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OFFICIAL STATISTICS

- Statistical data with high quality
  - significant for democratic countries.

- Well accepted standards and principles
  - in place to ensure the quality of official statistics.

- Monitoring activities of these principles
  - to evaluate the compliance of the NSS

- Economic crises
  - the importance of high quality and independent official statistics.
WHAT IS PEER REVIEW?

“KIND OF ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODES”

- Taking a picture of current situation of the statistical system and compliance status to the Codes,
- Opportunity to see the strengths and weaknesses of the statistical system,
- Recommendations or improvement actions with a timetable for all principles.
BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS

Basis of assessments of National Statistical Systems are:

- *European Statistics Code of Practice (CoP) ➔ Peer Reviews*

BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS

Code of Practice

- Adoption by European Commission as a “Recommendation” in 2005.
- Revision in 2011 (EU financial crisis) and issues especially related to the principles of
  - Professional Independence
  - Quality Commitment

has been further enhanced.
BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS
Code of Practice

In the revised Code of Practice:

✓ 3 headings,
✓ 15 principles,
✓ 82 indicators.
# PRINCIPLES OF CODE OF PRACTICE

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BASIS OF ASSESSMENTS

Fundamental Principles of official statistics

- Decision of the UN Statistical Commission for global implementation of the Principles (1994).
- Revision in the preamble in 2013.
- Ten principles.
# FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES

- Professional independence
- Efficient statistical organization
- Cost-effectiveness
- High-quality international standards in statistics
- Trust in official statistics and NSIs
PEER REVIEW EXERCISES

- Monitoring study of the principles of CoP
- Coordination role of the NSIs within the National Statistical Systems (NSS)
PEER REVIEW EXERCISES (Cont’d)

- Filling in the self-assessment questionnaires and a visit paid by the Peer Review team.
- A report is prepared and delivered to the NSI including the improvement actions.
1st ROUND PEER REVIEW EXERCISES (TURKEY)

- 4 April 2011: Sending the self-assessment questionnaire
- 24-27 May 2011: Peer Review team visit
- 29 July 2011: Final report including improvement actions.
2nd ROUND PEER REVIEW EXERCISE (TURKEY)

- Turkey as the pilot country for Peer Reviews exercises of enlargement countries.
- The exercise is expected to be done by the end of 2015.
- Studies already started
MAIN REMARKS

- External observations; essential not only for the evaluation of NSSs, but also for the training activities.
- Determination the main shortcomings and strengths in the NSSs.
- Presentation of current situation and giving recommendations for the development of the NSSs.
MAIN REMARKS (Cont’d)

- TurkStat benefitted from these assessments.

- SESRIC and member countries can also benefit from the results of these exercises.
Thank you for your attention!!

Any questions?