The experiences of Turkey in the 2nd Round Peer Reviews

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What is Peer Review?

Part of the European Statistical System (ESS) strategy to implement the Code of Practice.

In order to:

– further enhance the credibility of the ESS
– strengthen and guarantee its capacity to produce European statistics
– improve the quality of European statistics
Peer Review - 1\textsuperscript{st} round


- Covers all the EU MSs and the EFTA MSs; Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

- Addressed the institutional environment and dissemination practices covered by principles 1 to 6 and 15 of the CoP and the coordination function of each statistical authority within its statistical system.

- Results in a report per country published on the Eurostat website.
TurkStat’s experiences - Light Peer Review

- Similar to ESS Peer Reviews

- For candidate and developed potential candidate countries

- Main objectives:
  - To assess compliance of the reviewed NSI in particular with the principles 1-6 and 15 of the CoP,
  - To evaluate the coordination role of the NSI within the statistical system,
  - To highlight good practices suitable to foster compliance with the Code,
  - To recommend improvement actions needed in view of fully complying with the Code.
TurkStat’s experiences- Light Peer Review


✓ The final report regarding the improvement actions was relayed on July 29, 2011 through Eurostat to TurkStat.
Being pilot country for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Round

Strategic Information Meeting, March 18, 2015:

Turkey decided to be the pilot country for the second round of peer reviews on the enlargement countries.
Preparation of TurkStat for 2nd Round PR

Questionnaires:

✓ TurkStat filled two questionnaires:
  - "Self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ) on the implementation of the European Statistics CoP"
  - "Questionnaire on the Coordination role of the NSIs".

✓ Central Bank of The Republic of Turkey (CBRT) and Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs (MFWA), partner institutions for filling “Light SAQ on the implementation of the European Statistics CoP”.
Preparation of TurkStat for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Round PR

Questionnaires:

✓ The whole units of TurkStat worked in cooperation to complete the process concerning the questionnaires
✓ All responses reviewed on the individual basis and merged into a single questionnaire
✓ The questionnaire reviewed in several meetings with the top management and integrated into a final questionnaire.
Preparation of TurkStat for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Round PR

Documentation:

- All departments were required to list all the important documents, then an inventory was created.

- References made to several documents in the majority of the questions while filling out the questionnaire
Preparation of TurkStat for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Round PR

Organisational Issues:

- TurkStat PR team established under the International Relations Department and the Vice-President of TurkStat led the Team.

- A gannt chart was designed so as to follow up the Peer Review preparation process.

- Activities of information, awareness raising and promotion for the process were carried out within the TurkStat.

- Meetings were held with all the actors such as the stakeholders, academics, target groups, NGOs etc.
2nd Round Peer Review- Visit

- Realized on November 3-6, 2015
- Peer Review Team:
  - Mr. Gerry O’Hanlon, former DG of CSO Ireland
  - Ms. Pilar Martin-Guzman, Former Director of INE, Spain
  - Mr. Ferenc Galik (Eurostat)
2\textsuperscript{nd} Round Peer Review- Visit

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- All agenda items put in order according to the participants

- Meeting with related persons from TurkStat and representatives from stakeholders, academic communities, media, press and NGOs etc.

- TurkStat represented Presidency/Vice Presidency level in all meetings
Current situation

- Final report and Improvement Actions sent to Eurostat in May 2016
- Eurostat’s comments regarding Improvement Actions were delivered to TurkStat in July 2016
- Meetings held with departments and high level meetings realised for finalising improvement actions
- Evaluation of TurkStat on Eurostat’s comments were sent in August 2016

“Final report was published in Eurostat web site”

“Improvement actions was completed”
Current situation

According to the Final Report;

*Peer Review team concluded that TurkStat is highly compliant with the CoP*

- Compares favourably with other NSIs in this respect
- The two ONAs examined as part of the Review also exhibited very good levels of compliance
- PR team identified some issues and challenges to improve or enhance the level of compliance with the CoP....
Conclusions/ Lessons Learned

- Big opportunity to see strong aspects of the system and good practices, and areas need to be developed
  - Importance of an external eye

- Important base for establishing re-organisation and modernisation projects

- The support provided by the senior management an indispensable factor for a successful peer review action
Conclusions/ Lessons Learned

- Experiencing the same methods like the ESS countries: An important novelty for self-assessment for countries

- Improvement actions included in Official Statistics Programme, Strategic Plan and Yearly Plans of TurkStat
Thank you four your attention!!