UNECE/EFTA Workshop on Modernizing Statistical Legislation

Tirana, Albania, 29-30 May 2024

DRAFT PROGRAMME

*The UNECE/EFTA Workshop on Modernizing Statistical Legislation will take place at the **Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana, Conference Room Jeronim De Rada (23rd floor).** English-Russian interpretation will be available throughout the meeting. The meeting website with registration link and all other information can be found at the* [meeting web page.](#)

Time	Item
Wednesday, 29 May 2024	
Opening of the Workshop **Chair: Nicola Shearman, United Kingdom Statistics Authority**	
09:00 - 09:25	Welcome and opening of the meeting by Elsa Dhuli (INSTAT), Marius Andersen (EFTA), Taeke Gjaltema (UNECE) and Nicola Shearman (United Kingdom Statistics Authority, Chair of the UNECE Steering Group on Statistical Legislation)
09:25 - 09:30	Adoption of the agenda and practical information
Session 1: New developments in national statistical legislation **Chair: Yolanda Gomez, INE Spain**	
09:30 - 09:40	Session introduction
09:40 - 10:25	Presentations followed by Q&A: • Advanced developments in statistical legislation (Liliia Hinchuk and Olena Motuzka, State Statistics Service of Ukraine) • New developments in the Georgian statistical legislation (Paata Shavishvili and Nino Dzidziguri, GEOSTAT) • New concept of statistical legislation in the Republic of North Macedonia (Slobodan Malevski, State Statistical Office of North Macedonia) – **WP.1**
10:25 - 10:45	**Coffee break**
10:45 - 11:30	Presentations followed by Q&A: • Social acceptability and the role of statistical laws in society (Ivana Radulovic and Bojana Radojevic, Monstat) • Social acceptability and the role of statistical laws in society (Elnura Abeldieva and Aliia Sakenovna Tekinova, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic) • Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and their equivalents in the Turkish Statistical System (Emre Hüsnü Üstündağ and Berna Başaran, Turkish Statistical Institute) – **WP.2**

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	• Implementation of the principle of confidentiality in Armstat (Stepan Mnatsakanyan and Anahit Safyan, Armstat)
11:30 - 12:30	Discussion led by the discussant (Gabriel Gamez, United Nations Statistics Division)
12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch break**
Session 2: Legal challenges in official statistics – data access, sharing, privacy and technology **Chair: Richard Ragnarson, Statistics Norway**	
14:00 - 14:10	Session introduction
14:10 - 14:50	Presentation followed by discussion: • The revision of the framework regulation on European statistics (Dagmara Koska and Peter Struijs, Eurostat)
14:50 - 15:15	Presentation followed by discussion: • Updating the legal framework for statistical production in Colombia: Lessons learnt, legislative discussions and institutional challenges (Marcela Escandon, DANE Colombia)
15:15 - 15:35	**Coffee break**
15:35 - 17:00	Presentations followed by discussion: • Emerging legal issues around AI, synthetic data, machine learning (Intizar Aliyeva and Vusal Ismayilov, Azerbaijan) – **WP.3** • Legal and technical issues of sharing confidential microdata for statistical purposes – challenges and opportunities (Julien Dupont, OECD)
19:00	**Cocktail at the Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana offered by INSTAT**

Thursday, 30 May 2024
Session 3: Statistical legislation in the expanding legal data ecosystems **Chair: Barbara Jarosinska, Statistics Poland**

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09:00 - 09:10	Session introduction
3A: Links between statistical legal acts and other legislation	
09:10 - 10:30	Presentations followed by Q&A: • How to find the way in the legislative maze? New legislative developments which may influence the scope of GLOS (Barbara Jarosińska, Statistics Poland) • The statistical framework amid the wave of the EU data ecosystem regulation: the way forward (Aikaterini Katsouraki, ELSTAT) – **WP.4** • Common European Data Spaces and Official Statistics (Barteld Braaksma, Statistics Netherlands) • Codes of Practice: what role do they play in the statistical legislative landscape? (Steph Turner, United Kingdom Statistics Authority)
10:30 - 10:50	**Coffee break**
3B: Data governance frameworks – official statistics perspective	
10:50 - 11:45	Presentations followed by Q&A: • Building a comprehensive data governance framework: a strategic initiative by the Turkish Statistical System (Bilal Kurban, Turkish Statistical Institute) – **WP.5**

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	• Data quality management – latest developments in statistical legislation (Armanbek Tleubayev and Nursultan Sharipov, Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan) – **WP.6** • Data governance: A conceptual framework & national profiles (Rikke Munk Hansen, ESCAP) – paper available **here**
11:45 - 12:30	Panel discussion
12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch break**
Session 4: Legal issues from other groups and any emerging issues **Chair: Nicola Shearman, United Kingdom Statistics Authority**	
14:00 - 14:10	Session introduction
14:10 - 15:00	Presentations followed by discussion: • Outputs of the HLG-MOS Capabilities and Communication Modernisation Group relevant for legislative experts (Anna Borowska, Statistics Poland) • Is census legislation a helpful tool to protect a census against attempts to politicize it, or does the requirement for a renewed census law get in the way? (Fiona Willis-Nunez and Taeke Gjaltema, UNECE)
15:00 - 16:00	Panel discussion
16:00 - 16:20	**Coffee break**
Conclusions and closing **Chair: Nicola Shearman, United Kingdom Statistics Authority**	
16:20 - 16:50	Conclusions of the sessions and discussion about future work
16:50 - 17:00	**Closing**

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