



# New Developments in the Georgian Statistical Legislation



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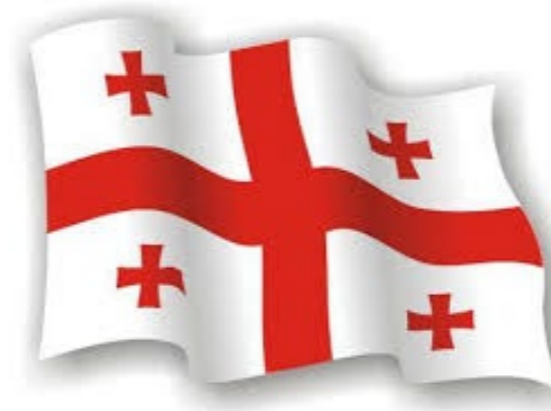
# about GEOSTAT



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- ❖ Coordinator of National Statistical System
- ❖ Reporting/accountable to the Parliament and to the Prime Minister
- ❖ Management and advisory Board
- ❖ The Law on Official Statistics of Georgia



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# Legislative Basis



- ❖ Constitution of Georgia
- ❖ The Law on Official Statistics of Georgia
- ❖ Annual Statistical Work Program
- ❖ Charter of the National Statistics Office of Georgia
- ❖ GEOSTAT's Board Charter



# Historical development of the LOS



- Previous version was adopted – December 2009
- Amendments – 10 times: 2010 (twice), 2011, 2013 (twice), 2015 (twice), 2016 (twice), 2017
- Substantial changes in 2015 and 2016
- AGA 2012 recommendations – substantial part of amendments
- From 30 August, 2023 - the new Law on “Official Statistics of Georgia”



# Basis for preparation of the New Law



## EU Association agreement, (articles 286-291)



## Strategy of NSS 2022-2023

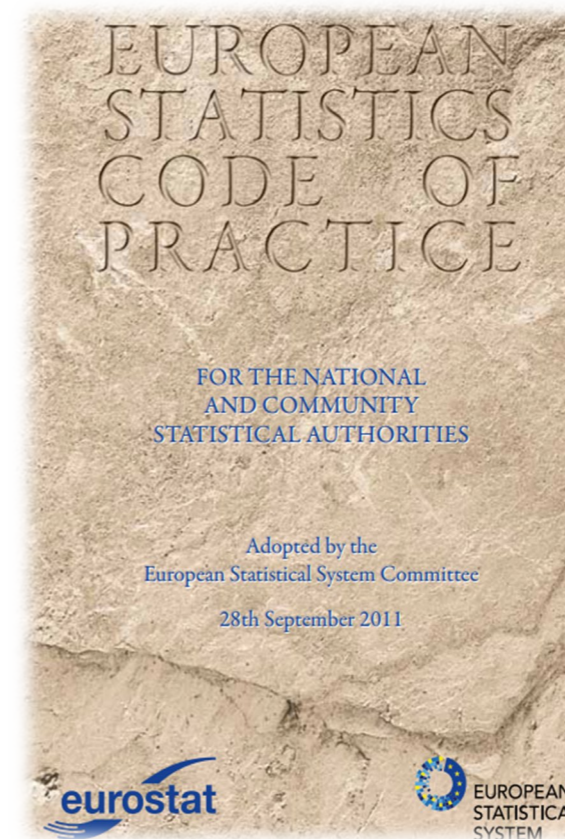


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Generic Law on Official Statistics  
Loi générique sur la statistique officielle  
Модельный закон об официальной статистике



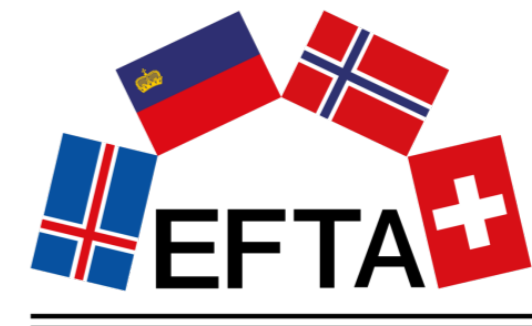
## Recommendations from Global assessment of the NSS



# GA 2019 recommendations related LOS



- Professional independence
- Selection and appointment of Executive Director and his status
- Role and mandate of Board
- Access to data held by private companies
- Data confidentiality (to exclude the current reference in Article 28.2)
- Access to microdata for research purposes



# Drafting processes of the new Law



- Task force was set up
- Support from the STEP project
- Involvement of international expert
- Consultations with other producers and data providers
- Consultations with stakeholders
- Final consultations with government ministries and agencies

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# Shared international practice



## Experience from different countries

Lithuania

Denmark

Italy

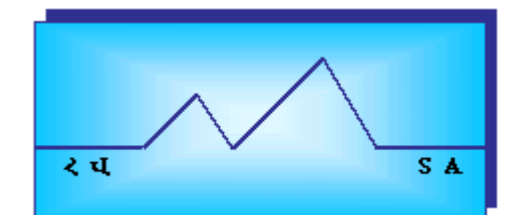
France

UK

Hungary

Armenia

Moldova





# Content of new LOS



- ❑ Based on GLOS structure and main principles
- ❑ Based on GA recommendations

**Compared with the current law following issues are more clearly described:**

- Definition of “Official statistics” and its difference from administrative data
- Definition of producers of official statistics
- Professional independence of statistical bodies
- Geostat’s role and significance in the coordination of the NSS
- Mandate and functions of the management board and advisory council
- Access to administrative and other data sources
- Access to microdata for research purposes
- Data quality management

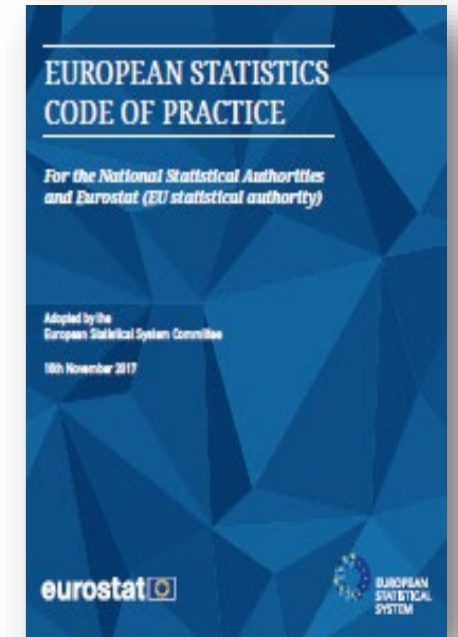


# Difference from the previous LOS (1)

## General changes



- Renewed definition of terms
- Better presentation of fundamental principles of official statistics
- The rule for the definition of other producers
- Role of GEOSTAT in coordinating the NSS



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# Difference from the previous LOS (2)

## Selection and appointment of the executive director



- Selected on the basis of open competition
- Elected by an independent competition commission
- Appointed by the prime minister with the consent of the Parliament of Georgia



- Upon appointment as the director, becomes a member of the Geostat Board and the Advisory Council - in the capacity of chairman of both boards (Article 10)



### Responsibilities of the Executive Director

- To approve/introduce statistical standards, classifications and methodologies to be used in statistical activities

# Difference from the previous LOS (3)

## Coordination



- More precise definition for criteria and status of other producing bodies of official statistics **(Article 6)**
- Their functions, obligations and role has been defined **(Article 12)**
- Provision of statistical data and access to the micro data in the system has been defined **(Article 12)**



- Changes in managing board **(Article 13)**
  - Number of members increased by 1 person (from 8 to 9)
  - Selection and appointment procedures were changed
  - Their functions have been changed and reduced **(Article 15)**

# Difference from the previous LOS (4)

## Data confidentiality



- Confidentiality criteria has been updated
- Access to confidential data and relevant obligations
- Access to microdata for research purposes



- Use of individual data for non-statistical purposes is excluded (criminal investigation, surveillance, conducting court proceedings, making administrative decisions, etc.)



# Difference from the previous LOS (5)

## Cooperation with respondents



The process of submitting the request for the provision of appropriate information to the respondent in electronic form has been simplified



The submission of a written request to an addressee shall be confirmed with a relevant document, while receipt of an electronic letter by respondent shall be confirmed with a corresponding reply letter.



კერძო An electronic notification sent to the e-mail address of the legal entities is considered officially delivered to this person.

# Difference from the previous LOS (6) Censuses



Types of censuses has been defined: **(Article 28, 30)**

- Population census
- Agricultural census
- Economic Census

The rules, forms and periodicity for the censuses has been defined **(Article 31)**

Obligations and responsibilities of respondents has been defined **(article 29, 31)**





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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