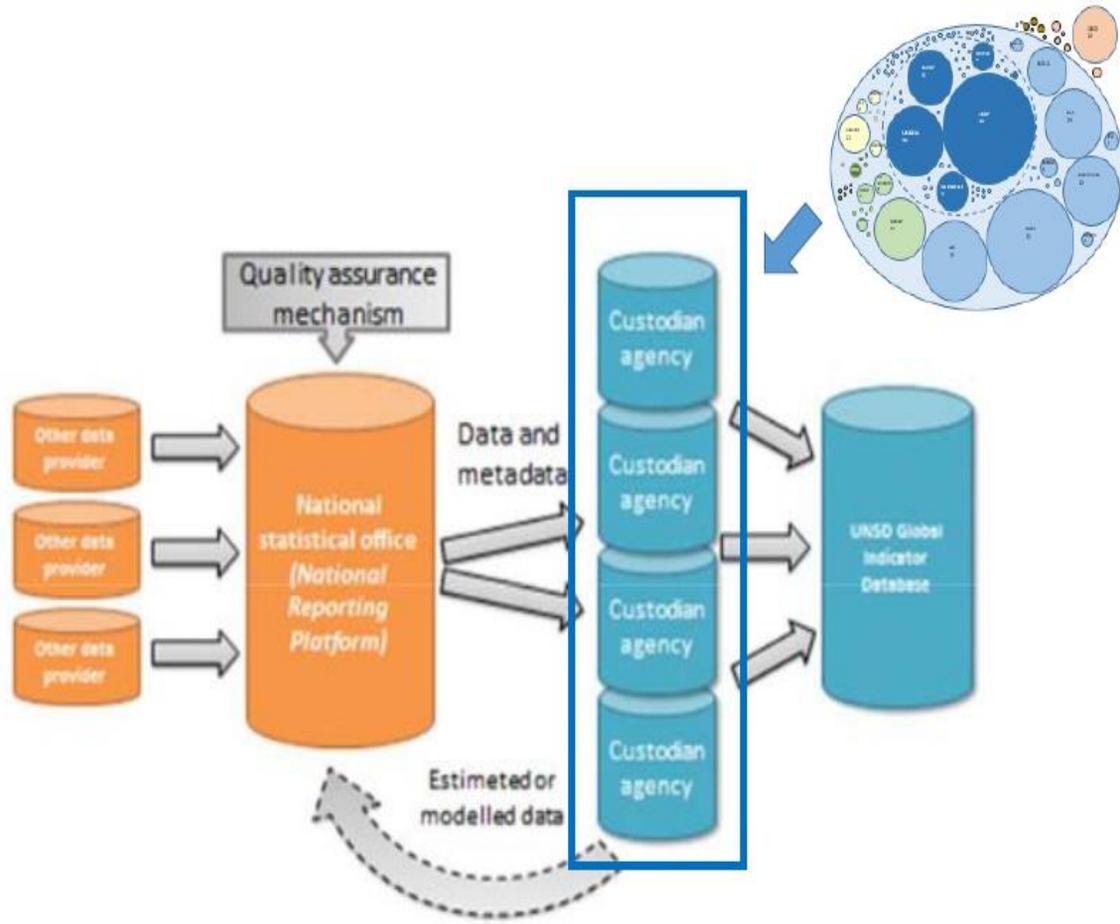
Technical reports

- 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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Thank you for your attention



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